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**SUBMISSION ON PROPOSED NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT FOR
RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY GENERATION**

West Coast ENT Incorporated (the Society) supports the Proposed National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation (the NPS).

Policy 3 is critical to ensuring the NPS achieves the appropriate balance between renewable energy and the impact that the construction of renewable energy sources can have.

Policy 3 must be retained or even strengthened to ensure that adverse effects on significant values that arise from the construction of some renewable energy sources are fully considered.

The requirement to generate energy from renewable sources needs to be considered in the light of other values, such as ecological and landscape which might be permanently adversely affected. It cannot be seriously argued that some forms of renewable generation do not have significant adverse effects on ecological and landscape values.

There are some forms of energy generation which meet the definition of renewable but are not sustainable. The most obvious type of non-sustainable "renewable" energy generation are some (but not all) dams.

A good example of such a proposal is the proposed dam on the Mokihinui River. This dam will cause significant and permanent adverse effects on significant ecological and landscape values. These values far outweigh the need for the small amount of energy that will be generated from such projects.

Policy 3 must be retained or strengthened to ensure the appropriate balance between renewable generation and other values is achieved.

The Society wishes to be heard in support of its submission.

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