

**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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**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: 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)

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**Our Reasons for this Submission are:**

- 1) Granting of Consents would allow modification and permanent alienation of a near pristine and essentially national environment that is easily and readily accessible to fishers hunters, kayakers, historians and all who appreciate the outdoors. It should be noted that despite assertions to the contrary in the Resource Consent applications, this is an extremely accessible area.
- 2) The negative and unalterable effect in fish in the river upstream from the proposed dam site including trout, eel and other indigenous fish species. These species cannot adapt to proposed fish 'ladders'.
- 3) The negative and unalterable effect on bird life on the Mokihiui Gorge including Blue duck, (Whio) and other indigenous species whose range is already under threat through human developmental activities, (mining, farming and the like).
- 4) Loss of the historic pack track to the interior which has the potential to be developed into a 'Great Walk' with the consequent financial benefits to the local community, without the tremendous negative and permanent impact the proposed scheme would have.
- 5) Creation of a substantial hazard, (i.e. a significant dam and associated lake). To all assets and communities down stream of the proposed structure including Seddonsville, farms, State Highway 67, (the major route north along the west coast) and the 'Gentle Annie' beach settlement, arising from dam failure/overflow consequent upon a tectonic event in the region. This includes not just earthquake but land slides into the proposed lake, in what is a geologically dynamic area.
- 6) Destruction permanently and unalterably of amenity values from this and subsequent generations arising through loss of aesthetic coherence; loss of an essentially 'wild' river landscape, set in a forested region of great natural beauty with ranges in the background and no visible human modification or interference, (no buildings, developed roads, farms, transmission lines and the like); make for a pleasant, pleasing and unusual experience. Just because the location is on the West Coast, away from the majority of population and 'out of sight', does not mean we are or should be free to 'develop' and thereby permanently and alter, this area.
- 7) No evidence appears to have been provided of the viability of alternative energy resources such as wind generation or indeed serious effort been directed at energy conservation. In the absence of serious exploration of these latter issues, it is simply no longer acceptable to permanently alienate our natural environment.

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I/we seek the following decision from the Local Authority: \_\_\_\_\_  
(give precise details)

DECLINE APPLICATIONS IN FULL

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)

(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

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