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SUBMISSION ON RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS

Section 96 Of The Resource Management Act 1991

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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): Keith Riley Joanna Parsons

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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]

As professional kayakers, we have chosen to live on the West Coast as we value the regions pristine wilderness + free flowing rivers. We oppose any dams in this region. Natural wilderness areas are growing scarce in our rapidly developing world. The West Coast is an area of untamed wilderness and free flowing rivers, this is what makes the coast unique, this is what attracts people to the coast. To start damming our rivers would destroy one of the greatest qualities this region has.

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

- We oppose all consents to the construction of the Mokihinui Dam.
We wish the consent authority to
DECLINE APPLICATION

Submission on Mokihinui Hydro Proposal by Meridian Energy

The reasons for our submissions are as follows:

1. We value the West Coast and the integrity of it's rivers systems.

As professional kayakers we have chosen to live on the West Coast as we value the regions pristine wilderness and free-flowing rivers. We oppose damming rivers in this region. Natural wilderness areas are growing scare in our rapidly developing world. The West Coast is an area of untamed wilderness and free flowing mountain rivers, this makes The Coast unique, this is what attracts people to The Coast. To start damming our rivers would destroy one of the greatest qualities this region has.

2. Ecological Values

The environmental and ecological impact of damming the Mokihinui is significant and therefore unacceptable. The habitat lost to indigenous flora and fauna will be irreplaceable.

We ask the consent authority to DECLINE the application.

Keith Riley
Joanna Parsons

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: 21/4/08

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