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Dear Sirs,

## **TURNALT HYDRO SCHEME CAR/L/1117162**


Thank you for your letter of 19<sup>th</sup> December regarding the above CAR application.

The area of the Barbreck River where the Allt Dearg joins is known to contain salmon, and indeed an Argyll Fisheries Trust survey located an area of salmon spawning close to the proposed outflow. We note the developer's statement that the outfall will be directed onto large rocks, however the photograph of the area provided indicates that this is prime juvenile salmon habitat, and we do not think this is a suitable place to direct the water without further mitigation to reduce the outfall flow. Ideally, the outfall flow should be directed onto bedrock.

In Section 4.3.1 of the Supporting Documentation report, the developer recognises the concerns of the Argyll Fisheries Trust with regard to the proposed 235m of abstracted reach before the first impassable waterfall of the Allt Dearg that would be affected should this scheme proceed. In our opinion, the concerns have not been addressed sufficiently. No photographs or brief fish habitat report have been provided, which does not allow us to make an informed judgement on the suitability of the affected reach for salmonid fish. If the Allt Dearg is accessible to migratory salmonid fish, then given the known presence of salmonid fish in the vicinity of the Barbreck/Allt Dearg confluence, it is likely the Allt Dearg is utilised by the fish. We ask the developer to provide us with evidence that the Allt Dearg is not used by migratory fish. Indications from the photographs provided suggest that the Allt Dearg is wide enough to warrant electrofishing surveys to inform our decision: the Argyll Fisheries Trust does not hold such data for the Allt Dearg.

In the absence of such information being provided, we must object to the granting of a CAR licence as the scheme is presented.

Yours sincerely,



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