



**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  
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Christchurch

**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
(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)

The New Zealand Rafting Association oppose all the proposals by Meridian Energy to dam the Mohikiniui river. Please see attached document.

## **Mokihinui Submission**

The New Zealand Rafting Association oppose the damming and destruction of an iconic river by Meridan Energy.

The Mokihinui is one of the classic West Coast recreational river trips (as described in "New Zealand Whitewater" by Graham Charles which lists New Zealand's 100 classic river trips). It is one of only 3 commercial raft trips in the Buller district all of which have a different and unique character.

Even the name itself Mokihinui translates to "big raft" from the early Maori travellers journeying down the coast to obtain pounamu. They constructed a raft of kahikatea trees to cross the mouth of this large river.

As it represents a mid grade run that can be undertaken by novices rather than the usual high grade West coast rivers the Mokihinui is a somewhat less challenging run than for example the adjacent Karamea and so suits many groups that may not wish the high end challenges of some other river runs. However although not as challenging the Mokihinui still offers some stunning scenery so paddlers can enjoy the scenery without the levels of commitment required of some West coast river trips. As a tourist destination we can ill-afford to lose resources such as this.

Lastly the New Zealand Rafting Association encourages Meridian Energy to pursue more sustainable methods of electricity production and to investigate energy conservation as an option.

The New Zealand Rafting Association represents the rafting industry which is a small but vibrant sector of the tourist industry. The raft industry relies on the availability of rivers which we can utilise as trips and so introduce school groups, locals and tourists alike to the wild and scenic wonders of New Zealand's backcountry.

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

Decline the 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.

 \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_  
(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