



SUBMISSION ON AN APPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSENT UNDER SECTION 96 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

TO: THE BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL

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APPLICATION NUMBER: RC07150/1 - RC07150/26

1. I ~~support~~ or oppose [delete one]
the application Meridian Energy Ltd [State name of applicant]
for a Hydro Proposal on the Mokihihui River [State type of resource consent applied for]

an 8.5m dam & 330+ hectares of destruction! [State proposal or activity of applicant]

2. The particular parts of the application I ~~support~~ or oppose are:
[Clearly indicate which parts of the application you ~~support~~ or oppose or wish to have amendments made to]

3. The reasons for making my submission are:
[State in summary the nature of your submission, giving reasons]

A Dam on the Mohikinui River Proposal Submission:

There will be too many significant adverse effects on the environment. 330+ hectares of native forest and valuable wildlife habitat will be destroyed, habitat that provides a home to 16 (that we know of) native bird and fish species including the whio (blue duck), long finned eel, western weka, great spotted kiwi, long tailed bats, kereru (native pigeons) and the kakariki.

This river is wild, free and untouched, and on the New Zealand Government's list of rivers of national significance the Mohikinui ranks seventh!

If we are not prepared to protect the seventh most valuable river as the Government sees it then what can we protect? Will any rivers be safe?

A dam and the resulting destruction of 330+ hectares of native forest wilderness is not renewable, once lost, it is lost forever!

Dams have a limited lifetime. After construction, taking 3 years and costing an estimated \$200,000,000 dollars, the lake will start to fill up with silt, reducing the holding capacity of the lake and this will never stop. There are also downstream effects. When a river is starved of gravels and sands it leads to the destruction of the land near the mouth of the river and the beach and surrounding sand dunes along the coastline. How much damage? We don't know.

There are a lot of other ways of producing electricity which use truly renewable resources like wind and solar. How many solar hot water units could be installed for \$200,000,000 million (guesstimated)?

I am a river enthusiast and this dam will destroy an amazing pristine river gorge which is used recreationally and commercially for river activities. Why should the opportunity to experience this environment, the seventh most valued river environment, be taken away from all of us?

4. I wish the consent authority to make the following decision:
[Give details, including the nature of any conditions sought]

I wish the consent authority to not let this opportunity to make stand, for the environment, for pristine wilderness areas, for the voiceless rivers, go by.

I wish that this proposal to build a dam on the Mohikinui River and all the associated activities that go with it to be declined in its entirety.

Lets think again,
there are better ways.

5. **I do wish to be heard** in support of my submission.
~~I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission.~~
[Delete one]



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Signature of person making
submission or person

to sign on behalf of person
making submission.

15 April 2008

Date

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NOTE: A copy of your submission must be served on the applicant as soon as reasonably practicable after service of your submission on the consent authority.