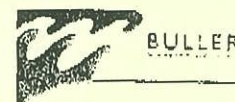


**SUBMISSION ON A RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION
SECTIONS 93(2) & 96 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**



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

Name: Westland District Council
(full name)

Address: Private Bag 704, Hokitika
(full postal address)

Correspondence to be sent to the following name and address: (if different to above)

Phone No: 03 7569010

Fax No: _____

Email: mayor@westlanddc.govt.nz

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: Westland District Council
(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)
supports in full this project.
It is critical that the West Coast receives sufficient secure electricity generation within our region. The West Coast is currently dependant on importing electricity from off the coast using vulnerable supply lines. This project will provide the required local generation capacity.

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

I/we seek the following decision from the Local Authority: That all land
(give precise details)
use consents for the Mokihinui Hydro Scheme
be granted.

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.

 22 April 2008
(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