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Dear Sir/Madam

Kemp Pumped Storage Scheme - 300 MW pumped storage scheme with upper storage reservoir, near Whitebridge, Loch Ness.

ECU reference: ECU00003398

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Scoping Report for the proposed Kemp Pumped Storage hydro scheme.

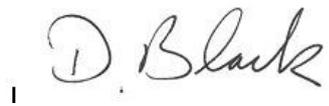
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Mountaineering Scotland has comments only on the proposed visualisations in section 7.1.20. We suggest the inclusion in visualisation assessment of Meall Fuar-mhonaidh, a popular summit listed as a 'Graham' - mountains in Scotland between 2000 and 2500 feet high (609.6 - 762m), with at least 150 metres of descent on all sides. Listed hills such as this one are included in hillwalking guides and are very popular with walkers in Scotland.

We request that visualisation assessment from this viewpoint should include the extent of the proposed drawdown zone surrounding Loch Kemp and the design and construction of new permanent tracks.

I hope you find these comments useful in your consideration of this proposal.

Yours sincerely

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