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**SUBMISSION ON A RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION
SECTIONS 93(2) & 96 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**



To: Buller District Council
C/- West Coast Regional Council
PO Box 66
Greymouth

Copy to: Meridian Energy Limited
PO Box 2454
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APPLICANT: MERIDIAN ENERGY LTD

Closing date for submissions is Wednesday, 23 April 2008

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I/we **support** the application numbers ticketed on the back of this form (tick one)
I/we **oppose** the application numbers ticketed on the back of this form

My/our submission is that: I oppose all the applications for land use consent. What is being proposed would permanently damage most characteristics and values of this pristine and untouched river. It is presently the home to much wildlife including the endangered species such as the long fin eel and the blue duck. The work suggested in these consent applications (state in summary the nature of your submission. Clearly indicate whether you support or oppose the specific proposal, or wish to have amendments made. (continued on sep page)

I/we seek the following decision from the Local Authority: _____

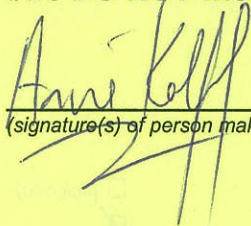
(give precise details)

I would like to see the consenting authority refuse Meridian all of its resource consent applications because this is a pristine river environment that needs protection. I ~~would~~^{want} the consenting authority to recommend that the Mokehinui river be included in the Kahurangi National Park so that it can be protected and looked after for all to enjoy.

Use the tick boxes to indicate the resource consent application(s) your submission concerns. Write a clear tick in the appropriate box(es).

I/we make my/our submission concerning **all** the consent applications listed below
My/our submission **only** concerns the consent applications ticked below

I/we **wish to be heard** in support of my/our submission.
I/we **DO NOT wish to be heard** and hereby make my/our submission in writing only.



(signature(s) of person making submission)

(Date)

21.04.08

(If this is a joint submission by 2 or more individuals, each individual's signature is required)

I/we **have** served a copy of my/our submission on Meridian Energy Ltd as per Section 96(4) of the RMA

Consent list:

- RC07/180-A Land use activities associated with Dam, Staging Area & Associated Infrastructure
- RC07/180-B Land use activities associated with the Inundation Area
- RC07/180-C Land use activities associated with the Walking track
- RC07/180-D Land use activities associated with the Dam Access Road & Power Supply
- RC07/180-E Land use activities associated with Transmission Poles/Lines, Substation & Access Tracks
- RC07/180-F Land use activities associated with the Boat ramp/jetty
- RC07/180-G Land use activities associated with the Log Boom
- RC07/180-H Land use activities associated with the Use and Storage of Hazardous Substances

Submission Continued.

would irreversibly alter their habitat and seriously endanger their survival.

The area is on a ~~flat~~ fault line and is prone to earthquakes and slips which could cause water to spill over the dam. Being on a faultline would also have the potential to make the dam unstable. It is my understanding that a previous attempt to put a dam on the Mokihiniui stalled at least in part due to a geological report which stated that the faultline ran through this area the area subject to instability and therefore an unsafe dam site.

The question of erosion down river is also of concern. A normal functioning river is continually disgorging sediments and debris that help keep the river banks stable. Changing the river flow by damming would considerably alter this natural process.

The term renewable energy is a simplistic catch phrase in today's environment. Harnessing renewable energy such as in the case of hydro can be at a great cost to the environment and not a good carbon footprint.

Meridian would do well to look at other more viable and less harmful ways of promoting renewable energy ie solar power, solar water heating and wind farming initiatives.