



**SUBMISSION ON AN APPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSENT UNDER SECTION 96 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

TO: THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

NAME OF SUBMITTER: TAI PUTINI POLYTECHNIC  
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APPLICATION NUMBER: MOHIKINUI H.P. (RC 0715011 - RC 0715016)

1. I ~~support~~ or oppose [delete one]  
the application MERIDIAN ENERGY [State name of applicant]  
for a DAM + INFRASTRUCTURE [State type of resource consent applied for]  
\_\_\_\_\_  
[State proposal or activity of applicant]

2. The particular parts of the application I support or oppose are:  
[Clearly indicate which parts of the application you support or oppose or wish to have amendments made to]  
ALL.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. The reasons for making my submission are:  
[State in summary the nature of your submission, giving reasons]  
see attached  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. I wish the consent authority to make the following decision:  
[Give details, including the nature of any conditions sought]

See attachment

5. **I do wish to be heard** in support of my submission.  
~~I do not wish to be heard~~ in support of my submission.  
[Delete one]



authorised

Signature of person making submission or person

to sign on behalf of person making submission.

18/4/08

Date

**Contact Details**

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[Name and telephone number if different from above]

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E Mail Address (If available)

NOTE: A copy of your submission must be served on the applicant as soon as reasonably practicable after service of your submission on the consent authority.

**Tai Poutini Polytechnic Submission on  
Meridian Energy Mokihinui Hydro Proposal  
Resource Consent Application**

Position

Tai Poutini Polytechnic **opposes all** resource consent applications for this proposal.

Submission

The Mokihinui is ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in terms of natural values by the NZ government.

The **ecological loss** (wildlife species, numbers and habitat) due to the project is significant and **cannot be adequately mitigated or “offset”**. This is a finding from a Landcare Research report commissioned by Meridian Energy but not released with Meridians original consent application.

The alteration in **sediment delivery** from the Mokihinui River due to the dam would create a significant loss (up to 94%) of sedimentary deposit for the coastline and exacerbate the issue of **coastal erosion**, an already significant problem for residents in the area.

The Mokihinui River represents a **significant recreational resource** the nature of which would be **fundamentally changed** by the construction of a dam. The nature of this resource would change from “pristine backcountry wilderness experience” to a “front country experience” in a significantly altered environment.

Decision sought

Tai Poutini Polytechnic seeks that all the consent applications contained in the proposal are **declined**.