

Secretary, Dores and Essich Community Council

5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

We write to introduce Loch Kemp Storage Ltd and outline details of a pumped storage hydro scheme we hope to develop near Whitebridge on the south side of Loch Ness.

The 300MW scheme would use Loch Kemp as the upper reservoir and Loch Ness as the lower reservoir. This offers a number of advantages by:

- reducing the need for large dams;
- minimising the importation of materials on to site;
- potentially helping manage water levels in Loch Ness; and
- not necessarily being reliant on government subsidy.

As we are using the existing features to a great extent, we do not believe the scheme will have anything like the volume of traffic associated with other pumped storage schemes in the area, so the impact in your community council area is likely to be minimal. However, as a courtesy we would be happy to come to a future community council meeting to reassure you of the minimal impact. We would also be happy to welcome you to any of the public exhibitions we are hosting as outlined below.

The combination of high mountains, large inland lochs and significant rainfall make the Highlands an ideal location for pumped storage which delivers flexibility to the grid. Pumped storage schemes are a valuable addition to the country's energy mix as they help stabilise the grid and make energy supplies more secure.

This project will have a lower visual impact as it uses the existing assets within the landscape.

Loch Kemp Storage is a subsidiary of Statera Energy which was established in 2015 to own and operate infrastructure that assists in our transition to a low carbon economy.

Do please get in touch if you want any further information about the project. We are working with a locally based company JMC Communications and one of their Directors, Jane Cumming, can discuss arrangements for meetings, or answer any queries. She can be contacted on 07900 917142 or 01463 783018 or by e mail at [jane@jmccomms.co.uk](mailto:jane@jmccomms.co.uk), or you can contact us direct by e mail at [contact@stateraenergy.co.uk](mailto:contact@stateraenergy.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

Andrew Troup

### **Public exhibitions**

The public exhibitions will be open to the public between 1pm and 7.30pm in the following locations:

Glenmoriston Millennium Hall, Invermoriston, IV63 7YA on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Fort Augustus Village Hall, PH32 4DG on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December

The Wildside Centre, Whitebridge IV2 6YP on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December