

SUBMISSION ON RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS

Section 96 Of The Resource Management Act 1991



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Meridian Energy Limited
PO Box 2454,

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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)

(Please print clearly) Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms (Please circle the appropriate title(s) or write below)

My/Our Full Name(s): Annanda Jane Coleman David George Coleman

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I/we support the application numbers ticked on the back of this form (tick one) ihug.co.nz
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]
There are other less invasive ways to produce power - ie wind.
Erosion to the coastal area @ Mokihinui will increase.
our river will have contaminants released into it.
our swimming + whitebaiting will be affected.
we oppose this dam totally

I/we wish the consent authority to make the following decision [Give details, including the nature of any conditions]
They don't build a hydro dam on the Mokihinui River.
They look @ alternative power options of wind.

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): Amada Coleme
DG Coleme

Date: 19/4/08

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

Submission re Mokihinui Hydro proposal

Our family is totally against the proposal for a variety of reasons

1. we have built our own house and built our lifestyle around a relatively simple quiet, unspoilt philosophy. Now we face our lifestyle being compromised by a commercial enterprise, a situation over which we have no control.
2. we are unhappy with contaminants being released into our river which we use extensively for kayaking, swimming, fishing and whitebaiting. We believe that despite assurances to the contrary that the fishing and whitebaiting will be severely compromised by Meridian's plans. Look at the Ngakawau River and the contaminants released by Solid Energy that have virtually killed the river. These big corporations are all talk and no action. Look at all the snails dying and all the covering up that is done by these businesses so they can get their way. I cannot imagine that Meridian is any different. We also believe that our swimming will be affected. This may not seem an important issue in the big picture of things but it is important to us and we feel totally disempowered by the thought of this invasion of our lifestyle. We, as tangata whanau of this land have a right to this spiritual home of ours to not be adulterated by a capitalistic, individualistic enterprise which says it values community but in fact, by its actions to the local community, shows that it doesn't.
3. we are very unhappy with the prospect of increased coastal erosion and feel that as ratepayers we will be asked to foot a bill for erosion that has been exacerbated by Meridian Energy's actions. The coastal engineer who spoke at the Mokihinui meeting, informed us that the financial cost could be 8 million dollars to stem the increased coastal erosion caused by the building of the dam. There was also no commitment at all from Meridian as to what they would put towards this. Ratepayers as well as us are in no financial position to contribute to any extra coastal remedial work.
4. and what about the increased traffic on our road. Who is going to pay for increased road upkeep and potential injury and loss of life due to increased traffic
5. the coast is famous internationally for its pristine bush, scenery etc. We risk our reputation by allowing this dam proposal to go ahead. We are one of the last frontiers in the world, we need to continue to be one. It's important for this generation and future generations.
6. why is Meridian not looking at less invasive ways to produce power eg wind

In conclusion, we are totally against this proposal. There is no way that there will be any positive effects for our family.

Amade J Gler

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