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FORREST UNEARTHES 1994 LAKE MARGARET RECOMMENDATIONS NOT ACTED ON

The Lake Margaret Cultural Heritage Report prepared for the Hydro Electric Commission in 1994 recognised the outstanding environmental heritage value of the scheme.

One of the key recommendations was to encourage an arrangement with an entrepreneurial tourist operator to develop a tourist experience to offset some of the continued costs of running the station.

“In 1994 the tourism potential of the Lake Margaret Power Station was recognised. My question is why commission these reports if the recommendations are not going to be acted on – or at least explored?” said Murchison MLC Ruth Forrest.

Another key recommendation, which had it been implemented back in 1994, would have ensured a further scheme life of 50 years, was to refurbish the upper and lower wood stave penstocks and the lower pressure penstock.

“This report, by Godden and Mackay mentions frequently the high heritage value of the site including its high educational value. It is outrageous that back in 1994 the cultural, heritage and educational values of the Lake Margaret Power Scheme were recognised – and today they are not” said Ms Forrest.

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