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Ness Weir

Caledonian Canal

River Ness

Ness Weir II

Helping to secure the future of Loch Ness and the Caledonian Canal

Over 200 years ago, the renowned Scottish civil engineer Thomas Telford designed the Caledonian Canal, an enduring feat of engineering that continues to serve Scotland today. A key feature of this canal is Ness Weir, located where Loch Dochfour meets the River Ness. The weir plays a vital role in maintaining water levels in Loch Ness and the Caledonian Canal, enabling safe and reliable navigation for boats.

What is Statera proposing?

To upgrade the existing weir structure to help unlock the potential of pumped storage hydro in the Highlands while safeguarding the navigability of the Caledonian Canal.

We invite you to learn more and share your views at our upcoming consultation events or by visiting www.nessweir2.co.uk

Benefits

Supporting clean energy

By reducing curtailment of pumped storage hydro during low summer water levels, the project will help maximise renewable energy generation.

Protecting Loch Ness

Improved water resilience will benefit all users of the loch and safeguard sensitive habitats.

Reducing flood risk

The proposed operation of Ness Weir II is expected to lower flood risk for Inverness.

Enabling greener construction

By facilitating freight movement via the canal, the project will ease pressure on local roads and reduce transport emissions.

Statera's proposal is to modify the existing weir by raising the crest level of the existing service weir and waste weir, installing new control gates along the service weir and Dochgarroch eastern embankment and creating a new fish pass.

Design Development

We consulted on the initial proposals for the weir modifications in late 2024. Since then, Statera has undertaken detailed technical engineering and hydrological work. This, combined with the feedback from our first public consultation, has enabled us to develop a comprehensive and well-considered design for Ness Weir II.

Updated proposals will be presented at a round of consultation events where we'll set out the work done to date and invite views from local communities and stakeholders.

Event Dates

- **An Talla, Dochgarroch Lock, IV3 8JG**
Tues 4th November, 4pm – 7:30pm
- **Glenmoriston Townhouse Hotel, 20 Ness Bank, Inverness, IV2 4SF**
Wed 5th November, 11am – 2pm
- **Dores Village Hall, Inverness, IV2 6TR**
Wed 5th November, 3.30pm – 7:15pm
- **Caledonian Canal Centre, Fort Augustus, PH32 4AU**
Thurs 6th November, 4pm – 7:30pm

Share your views or find out more

Please join us at one of our events, or visit www.nessweir2.co.uk from Tues 4th November to find out more and share your views with us. **All feedback for the first set of events must be submitted by 25th November 2025.**

For more information, or to request a hard copy of the consultation materials, please contact our team using the details below:

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