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MERIDIAN ENERGY LTD

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Correspondence to be sent to the following name and address: (if different to above)

Phone No: 037554227

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

My/our submission is that: See attached
(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)

I/we seek the following decision from the Local Authority: See attached.
(give precise details)

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 the consent applications listed below
 My/our submission concerns the consent applications ticked below

I/we wish to be heard in support of my/our submission.
 I/we and hereby make my/our submission in writing only.

Lyndy May
(signature(s) of person making submission)

22.4.07
(Date)

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

I/we 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

Submitter Details:
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I object to Meridian Energy's application for resource consent **RC07150** for the construction of a Mokihinui Hydro Proposal.

While I object to the proposal in its entirety, I have limited my submission to two specific areas:

1. The transmission route.
2. The consultation.

I wish to be heard in support of my submission.

1. The transmission line

The coastal route

Meridian do not appear to have given serious consideration to the possibility of a coastal route. The application at 5.2.10 simply states that the coastal transmission route is 'not viable' because of the stability of the ground in the coastal strip north of Hector, and the potential for salt build up on insulators.

- a) I do not believe that one paragraph is enough to demonstrate a lack of viability of a coastal route. Meridian should make public its considerations on this issue.
- b) Given that the coastal strip north of Hector currently hosts a 33kV distribution line and a state highway, it seems unlikely that land stability is an insurmountable issue. Meridian Energy has certainly not provided any evidence that it is.
- c) Salt build up on insulators seems unlikely to be anything more than a cost and maintenance issue.

The only other reason mentioned by Meridian for not using the coastal route is the proximity to a number of residential properties. This again may be a cost issue for the company, but is not an environmental reason to not use the coast route.

The inland route

The Stockton-Denniston plateau is a nationally outstanding landscape, with a combination of plant communities and associated landscapes that occur nowhere else in New Zealand. Meridian has failed to recognise this in the application. The construction of a transmission line across the plateaux will have a significant impact on these values, and this visual impact on the landscape cannot be remedied or mitigated.

2. Consultation

I am active in the group the Save Happy Valley Coalition, a group that has been occupying the upper Waimangaroa Valley, in close proximity to the proposed inland route for more than two years. Meridian Energy made no attempt to consult with this group until contacted by a member.

I would also note that it is not surprising that Meridian's 0800 number and contact email address for the scheme had received very few queries. When I attempted to find information about the Mokihinui scheme on Meridian's website in (from memory) October 2007, I could find no information whatsoever.

Finally, after hearing from a friend that there would be an information evening in Hokitika, my attempts to discover the time and venue met with difficulties. The Beachfront Hotel (where the event was in fact held) were unable to tell me. I tried ringing Meridian's main phone number, but the call centre operator did not know anything about it. Eventually I rang the West Coast Messenger and found that the details were advertised in that week's paper (which had not yet been delivered to my house). I don't believe the company had advertised the meeting in the local paper (the Hokitika Guardian). I am sure more people in Hokitika would have attended the meeting had they known about it.

In short, I don't think Meridian's attempts at consultation were adequate, or carried out in good faith.

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Karen Glover

From: Denise Cassidy
Sent: Tuesday, 22 April 2008 4:31 PM
To: Karen Glover
Subject: FW: submission re Mokihinui Hydro Proposal

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red

Attachments: Mokihinui submission.pdf



Mokihinui
submission.pdf (86 K)

-----Original Message-----

From: lynley hargreaves [mailto:ldh17@ext.canterbury.ac.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 22 April 2008 16:19
To: info
Cc: info@bdc.govt.nz; hydro.info@meridianenergy.co.nz
Subject: submission re Mokihinui Hydro Proposal

I have attached a submission re Mokihinui Hyrdo Proposal. This will be followed up with a paper copy.

All the best,
Lynley Hargreaves

