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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

For many years people have schemed to make more intensive use of the water and land of the Clutha River and its catchment. The Environmental Impact Report on the Upper Clutha Valley Development (1975) seeks to evaluate the effects of constructing six hydro-electric power stations at an estimated cost of around \$500,000,000.

In November 1974 the New Zealand Hydrological Society's Dunedin Symposium devoted a special session to discussion of the development of the Clutha Valley. This issue of the Journal presents some of the formal papers read during that session. While this is a departure from the normal practice of publishing only refereed papers submitted by authors, we do not intend that it should become automatic in the future. In this case the Society believes it has a responsibility to make more widely available some of the information and views presented at Dunedin.

In addition, we have included in lieu of editorial comment, the opening address to the Society's Auckland Symposium in November 1975, by the Commissioner for the Environment, Mr I. L. Baumgart. It is coincidental that this is available at the press-time of the Clutha papers, but we feel there could be no more appropriate set of papers for association with this challenging statement.

CORNELIS TOEBES

It is with regret that we announce the death, on 10 December 1975, of Cornelis (Kees) Toebes.

Kees was a major driving force in the formation of the N.Z. Hydrological Society in 1961, and served as its President for 12 years. Until recently he held the post of Chief Scientific Hydrologist with the Water and Soil Division of the Ministry of Works, but for the past three years he had been employed as a consultant with the firm of Tonkin and Taylor, and it was while on an assignment in Egypt that he died.

An obituary will be published in the next issue of this Journal.
