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**SUBMISSION ON RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS**

*Section 96 Of The Resource Management Act 1991*



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<b>TO: THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL</b>	Copy to:
<b>PO BOX 66</b>	Meridian Energy Limited
<b>GREYMOUTH</b>	PO Box 2454, Christchurch.

<b>Applicant:</b> Meridian Energy Ltd	<b>Application Numbers:</b> tick boxes overleaf
<b>Closing Date for Submissions on the Mokihinui Hydro Proposal: (Wednesday 23 April 2008)</b>	

(Please print clearly) Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms (Please circle the appropriate title(s) or write below)

My/Our Full Name(s): GRAHAM CYRIL HOWARD

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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]

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

*To grant the application by Meridian Energy to build and run a hydro power generating plant on the Mokihinui River as they propose. To build the tracks and other outdoor areas in their proposal and maintain them for use by the general public.*

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**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): *G. Howard*

Date: *15-4-18*

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

*\* IF HEARING IS HELD IN WESTPORT OR THE MOKIHINUI AREA.*

A hydro power station in the Buller area should give an assurance of supply to the region, possibly lower our power charges, give a wonderful aquatic sports area plus, as Meridian Energy Ltd. have outlined in their proposal, open up the Mokihinui area for greater outdoor recreational possibilities eg. Fishing, hunting, tramping and family activities, thus encouraging more visitors to the Buller District and longer stays.

Much has been said about loss of habitat for endangered species if Meridian Energy's application is granted but one must wonder about the validity of the conservationists claims ( only 500 rare snails at Stockton yet **over six thousand have been found to date and more are still being found** as just one example.) Most wild life will shift to higher ground as water rises, most fish and ducks will shift to areas in a lake that suit them and Meridian appear to have covered the migratory fish with a catch and lift system. It must also be doubted how many whitebait spawn in the fast flowing waters of the Rough & Tumble area of the Mokihinui river or even venture that far up the river.

From the scenic point of view there are dozens of rivers on the Coast that have scenic views equal to or better than those on the area of the Mokihinui river that would be flooded.

The loss of app. 330ha. of vegetation (bush etc.) is minute when compared with the hundreds of thousands of ha. of native bush and vegetation in Conservation/National Park area on the West Coast of New Zealand.

Wind farms have, at times, been said to be the answer to New Zealand's electricity requirements but in reality it could be said they are nothing more than another part time generating system that needs a back up.

Hydro power generation is probably the most eco friendly and safest form of power generation there is in the world today.

The benefits to the Buller District and the whole of New Zealand by Meridian Energy generating electricity on the Mokihinui River **far outweigh** the small loss of native forest and touted disadvantages to wildlife.

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