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Dear Sir/Madam

Car Duibh Wind Farm: Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report

ECU reference: ECU00003254

Background and Context

1. Statkraft has submitted a scoping report for a wind farm on the upland spine between Loch Fyne and Loch Awe, located west of Inveraray. It is scoping 26 turbines at 200m BTH.
2. Mountaineering Scotland is a membership organisation with more than 14,000 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, and acts to represent, support and promote Scottish mountaineering. Mountaineering Scotland also acts on behalf of the 80,000 members of the British Mountaineering Council (BMC) on matters related to landscape and access in Scotland, and provides training and information to mountain users to promote safety, self-reliance and the enjoyment of our mountain environment.

Assessment

3. Mountaineering Scotland has comments only on the proposed viewpoints, which we have reviewed for their appropriateness to making, in due course, an assessment of the mountaineering impact of the proposed development.
4. With reference to the Scoping Report Question 5.6, we suggest that a viewpoint at the Munro Beinn Bhuidhe (NN283187) would be preferable to Viewpoint 15 Ben Lui. The reason being that Beinn Bhuidhe is a summit destination for hillwalkers that is significantly closer to the proposed development (c 17km rather than 26km), in the same angle of view and still within the Ben Lui Wild Land Area and North Argyll Area of Panoramic Quality.

Yours sincerely

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