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The Planning Manager,
West Coast Regional Council,
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From: Panckhurst
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Sent: Friday, April 25, 2008 9:35 AM
Subject: Submission to Mokihinui Hydro Proposal

The Planning Manager,
Buller District Council,
Westport.

Please accept the following submission to the Mokihinui Hydro Proposal.
I do not wish to be heard in support of this submission.

SUBMISSION: THAT THE APPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSENT BY MERIDIAN ENERGY TO BUILD A HYDRO DAM ON THE MOKIHINUI RIVER BE DECLINED.

1. New Zealand's greatest asset is its relatively unmodified natural environment.

A high percentage of NZ land area is now managed for conservation values and these define in part our national character. The continued preservation of these areas is essential for retention of soil, water and air quality and for the preservation of biodiversity. These reserves will become the recreational and spiritual reservoirs for future generations in an increasingly materialistic world. The loss of a pristine valley to a hydro scheme is a totally inappropriate use of a natural feature.

2. The Resource Management Act in Part II and Section 6 calls on those managing natural

and physical resources to **recognize and provide for the preservation of the natural character of rivers and their margins**. A hydro scheme such as that proposed clearly fails to adhere to this principle.

3. **Power conservation and alternative power sources should be the focus** of Meridians future electricity programme. The use of **"run of the river" power schemes** should be explored as a possible alternative before the creation of large scale hydro schemes.

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