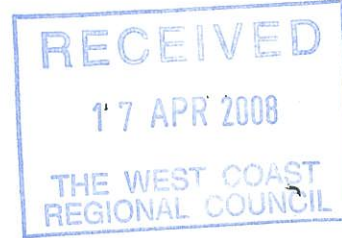


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West Coast Regional Council

Re Mokihinui River



Dear Sir/ Madam,

We have read with dismay about the proposal to dam yet another of our wild rivers, this time the Mokihinui River, inland from Seddonville, Westland.

We are familiar with that part of our country where so many rare and precious birds, fish and insects live in pristine conditions.

This is yet another attack on our country, touted around the world as 'green', 'a paradise', 'a tourists' mecca'.

With the advances in technology which daily bring forward new ways of providing sustainable living without damaging the ecology, some proved, some as yet unproved, we protest most vehemently against this proposal and wish to register our support for the decline in its entirety of the application by Meridian Energy.

We also ask for urgently required maintenance and repair of the Mokihinui Track to the Forks Hut.

Yours faithfully,

Margaret Willis *D. de L. P. Siller*