

Form 3

**Submission on Proposal for National Policy Statement
for Renewable Electricity Generation**
Section 49 of the Resource Management Act 1991

To The Chairperson
Board of Inquiry
C/- Ministry for the Environment
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Name of Submitter: Clearwater Hydro Limited

1. This is a submission on the proposed national policy statement for renewable electricity generation (the proposal) that was publicly notified on 6 September 2008.
2. The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to are: **the entire national policy statement.**
3. Our submission is:

Clearwater Hydro Limited **supports** the proposed national policy statement for the following reasons:

Clearwater Hydro is a customer trust owned company that has been established to develop small scale, low impact, hydro generation sites across the North Island of New Zealand. Our schemes vary in size, with the majority of sites producing between 0.5 and 4 megawatts (MW) of electricity. Schemes of this size are commonly referred to as 'small hydro', and we embody the concept of 'Distributed Generation' whereby electricity is generated from numerous smaller sites and fed into the local electricity distribution network.

Clearwater Hydro supports the objective and all policies stated in the proposed national policy statement, as they send a strong message to the public and consent authorities regarding the significance of renewable electricity generation. We are especially pleased to see the inclusion of Policy 5, which acknowledges the important role that small scale projects have to play in helping meet New Zealand's future energy demands.

4. We **do not** seek any changes to the proposal. We would like to see it proceed as currently drafted.

5. We **do not** wish to be heard in support of our submission at this time. However, this position may change upon reviewing submissions from other parties.



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Signature of Submitter

(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

30 October 2008

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Date

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