



SUBMISSION ON RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS

Section 96 Of The Resource Management Act 1991



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Applicant: Meridian Energy Ltd	Application Numbers: tick boxes overleaf Closing Date for Submissions on the Mokihinui Hydro Proposal: (Wednesday 23 April 2008)
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(Please print clearly) Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms (Please circle the appropriate title(s) or write below)

My/Our Full Name(s): ALISTAIR MOORE

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I/we support the application numbers ticked on the back of this form (tick one)
 I/we oppose the application numbers ticked on the back of this form

The reasons for my/our submission are as follows (further information attached (tick for yes))
[State in summary the nature of your submission, giving reasons]

The Mokihinui is one of the classic West coast recreational river trips (as described in 'New Zealand Whitewater' by Graham Charles which lists New Zealand's classic 100 river trips)
Even the name itself Mokihinui translates to "high raft" from the early Maori travellers journeying down the coast to obtain greenstone. They constructed a raft of kahikatea trees to cross this large river.

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I/we wish the consent authority to make the following decision [Give details, including the nature of any conditions]

Decline the application in its entirety.
Encourage Meridian Energy to seek more sustainable methods to generate power & investigate energy conservation methods.

Mokihinui Submission

The New Zealand Rafting Association oppose the damming and destruction of an iconic river by Meridan Energy.

The Mokihinui is one of the classic West Coast recreational river trips (as described in "New Zealand Whitewater" by Graham Charles which lists New Zealand's 100 classic river trips). It is one of only 3 commercial raft trips in the Buller district all of which have a different and unique character.

Even the name itself Mokihinui translates to "big raft" from the early Maori travellers journeying down the coast to obtain pounamu. They constructed a raft of kahikatea trees to cross the mouth of this large river.

As it represents a mid grade run that can be undertaken by novices rather than the usual high grade West coast rivers the Mokihinui is a somewhat less challenging run than for example the adjacent Karamea and so suits many groups that may not wish the high end challenges of some other river runs. However although not as challenging the Mokihinui still offers some stunning scenery so paddlers can enjoy the scenery without the levels of commitment required of some West coast river trips. As a tourist destination we can ill-afford to lose resources such as this.

Lastly the New Zealand Rafting Association encourages Meridan Energy to pursue more sustainable methods of electricity production and to investigate energy conservation as an option.

The New Zealand Rafting Association represents the rafting industry which is a small but vibrant sector of the tourist industry. The raft industry relies on the availability of rivers which we can utilise as trips and so introduce school groups, locals and tourists alike to the wild and scenic wonders of New Zealand's backcountry.

Use the tick boxes below to indicate the resource consent applications your submission concerns.

I/we make my/our submission concerning **all** the resource consent applications below (tick)
My/our submission **only** concerns the resource applications ticked below (tick)

I/we **wish to be heard** in support of my/our submission (tick one)
I/we **DO NOT** wish to be heard and hereby make my/our submission in writing only

Signature(s): 

Date: 22 / 4 / 08

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 Limited as per Section 96(4) of the RMA (tick)

Consent List

Mokihinui River
consents RC07150/1 – RC07150/6

Earthworks and Vegetation
consents RC07150/14 – RC07150/19

Inundation Area
consents RC07150/7 – RC07150/8

General Construction
consents RC07150/20 – RC07150/23

Staging Area
consents RC07150/9 – RC07150/10

Access Roads, Walking Tracks and Recreational
Activities
consents RC07150/24 – RC07150/26

Substation and Transmission
consents RC07150/11 – RC07150/13