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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): Anni Lorraine Kolff.

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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]

I oppose this resource application for a hydro dam on the Mokihinui river because it would permanently damage most characteristics and values of this pristine, untouched river. It is presently the home to much wild life including the endangered species such as the long fin eel and the blue duck. Changing their habitat would endanger their survival.
The area is on a fault line and is prone to earth quakes and slips which could cause water to spill over the dam. (cont sep sheet)

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

I would like to see the consenting authority refuse Meridian Energy Ltd all of its resource consent applications because this is a pristine river environment that needs to be protected and looked after for future generations, and for the wild life living there.
I would like the consent authority recommend that the Mokihinui river be included in Kahurangi National park so that it is protected and valued for all time.

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): *Hans Kelly*

Date: 21.04.08

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

Reasons for my submission continued.

Being on a faultline would also have the potential to make the dam unstable. It is my understanding that a previous attempt to put a dam on the Mokihinui stalled at least in part due to a geological report which stated that the fault line ran through this area making the ground subject to instability and therefore an unsafe dam site.

The question of erosion down river is also of concern. A normal functioning river is continually disgorging sediments that build up sand extra. Changing the river flow by damming would considerably alter this natural process.

Bio-dynamics at sea out from the river mouth would also change.

The term renewable energy is a simplistic catch phrase in today's environment. Harnessing renewable energy can still be at a great cost to the environment and not a good carbon footprint.

Meridian would do well to look at other more viable and less harmful ways of promoting renewable resources energy, such as solar power and wind farming. They could back solar water heaters initiatives