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Damming a river means destroying the whole ecosystem and microclimate of the valley downstream. It is an act of vandalism. It sounds so inviting and simple to create energy by harnessing the power of the river and letting it fall through a turbine in controlled fashion. The politicians and financiers, who are very often closely related, count on the fact that people are not very aware of their river and do not understand how fragile the microenvironment of a valley is. Then when the project is complete and everything has been changed forever it is too late to go back. The Ahrn river dam project should be stopped now.

There is a further consideration. Present global warming is already causing the glaciers to retreat as anyone familiar with the Alps knows. It may not be many years before the flow of water through these valleys is anyway entirely altered. At which point a huge investment would have been made in vain. This is not a moment to be building dams.

The people who favour such projects do not have the well-being of the valley and its people in mind.