

**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  
PO Box 66  
Greymouth

Copy to: Meridian Energy Limited  
PO Box 2454  
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**APPLICANT:** MERIDIAN ENERGY LTD

**Closing date for submissions is Wednesday, 23 April 2008**

**Submitter Details**

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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: I am in opposition to all applications  
(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 ATTACHMENT -



I/~~we~~ seek the following decision from the Local Authority: to decline the  
*(give precise details)*  
application in its entirety

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.

 18/04/2008  
(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

18/04/2008

The reasons for my opposition are as follows;

### Environmental:

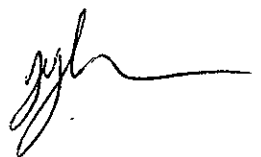
- The disturbance and destruction of this pristine wilderness are by earth works, flooding, and construction of transmission lines, creating the loss of habitat of the; Blue Duck, long fin eel, long tailed bat, western weka, Kereru, kakariki and most importantly the great spotted kiwi.
- To prevent coastal erosion from the loss of protective silt being held back by the dam.

### Heritage values:

- The Mokihinui is the seventh most historical river in New Zealand, having significant cultural importance.

### Recreational:

- The Mokihinui is one of the few multi-day kayaking experiences in the South Island. As a three to four class river it is accessible to wider community of kayakers and rafters.
- The Mokihinui also has a significance to Mountain bikers, hunting, tramping, fishing. These pristine outdoor experiences stand to be destroyed by the creation of a 65 to 85 Mega Watt dam, drowning 337 ha of Native New Zealand Bush and River.

 Nicholas Chapman