

## Submission Mokihinui River Power Scheme – Meridian Energy

1. The Mokihinui river is recognized as a special place of natural and cultural significance to New Zealand and the West Coast. This project would ruin this place forever.
2. Hydro electric power schemes are not “renewable energy”
3. Recently the NZ government made several policy announcements related to global warming and indicated that it is to promoting further hydro electric schemes. It is to promote hydro over other types of generation methods. That is obstructive to the environmental future of this nation. Meridian's application is therefore obstructive to the environmental future of this nation.
4. The applicant has shown no research that would indicate that such a hydro scheme has proven to be more viable than an alternative power generation project.
5. The New Zealand government must be considered a contributor to this project and is therefore in breach of its own 100% pure clean and green advertising. The contribution of the government and Meridian brings New Zealand into global ridicule. Most certainly Meridian does that by filing this application.
6. The application if approved will attract protest, outrage, and appeals from New Zealand environmentalists, recreational users, caring citizens, residents and globally, the like of which has never been seen before in this country. The cost and damage to the applicant and citizens would be massive.
7. The application is considered by District Councils as being so complex and costly to submit to that they have publicly notified that they will not file such submissions. The implications of that are ominous for other submitters. That is untenable and denies natural justice of citizens and objectors.
8. Global warming is about not doing this hydro scheme. It is for governments and the like of Meridian to “catch up” on all the generations of spending peanuts on research and development. This sad day should never have arrived. Our Prime Minister is always promoting our clean green image. That image is the biggest earner in New Zealand yet out the back door, sneaking around down here on the West Coast these same people are seeking to destroy that very image. They are doing that so they don't have to commit to real spending on real research and real innovation to find new and environmentally acceptable forms of energy.

You must deny all of these applications for the sake of all New Zealand and the future of our younger and hopefully more innovative generations

Thank You

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