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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**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
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Greymouth

Copy to: Meridian Energy Limited
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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 the applications on
(state in summary the nature of your submission. Clearly indicate whether you support or oppose
the following grounds: -
the specific proposal, or wish to have amendments made, giving reasons)
① that the Moki henui is being sacrificed on the altar
of the Labour party's policy of sustainable energy
whilst we sell our coal reserves to China
& Japan is a breath-taking piece of political
double-speak.
② There is no obvious central govt policy

I/we seek the following decision from the Local Authority: Save the
(give precise details)
Mokihinui and its ecosystem from
total destruction that future generations
of New Zealanders might enjoy their
wilderness Birthright!

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.

M. Hopkin 10/04/08
(signature(s) of person making submission) (Date)

(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

re. Hydro-development: - Trustpower is damming the Arnold River, Meridian wants to dam the Mokihini and Westlives wants to dam the Waitaha River. Is this policy or random companies attempting to maximize "profits"?

③ The land about to be flooded is public property. D.O.C. has as yet not consulted us, the people, as to our wishes for the Mokihini.

④ Only three West Coast rivers provide opportunity for multi-day river trips accessible to intermediate kayakers and the rafting public: - the Karame, Waiototo and the Mokihini. This is a very serious loss of amenity.

⑤ Whilst hydro may be seen to be renewable this is a fallacy. The life expectancy of dams is 40-100 years.

River valleys and their eco-systems are not renewable. Does Meridian have plans to remove this structure at the end of its life?