

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)

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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]
After a lifetime spent in the preservation of native rainforest, including 9 years as Canterbury Branch Chairman of the Royal Forest and Bird Society, Friends of the Earth^{N.Z.} since its inception and the Scenery Preservation Society since its inception, it is sad to accept that so little heed has been taken of the message we have striven to convey to our Countrymen. Please find attached therefore the reasons for my Submission which I believe calls for more than a simple Yes/No questionnaire.

I/we wish the consent authority to make the following decision [Give details, including the nature of any conditions]
I ask the Consents Authority to refuse all Consent Applications to dam the Mokihinui River, accordingly.

SUBMISSION SUMMARY:

The Manapouri Lesson.

The scheme to employ the 600 ft fall from Manapouri to Doubtful Sound was first recognised in 1904. But in 1955, Harry Evans, a N.Z. born Geologist discovered the world's largest bauxite reserves of aluminium ore at Weipa, Northern Australia, while on an oil search for the Consolidated Zinc Company.

In 1956, Mr. Davenport proposed raising Manapouri to the level of Te Anau with the water from the Lake's West Arm plunging 600 ft down vertical shafts to drive underground turbines and discharge through a six mile tunnel to the sea at Deep Cove in Doubtful Sound.

The original intent was to provide a contingency supply of power when our Country needed it, with aluminium processing a profitable N.Z. owned bonus. Unfortunately during 1959-60 the Labour Government illegally uplifted Manapouri from Fiordland National Park and Mr. Watt (Minister of Public Works) signed a semi-secret deal with Consolidated Zinc (later to be supplanted by Comalco and two large Japanese Companies.

There was a scandalised public outcry, a forestalled legal injunction, and A Royal Forest and Bird Petition signed by over a quarter million voting-age citizens. It was a close-run calamity, and only this concerted public saved Manapouri from State Vandalism. Later there were insidious by-products from the smelter which probably contributed to the unthriftiness of what formerly were the thriving oyster beds in Fouveau Strait.

The Mokihinui Echo.

The State now proposes to dam, not only the Mokihinui but Ngakawau Rivers and flood untold areas of pristine hinterland forest. This is the same Government that lost us Comalco's pirated revenue, our back-up electricity reserve, and these are the same Philistine civil engineers who would throw a dam across every scenic river in N.Z. and the Hell with the consequences.

These consequences will be far-reaching and fatal for the Mokihinui and Ngakawau Hinterland which is a storehouse of some of our most spectacular natural scenery. It is only such from present inaccessibility, but this hidden delight known only now to the dedicated tramper will be extolled shortly by our growing population if we can again prevent an heedless Gvt. from swamping the scenery before the next generation has the chance to appreciate it. Pride in our native land is a trait yet to bestir itself fully, and Governments see only the cash value of scenery from tourism, but are prone to befoul their own nest before they can gain even that. Like many other West Coast Rivers a Mokihinui Dam is at once at risk from the well-known choke-bore effect through torrential high country rain, narrow gorges continual earth tremors and associated trials for those who live there. In the name of commonsense reason therefore, I oppose the Mokihinui Dam proposal.

Tom Hay.
*1/2 of Friends of the Earth
Rainforest.*

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): W. C. Le. Hay

Date: 18-4-08

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)

Non 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