

Abstract of **Petition to Richard Lohead MSP** asking for Review of the hydro scheme in the headwaters of R Carron Kyle of Sutherland. Designed in the 1940s, global warming, yielding significantly increased precipitation was not then anticipated. There is no security staff or CCTV on what was a remote site but, since Right to Roam, visited by ever increasing numbers of different nationalities where high volumes of water are manually and abruptly switched from the Conon river to the Carron, 1000ft above Ardgay. The SEPA station well down Carron has no knowledge of flood conditions until after they reach several hamlets and crofts which maybe cut-off and inundated as the road now floods on occasion, miles above this station. These areas have no radio signals and land line warnings may not be picked up in the working day. Tradesmen and school bus services may not garner prior warning. A local man tragically lost his life, surprised by a sudden rise in water level. There is concern that sufficient has been done to avoid a repetition. In the no signal area, the telephone exchange is equipped with modern fibre optic cable from Ardgay and could perhaps locally re-radiate radio signals. With huge technical advances, people would like the Minister to minimise danger and damage, keeping the Community Council informed of his decisions.

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