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**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  
Christchurch

**APPLICANT:** MERIDIAN ENERGY LTD

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

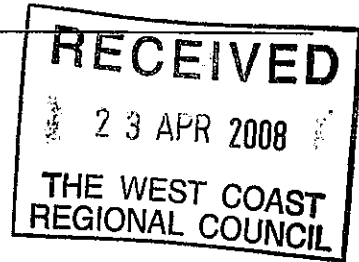
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I/we **support** the application numbers ticketed on the back of this form  
I/we **oppose** the application numbers ticketed on the back of this form

(tick one)

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)

For the proposed hydro scheme to go ahead issue all of the consents necessary

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

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issue all of the consents necessary

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.

P. Y. Berry 23/4/08  
(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

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**I SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL BECAUSE :**

- 1) the proposal will have minimal impact.
- 2) a 337 hectare lake which consists of 110 hectares of existing riverbed and 227 hectares of bush, out of a total of 68,000 hectares catchment of the Mohikinui River, is not even the sharp end of a sewing pin imprint on this area.
- 3) the line losses are estimated up to 50% that we at the end of the transmission line pay for in our power bill now.
- 4) harnessing this at the moment wasted renewable energy (water) to power the future needs of our region will make us completely self-sufficient for our power needs. This will encourage energy-Intensive industries to locate to our region which will create wider economic benefits.
- 5) the biggest advantage for our region will be a guaranteed power supply within our region. Over the last year we have had outages on several occasions (at least 6) which have been Transpower-related with no explanation of why they occurred, all of them in fine settled weather. Very frustrating.
- 6) the above is very frustrating, especially when all of the milking cups fall off and the ensuing phone call to ask "when do you think the power will be back on" results in being told "we have no idea". This in turn results in having to manually turn the platform which upsets the cows getting them off, ending in lost milk production.
- 7) our milk processor, Westland Milk Products, are a huge power user and if their power supply is cut then the cost of starting back up again reflects back to us as shareholders, which costs the company also.

*Paul Berry*

**PAUL BERRY**  
**23 April 2008**