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Dear Mr Watt

**Beinn Bheag Wind Farm, Alness, Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report**

**ECU reference: ECU00005186**

**Background and Context**


1. RES has submitted a Scoping Report for a wind farm of 28 turbines of 230m BTH immediately south of the Loch Cuaich (Quoich) dam, west of Invergarry.
2. Mountaineering Scotland is a membership organisation with 16,000 members and is the only recognised representative organisation for hill walkers, climbers, mountaineers and ski-tourers who live in Scotland or who enjoy Scotland's mountains. We represent, support and promote Scottish mountaineering, and provide training and information to mountain users for safety, self-reliance and the enjoyment of our mountain environment.
3. This would be a further extension westward of the Millennium-Beinneun cluster into wild upland country, the gateway to a remote and wild part of the west coast. The location is squeezed between landscape designations: abutting the Kinlochhourn-Moidart-Morar Wild Land Area to the south and almost again to the north; approximately 7km from the Knoydart National Scenic Area to the west; and partly within the Moidart, Morar & Glen Shiel Special Landscape Area.

**Assessment**

4. Mountaineering Scotland's concern at this stage is ensuring that the proposed viewpoints will allow a comprehensive assessment of the proposed development from a mountaineering/hillwalking perspective should an application be made, specifically potential views of the proposed development from the summits of Munros, Corbetts and other upland locations popular with wild campers.
5. We endorse the seven proposed 'hill walker' viewpoints: 1, 2, 5-9. We note that there is no viewpoint to the N/NE to illustrate the potential impact on Beinn Loinne or the Sgurr nan Conbhairean group. We suggest the inclusion of the Corbett, Druim nan Cnamh (NH131077), the

westernmost summit of the Beinn Loinne series of tops, c.8km NE. This would be particularly useful for cumulative analysis.

Yours sincerely

  
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