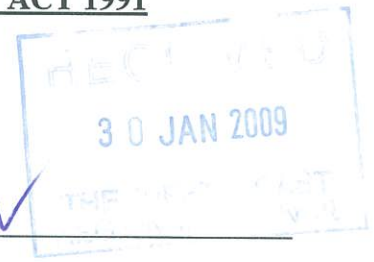


**SUBMISSION ON AN APPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSENT UNDER  
SECTION 96 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**



**TO:** THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**NAME OF SUBMITTER:** MICHAEL HOPKINSON  
[Full Name]

**ADDRESS:** 111 Waller St Murchison  
[Full Postal Address}

**APPLICATION NUMBER:** RC08/149

1. **I support the application by Hydro Developments Ltd** for land use consents, coastal permits, water permits and discharge permits related to the construction, operation and maintenance of a proposed hydro scheme on the Stockton Plateau.
2. **The particular parts of the application I support are:**  
All of the consents sought in the application.
3. **The reasons for making my submission are:**
  - The construction period for the hydro project is expected to last 4-5 years and will provide employment and economic benefit to the Buller District and West Coast Region.
  - The hydro proposal will significantly increase the West Coast Regions electricity generation and will support the continued growth of industries and businesses within the Buller District and beyond.
  - The power will be embedded into the local transmission network thereby minimising transmission losses and reducing reliance on remote power generation.
  - Significant improvements to water quality in the Ngakawau River is expected as a result of the hydro scheme intercepting tributaries affected by acid mine drainage.
4. **I wish the consent authority to make the following decision:**  
Grant all resource consents as applied for.
5. **I do wish to be heard in support of my submission.**  
~~**I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission.**~~  
[Delete one]

M Hopkins  
Signature

27/01/09  
Date

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**NOTE:** A copy of your submission must be served on the applicant as soon as reasonably practicable after service of your submission on the consent authority, address as follows:

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