

A SUBMISSION ON THE MOKHINUI DAM



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To The West Coast Regional Council & Buller District Council.

In relation to all resource consents required by Meridian Energy to construct and operate a hydro-electric power scheme on the Mokhinui river

My submission relates to all the consents in the application.

I oppose all of the consents.

Reasons:- I have spent many happy hours exploring the region, and I would like to see the area available to future adventurers in unspoilt condition. The dam and lake and road access would harm the present atmosphere of the area and the wildlife, and trampers would have a significantly downgraded experience. It is not nice to know that a beautiful river is being destroyed, together with bush and wildlife by creating an artificial lake there

I ask the consent authorities to decline all the resource consent applications for this project.

Due to illness I do not wish to be heard with respect to my submission.

I have sent a copy of my submission to the applicant, Meridian Energy.

Yours,

Stephen Conn 16 April 2008