



SUBMISSION ON RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS
Section 96 Of The Resource Management Act 1991



TO: THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
PO BOX 66
GREYMOUTH

Copy to:
Meridian Energy Limited
PO Box 2454,
Christchurch.

Applicant: Meridian Energy Ltd **Application Numbers:** tick boxes overleaf
Closing Date for Submissions on the Mokihiui 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): Bryony Alice McNeill

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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 completely oppose the hydro proposal.
→ reasons outlined in a separate sheet.

I/we wish the consent authority to make the following decision [Give details, including the nature of any conditions]
deny Meridian Energy consent to go ahead with
the hydro scheme.

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): B McNeill

Date: 14/04/08

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

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|--|--|
| Mokihinui River
consents RC07150/1 – RC07150/6 <input type="checkbox"/> | Earthworks and Vegetation
consents RC07150/14 – RC07150/19 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Inundation Area
consents RC07150/7 – RC07150/8 <input type="checkbox"/> | General Construction
consents RC07150/20 – RC07150/23 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Staging Area
consents RC07150/9 – RC07150/10 <input type="checkbox"/> | Access Roads, Walking Tracks and Recreational
Activities
consents RC07150/24 – RC07150/26 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Substation and Transmission
consents RC07150/11 – RC07150/13 <input type="checkbox"/> | |

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14 April 2008

The West Coast Regional Council
PO Box 66
Greymouth

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: MOKIHINUI HYDRO PROPOSAL

I am strongly opposed to the above proposal, primarily on environmental grounds. The Mokihinui river area is an important habitat for many of New Zealand's native and endemic plants and animals, a number of which would be significantly threatened if the proposal were approved. In particular, the hydro scheme would be of great detriment to the extremely rare whio. Whio require fast-flowing areas of river, and the construction of a hydro dam would result in periods of water flow insufficient to sustain the whio population. Alteration of water flow has been identified as a cause of whio population decline¹, and approval of the Mokihinui hydro scheme would therefore be in direct breach of the New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy. A hydro scheme on the Mohikinui river would almost certainly hasten the extinction of rare birds such as whio. Our track record since the introduction of humans shows a shameful number of extinctions; including 32 percent of endemic birds, with habitat destruction cited as one the main reasons for these extinctions². Habitat alterations affect entire ecological communities and the extent of the damage caused is impossible to predict. A hydro dam on the Mokihinui river is likely to have devastating and irreparable effects on the environment and should not be approved under any circumstances.

¹ Heather, B. & Robertson, H. (1996) Field Guide to the Birds of New Zealand. Viking: Auckland. Page 265.

²<http://www.biodiversity.govt.nz/picture/biodiversity/state/index.html>

Sincerely,

Bryony McNeill

cc: Meridian Energy Limited
PO Box 2454
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