

**SUBMISSION ON A RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION
SECTIONS 93(2) & 96 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**



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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: _____
(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)

As we are resident in the Mohikiniu Preserve
we will experience some of the greatest effects of
the proposed change to the environment if the
dam is built we support the submission/Proposals
with the following provisos involving consents:
RC07150/24 - RC 07150/26

And consents RC07150/11 - RCO 7150/13

I/we seek the following decision from the Local Authority: _____

To maximise the proposals recreational ^(give precise details)
potential while minimising ecological impact
See attached

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)

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(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

MOKIHINUI DAM PROPOSAL

As we are resident in the Mokihinui Preserve, we will experience some of the greatest effects of the proposed changes to the environment if the dam goes ahead. We value the beautiful native bush and the remote, wilderness experience we get in this area.

We would only support the proposed dam if the following amendments were made to the application for consent:

1. That any destruction of the native habitat resulting from the development of the access road was offset by equivalent planting of natives to compensate once the road was completed. Road widening should be limited to retain as much native bush as possible. Also, the rata trees must be protected, or replanted if removal is unavoidable.
2. That the walking track proposed from the dam to The Forks to be such that mountain bikers, walkers, including the elderly, could use the track i.e. ramps instead of steps, where required, all year round. A track to the headwaters further on could be for tramping only.
3. That the proposed lake is off limits to power boats of any sort. The fragile waters edge will not sustain wash from power boats. The fauna and flora associated will already be stressed by the dam flooding. We already hear jet boats travelling up the lower Mokihinui River and the noise pollution is significant. A transport contract of one, low powered launch would be acceptable. A limit on helicopter access in the area would also be appropriate because of noise pollution.
4. That any transmission line is constructed to have minimal visual impact. We have constructed our house to get the optimum view available to us and we do not want to find power lines and poles strung across our line of vision. It would significantly affect the value of our property.

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