

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

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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  
I/we **oppose** the application numbers ticketed on the back of this form

(tick one)



My/our submission is that:

(state in summary the nature of your submission. Clearly indicate whether you support or oppose

the specific proposal, or wish to have amendments made, giving reasons)

See attached sheets.

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

(give precise details)

See attached sheets

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)

22-4-08

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

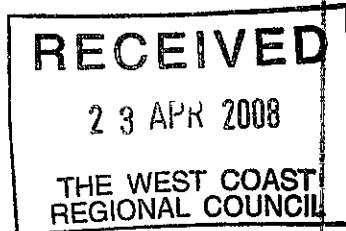
I/we have served a copy of my/our submission on Meridian Energy Ltd as per Section 96(4) of the RMA

faxed to 03 353 9501

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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



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**SUBMISSION OPPOSING MOKIHINUI HYDRO DAM PROPOSAL**

By Bernard Wesselingh

**Outline**

- **Reduced coastal deposits resulting in increased coastal erosion.**
- **Reduced drift-wood deposits affecting local firewood supply.**
- **Increased traffic volumes.**

As a resident of granity I am very concerned about the effect the proposed dam will have on the gravel deposits along the coast and local beaches.

The proposed dam will unduly affect the natural balance of back-country erosion and beach deposits. These deposits are crucial in maintaining a buffer zone between people's dwellings and the sea.

I am very concerned my property will be increasingly vulnerable to sea inundation due to decreased beach deposits.

As the Mokihinui is, by far the largest local river, damming it and halting the flow of gravels to the coast must affect the local coast- line and consequently those people living along the coast.

The reduced gravel deposits will directly affect the security of my and other residents sections and dwellings

Another consequence of the dam will be the reduced amount of drift wood being washed down the river and ending up on local beaches. Although it may seem trivial, this wood is an important source of firewood on which many local people rely. There are many families who cannot afford to buy wood or coal and rely on this supply to heat their homes and water.

The reduced wood supply will directly affect the ability of local people to heat their homes.

Another concern I have is the effect the increased traffic flow will have on my families safety and quality of life. I moved my family to the coast for a quieter more relaxed lifestyle.

There is already an increased amount of traffic servicing the mine and the dam construction must cause a significant increase in both light and heavy vehicles.

I am interested to hear how meridian plans to deal with this. Speed restrictions are in place but still many drivers speed through Granity. This is quite a concern as there are young families in granity and many pedestrians.

I feel the increased traffic flow will directly affect the safety of my family

### **Conclusions**

- **Reduced beach deposits contributing to coastal erosion directly affecting the security of my and many other peoples properties and dwellings**
- **Reduced driftwood supply will Directly affect the ability of myself and other local people to heat our homes and supply warmth for our families**
- **Increased Traffic flow will directly affect the safety of my and other families living on traffic route.**

### **Mitigation Recommendations**

- **Provide costal erosion protection to coastal properties in consultation with local people.**
- **Provide some means for local people to access firewood or provide for local concessions on alternative home heating and include local concessions on electricity.**
- **Place and enforce speed restrictions through residential areas. Minimize daily commuting traffic. Provide timetables and consult with local people Re traffic movements.**
- **Maintain open dialogue and consultation with local people during construction and throughout the dam's life.**

Yours Faithfully, Bernard Wesselingh