

**SUBMISSION ON RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS**

*Section 96 Of The Resource Management Act 1991*



THE WEST COAST  
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Meridian Energy Limited  
PO Box 2454,

**Christchurch.**

**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): Michael Desmond Weatherston

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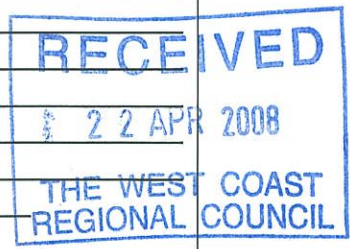
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I/~~we~~ support the application numbers ticked on the back of this form  (tick one)

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]  
I am in opposition to all resource consent applications  
(see attachment)

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



**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: 18/04/08

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

Inundation Area  
consents RC07150/7 – RC07150/8

Staging Area  
consents RC07150/9 – RC07150/10

Substation and Transmission  
consents RC07150/11 – RC07150/13

Earthworks and Vegetation  
consents RC07150/14 – RC07150/19

General Construction  
consents RC07150/20 – RC07150/23

Access Roads, Walking Tracks and Recreational  
Activities  
consents RC07150/24 – RC07150/26

The reasons for my opposition are as follows.

### Environmental


- The disturbance and destruction of this pristine wilderness area by earthworks, flooding and construction of transmission lines creating the loss of habitat of the blue duck, blue fin eel, long tail bat, western weka, kererū and most importantly the great spotted kiwi.
- To prevent coastal erosion from the loss of protective silt being held back by the dam.

### Heritage Values

- The Mohikiniui is the seventh most historical river in New Zealand, having significant cultural importance.

### Recreational

- The Mohikiniui is one of the few multi-day kayaking experiences in the South Island. As a 3-4 class river it is accessible to the wider kayak community of kayakers and rafters.
- The Mohikiniui also has a significant to Mountain Bikers, hikers, trampers, fishing folk. These pristine outdoor experiences stand to be destroyed by the creation of a 65-85mw dam, drowning 557ha of Native New Zealand bush and river.

 - Michael Weatherston

18/04/08