



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

To: Buller District Council
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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
I/we **oppose** the application numbers ticketed on the back of this form

(tick one)

My/our submission is that: THE PROPOSAL FOR MOHIKINUI
(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)
DAM BE DENIED. I OPPOSE THE PROPOSAL
THERE ARE FAR BETTER ALTERNATIVES TO RAMPING NEW
ZEALAND BY ENFORCING COMPULSORY INSULATION IN HOMES;
INVESTING IN WIND TECHNOLOGY.
A DAM IS NOT SUSTAINABLE. THERE IS NO (COMPENSATION)
MITIGATION THAT CAN PRACTICALLY & MORALLY SUPPORT
A DAM PROJECT

I/we seek the following decision from the Local Authority: THAT RESOURCE-
(give precise details)

CONSENT IS GRANTED FOR THE PROPOSED

BUILDING OF THE DAM ON THE MOHIKINI S

FOR THAT MATTER, ON ANY RIVERS IN THIS

LOWLAND?

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)

19/4/08
(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

19 Hampden Street

Murchison

South Island

13th April 2008

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am opposed to the damming of The Mokihinui. Infact, I am opposed to damming, full-stop. I am really disappointed to have spent my life working in adventure tourism, specifically whitewater rafting, around the world, to finally decide on settling in New Zealand because I was under the impression that you had some great green, environmental policies in place. The words "eco-friendly" are branded around the world in your marketing strategy and yet you are happily building dams.

Imagine my sadness to find the same destructive policies I found when working in Uganda. As UK Manager of Adrift Whitewater Rafting, I laughed when I got a 'phone call from one of our guides telling me that the Head Guide was in prison for anti-dam campaigning. When I subsequently relocated from London to Uganda, I began to understand that it was no laughing matter. Infact far from it. I was banned by the minister of tourism and energy (a conflict, or what?!) from saying anything controversial on TV, although me and my big mouth did manage to slip it in subtly enough to avoid the prison for me.

I am hoping that in this country, although you seem to operate exactly the same way as The Minister of Energy and Tourism, you will at least differ in one respect and allow me to talk freely. I think it is important that you hear what river lovers and users have to say. I saw the dam being built in Jinja. I saw how happy the local chief was with his new mobile 'phone. Suddenly he was extoling the virtues of this ugly concrete monstrosity to all his people. How cheap was that? I wonder what the currency is in this country or was it just a mobile phone?

A rumour spread by the Ugandan government, informed the local farmers that when once their land was under water, had they planted cobs of corn on it, they would be able to reclaim loss of earnings. So guess what? All the stunning rainforest was suddenly chopped down. The bats fled as The Banks of The Nile looked as though they had been

raped. I was on that historic river every day a decade ago and was lucky to see it in its former glory.


Oh, and another rumour that was successfully spread by the guy in charge of the energy company, was that he was going to be giving Ugandans electricity. I wonder if you are telling the same tale. I wonder if you shouldn't be concentrating on putting in double-glazing, improving wind-machines, insulation. I wonder a lot actually, based on watching and listening around the world. It turned out on this occasion that 99% of the electricity was going to be sold to Kenya.

Now, I had a choice of where to settle in the world. I was drawn to New Zealand because I love rivers and mountains. I am not an avid, expert in the outdoors, just a lover of the outdoors. I am disappointed that New Zealand promotes itself as a green land and yet at the same time is destroying its own beautiful wilderness.

As for tourism, should I try the argument I posed with the imposing Ugandan Minister of Tourism and Energy or would it fall on deaf ears? I have spent 20 years working in tourism and I do know the value, since it seems we are talking money here – a language that you might understand. SO if you would like to put a monetary value on tourism – green, accessible wilderness, then I believe you are barking up the wrong tree with your dams.

And how are the Kiwi workers going to benefit? I know the Chinese dam builders weren't very good at it. They had only built a football stadium in the past so they were asked to leave. Their legacy is in the form of the chinese restaurant in Jinja. Will you be left with an Italian restaurant or a Norwegian one?

Anyway I digress. My point is I have seen it all around the world. And dams have a limited shelf-life. What are your kids going to be looking at 100 years from now in New Zealand or will they, like myself, have fled to some other country to find peace and wilderness?



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