

**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**

**Submitter Details**

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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: I am in opposition to all  
(state in summary the nature of your submission. Clearly indicate whether you support or oppose  
resource consent applications  
the specific proposal, or wish to have amendments made, giving reasons)  
See Attachment!



I/we seek the following decision from the Local Authority: To decline  
(give precise details)  
the application in its entirety.

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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.

Sam Welsh 18/4/08  
(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



The reasons for my opposition are as follows

- o Environmental: The disturbance & destruction of this pristine wilderness area by earthworks, flooding & construction of transmission lines, creating the loss of habitat of the blue duck, long finned eel, long tail bat, western Weka, Kereru, Kakariki and most importantly the great spotted kiwi.  
- To prevent coastal erosion from the loss of protective silt being held back by the dam.
- o Heritage Values: As the seventh most historical river in New Zealand, it has significant cultural importance.
- o Recreational: The Mokihinui is one of the few multiday kayaking experiences in the South Island. As a class three to four river, it is accessible to a wide community of kayakers and rafters.  
The Mokihinui also has a significant attraction to mountain bikers, hunting, fishing & tramping. These positive outdoor experiences stand to be destroyed by the creation of a 65-85mW dam that will drown 337 ha of native New Zealand bush and river.

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