



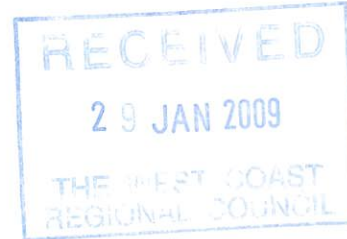
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cc



Dear Rebecca

Stockton Plateau Hydro Project

Please find enclosed a copy of NZ Transport Agency's submission on the above application. We wish to be heard in support of our submission. Please contact Teresa Minogue on 372 1817 in relation to any further correspondence.

Yours sincerely

Steve Higgs
Regional Planning Manager

Cc Buller District Council
West Coast Regional Council

To: West Coast Regional
Council

From: New Zealand Transport
Agency
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Application Reference: - **Stockton Plateau's Hydro Project**

1. The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) opposes in part of the notified application of the West Coast Regional Council. In particular parts of the application subject to NZTA's submission are:

- **To ensure that appropriate measures are in place to manage and mitigate the risk of dam failure on the safety and efficiency of the State Highway network.**

2. The reasons for NZTA's submission are:

2.1 NZTA is the controlling authority for the nation's State Highways. It manages a significant State Highway network in the West Coast region. It has a statutory responsibility to operate the State Highway system in a way that contributes to an integrated, safe, responsive and sustainable land transport.

2.2 The Buller District Plan recognises State Highway 67 (SH 67) as a transport route of national importance. It is an important link for the transportation of people and goods south of Christchurch.

Potential Effects of Dam Failure

2.3 NZTA seeks to minimise the adverse effects of flooding and construction activities on the safe and efficient operation of the State Highway.

2.4 NZTA wants to ensure that the potential risks and adverse effects to the State Highway are adequately managed and appropriate mitigated in the event of a dam failure.

3. NZTA seeks the following decision from the West Coast Regional Council.

3.1 NZTA requests that the application has a condition of consent that requires the following;

1. That appropriate measures are in place to manage and mitigate the risk of dam failure on the safety and efficiency of the State Highway network.

4. NZTA wishes to be heard in respect of this submission.



Steve Higgs

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Signature of person making submission or person authorised to sign on behalf of person making submission.



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