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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)*

see attached form

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

see attached form

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)

(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

**Tai Poutini Polytechnic Submission on  
Meridian Energy Mokihinui Hydro Proposal  
Resource Consent Application**

Position

Tai Poutini Polytechnic **opposes all** resource consent applications for this proposal.

Submission

The Mokihinui is ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in terms of natural values by the NZ government.

The **ecological loss** (wildlife species, numbers and habitat) due to the project is significant and **cannot be adequately mitigated or “offset”**. This is a finding from a Landcare Research report commissioned by Meridian Energy but not released with Meridians original consent application.

The alteration in **sediment delivery** from the Mokihinui River due to the dam would create a significant loss (up to 94%) of sedimentary deposit for the coastline and exacerbate the issue of **coastal erosion**, an already significant problem for residents in the area.

The Mokihinui River represents a **significant recreational resource** the nature of which would be **fundamentally changed** by the construction of a dam. The nature of this resource would change from “pristine backcountry wilderness experience” to a “front country experience” in a significantly altered environment.

Decision sought

Tai Poutini Polytechnic seeks that all the consent applications contained in the proposal are **declined**.