



**SUBMISSION ON RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS**

*Section 96 Of The Resource Management Act 1991*

**TO: THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
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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): Bruce John Stewart-Menteath

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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 application will destroy quality natural features - if granted.  
the applications - if granted - will not be sustainable  
the proposal would contribute to global warming  
the proposal would destroy quality recreational values.  
(see attached information)

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

To decline the applications in full.

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

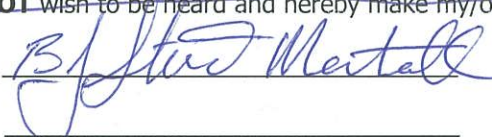
I/we make my/our submission concerning **all** the resource consent applications below  (tick)

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: 23 April 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

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**Submission on Resource Consent Applications: Mokihiui Hydro Proposal  
RC 07150/1 – RC07150/26; RC 07/180-A – RC07/180-H.**

I oppose the applications.

The reasons for my submission are;

**The proposal would destroy quality natural features**

The applications cover areas that retains high natural features that will be destroyed if the consents are granted. Those features are dominated by an overall unmodified landscape of forests and mountains and are important for;

- Quality habitat for rare/endangered and/or declining wildlife such as blue duck;
- Recreational use for such as canoeing/rafting, walking and tramping;
- Scientific and educational resources.

As a consequence of these attributes the Mokihiui has been recognised as one of the best examples of an unmodified river system in New Zealand.

**The proposal will not be sustainable.**

If consent applications such as these are granted it is inevitable that eventually there will be few rivers in New Zealand that have not been modified for electricity generation and/or irrigation. There are other sources of sustainable energy generation that should be utilised before hydro dams of this nature are contemplated.

**The proposal would contribute to global warming**

If granted, the consent applications will result in the release of large quantities of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, both by the destruction of the native forest within the application area, and by the removal of that forest as a carbon sink that absorbs CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere.

**The proposal would destroy quality recreational values**

The application presently provides for a variety of quality outdoor activities, including tramping/walking, kayaking, rafting, fishing and hunting.

**The applications are contrary to provisions of the Resource Management Act.**

Those Parts/Sections of the Act that particularly apply include;

## **Part II - Purpose and Principles**

### **Section 5 Purpose**

- (1) The proposal is not a sustainable use of natural and physical resources.
- (2) The proposal will reduce the ability of people and communities to provide for their social, economic or cultural wellbeing or their health and safety.
  - (a) The proposal will destroy the natural and physical resources that future generations require to meet their reasonably foreseeable needs.
  - (b) The proposal will destroy the life supporting capacity of air, water, soil and ecosystems.
  - (c) The proposal cannot avoid, remedy or mitigate its adverse effects on the environment.

### **Section 6 Matters of National Importance**

- (b) The proposal will destroy outstanding natural features and landscapes.
- (c) The proposal will destroy areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna.
- (d) The proposal will prevent public access along the margins of lakes and rivers.

### **Section 7 Other Matters**

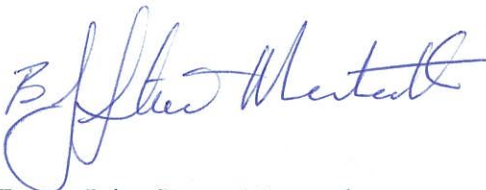
- (b) The proposal is not an efficient use and development of natural and physical resources.
- (c) The proposal will destroy amenity values
- (d) The proposal will destroy the intrinsic values of ecosystems.
- (f) The proposal will not maintain or enhance the quality of the environment.
- (g) The proposal destroy finite characteristics of natural and physical resources.
- (h) The proposal will destroy habitat for trout.

I wish for the Regional Council to reject all the applications

I wish to be heard in support of this submission.

I have served a copy of this submission on Meridian Energy Ltd

Yours faithfully,



Bruce John Stuart-Menteth

## Karen Glover

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**From:** Bruce Menteath [b.menteath@inet.net.nz]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 April 2008 1:04 PM  
**To:** Karen Glover  
**Subject:** submission re Meridian Energy Mokihinui Hydro Proposal

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**Attachments:** 08 4.23 submission re Mokihinui hydro proposal.doc



08 4.23 submission  
re Mokihinu...

Please find attached my submission on the Mokihinui hydro proposal. A hard copy with further details is in the mail.

Regards

Bruce Stuart-Menteath