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This is a submission on applications from **Meridian Energy Limited** for 34 resource consents.

The type of consent is **Land use and discharge permits**

The location of the consents is;  
**The Mohikinui River approxo. 3 Km upstream of seddonville and 11km upstream of the river mouth.**

The proposed activity is;  
**Construction of a dam on the Mohikinui River.**

The specific part(s) of the application that our submission relates to are;  
**All of the applications in their entirety**

**Our submission in opposition is that:**


- **The proposal will have a hugely detrimental effect on the biodiversity and ecosystems of the catchment . Completely altering the habitat of many species, including some which are nationally (and indeed inter-nationally endangered) eg Blue Duck and Kiwi.**
- **The proposal will have a *hugely* detrimental effect on the character of a completely natural and unmodified landscape. Such landscapes are again of national and indeed international importance.**
- **The proposal will completely alter the natural flow of the river, and will affect the water quality and the river's natural processes eg. Movement of sediment within the river.**
- **The proposal has the potential to affect coastal erosion.**

- The proposal will detrimentally affect the quality of recreational experience in the catchment.
- The development of this proposal would be contrary to New Zealand's commitment to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity. As part of the New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy there should be a commitment to "*maintain and restore a full range of remaining natural habitats and ecosystems to a healthy and functioning state*" and "*enhance critically scarce habitats*", "*Do what is necessary to maintain and restore viable populations of all indigenous species*" NOT to DESTROY THEM.

I seek the following decision from the West Coast regional Council:  
**Decline all applications.**

I WISH to be heard in support of my submission.

Signature of submitters

 Ad Sintenie  
 ..... Catherine Sintenie ..... Date 20/4/00 .....

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Please find attached our submission re. the Meridian Energy consent application for the Mohikinui River.  
A printed copy is in the mail.

Thanks

Catherine & Ad Sintenie