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**SUBMISSION ON RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS**

*Section 96 Of The Resource Management Act 1991*



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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): P. Grant & Elisabeth Johnston

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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 we are resident in the Mokihinui Preserve,  
we ~~and~~ will experience some of the greatest effects  
of the proposed changes to the environment if  
the dam is built.  
We support the proposals with the following provisos  
involving consents RC 07150/24 - RC 07150/26  
and consent RC 07150/11 - RC 07150/13

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

To maximise the proposal's recreational potential  
while minimising the ecological impact

**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): *Ben Ferguson*  
*Hebe*

Date: *10/04/08*

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

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

*RC07150/11 - RC07150/13*

*RC07150/20 - RC07150/23*

*RC07150/24 - RC07150/26*

## MOKIHINUI DAM PROPOSAL

As we are resident in the Mokihinui Preserve, we will experience some of the greatest effects of the proposed changes to the environment if the dam goes ahead. We value the beautiful native bush and the remote, wilderness experience we get in this area.

We would only support the proposed dam if the following amendments were made to the application for consent:

1. That any destruction of the native habitat resulting from the development of the access road was offset by equivalent planting of natives to compensate once the road was completed. Road widening should be limited to retain as much native bush as possible. Also, the rata trees must be protected, or replanted if removal is unavoidable.
2. That the walking track proposed from the dam to The Forks to be such that mountain bikers, walkers, including the elderly, could use the track i.e. ramps instead of steps, where required, all year round. A track to the headwaters further on could be for tramping only.
3. That the proposed lake is off limits to power boats of any sort. The fragile waters edge will not sustain wash from power boats. The fauna and flora associated will already be stressed by the dam flooding. We already hear jet boats travelling up the lower Mokihinui River and the noise pollution is significant. A transport contract of one, low powered launch would be acceptable. A limit on helicopter access in the area would also be appropriate because of noise pollution.
4. That any transmission line is constructed to have minimal visual impact. We have constructed our house to get the optimum view available to us and we do not want to find power lines and poles strung across our line of vision. It would significantly affect the value of our property.

*Alfred* *Re Jones*

*10/04/08*

