

Waitaha Hydro

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To Substantive <substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz>;

To Whom it may concern

Thank you for inviting us to comment.

Please forgive the timing of this email, we had a power outage for the entire day yesterday in Cobden [REDACTED] - I trust that our comments prior to the day of business today will suffice, and we apologise.

Granite Developments Ltd
Susan Mary & Mervyn George
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We both believe that in essence the proposed hydro scheme, once up and running will be of benefit, and with little visual impact, as explained by Roger Griffiths, from Electronet.

We believe that Westpower representatives have been in contact with Mary-Anne and George McLean for the past ten years, however no one has bothered to contact anyone on the South Bank of the Waitaha River.

Our first notification was a letter drafted on 26th November, and was not even addressed to us, or to anyone in particular - this was most disrespectful.

Our objections to lack of consultation with South Bank residents, are again disrespectful, as we are directly opposite where the proposed workshop, office and amenities block is to be positioned.

We see the potential for total disruption to our sleepy valley through noise with helicopters, earth moving machinery, blasting, the processing and transportation of gravel etc for the entire road. Also the visual distraction at night through the illumination of the amenities depot. We have real concerns if the development programme works 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

We have found through Westland Schists current operation that the noise tends to bounce off our side and echoes through the valley.

(1) We would like to ask if the project goes ahead, whether there is a likely hood for the current pest of pigs residing on the riverbed be more likely driven onto South Bank properties?

(2) Will the disruption likely cause deer to stay away from the upper side of the South Bank? We and one of our sons are keen hunters, along with friends. We distribute the meat in our small community, and the hunting is a great part of our semi retired lives!

Moving forward we would appreciate being kept informed, and more on a personal level.

Sue & Merv Hewlett