

In the Environment Court of New Zealand
Wellington Registry

I te Kōti Taiao o Aotearoa
Ki te Whanganui-a-Tara

ENV-2024-WLG-000054

Under cl 14 of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991
("RMA")

In the matter of an appeal against parts of a decision of the Greater Wellington
Regional Council on Change 1 and Variation 1 to the
Wellington Regional Policy Statement

Between **Kāpiti Coast District Council**

Appellant

And **Greater Wellington Regional Council**

Respondent

**Notice of Meridian Energy Limited's wish to be party to proceedings pursuant to
section 274 of the RMA**

9 December 2024

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To the Registrar

Environment Court

Wellington

- 1 Meridian Energy Limited gives notice it wishes to be party to the following proceedings:

Kāpiti Coast District Council v Greater Wellington Regional Council (ENV-2024-WLG-000054) being an appeal under clause 14 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**), against parts of the decision of the Greater Wellington Regional Council (**GWRC**) on Change 1 and Variation 1 to the Wellington Regional Policy Statement (**RPS**).

- 2 Meridian Energy Limited:
 - (a) made a submission and a further submission about the subject matter of the proceedings; and
 - (b) is a person with an interest in the proceedings which is greater than the general public, being a Crown majority-owned publicly listed company undertaking renewable electricity generation activities, and with a special interest in implementing national direction under the National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation (**NPS-REG**).
- 3 Meridian Energy Limited is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the RMA.
- 4 Meridian Energy Limited is interested in those parts of the proceeding identified in Attachment 1, concerning the issues identified in Attachment 1, and seeks the relief in Attachment 1 and any ancillary relief to that identified in Attachment 1.
- 5 Meridian Energy Limited agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated this 9th day of December 2024

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Michael Garbett/Rebecca Kindiak
Counsel for Meridian Energy Limited

This document is filed by Michael Garbett, solicitor for the Section 274 party, of the firm Anderson Lloyd.

The address for service of the Section 274 party is
Level 12, Otago House, 477 Moray Place, Dunedin 9016.

Documents for service on the filing party may be left at that address for service or may be:

- (a) posted to the solicitor at Private Bag 1959, Dunedin 9054; or
- (b) left for the solicitor at a document exchange for direction to DX Box YX10107 Dunedin; or
- (c) transmitted to the solicitor by fax to + 64 3 477 3184; or
- (d) emailed to michael.garbett@al.nz and ellie.taffs@meridianenergy.co.nz.

Advice

If you have any questions about this notice, contact the Environment Court in Auckland, Wellington, or Christchurch.

Attachment 1: Specific provisions of Kāpiti Coast District Council's appeal in which Meridian has an interest

Provision in which Meridian has a s274 interest	Relief sought by the Appellant	Meridian supports or opposes the appellant's relief sought	Reason for Meridian's support or opposition
Objective 22	<p>Amend Objective 22 as follows:</p> <p>Objective 22 A compact, well-designed, <i>climate-resilient</i>, and accessible, and <i>environmentally responsive regional form</i> with well-functioning <i>urban areas</i> and <i>rural areas</i>, where:</p> <p>(a) there is sufficient development capacity to meet the needs of current and future generations, improve housing affordability and quality, and provide access to a diversity of housing typologies within neighbourhoods which enable choice; and</p> <p>(b) Māori are able to express their culture and traditions, and the relationship of mana whenua / tangata whenua with their culture, ancestral land, water, sites, <i>wāhi tapu</i> and other <i>taonga</i> is provided for; and</p> <p>(c) <i>Te Mana o te Wai</i> is given effect to; and</p> <p>(d) intensification occurs within existing <i>urban zones</i> in appropriate places where it is <i>environmentally responsive</i>; and</p>	Opposes	Meridian made submissions on Objective 22 and supported the wording of clauses (e) and (m). Meridian is opposed to the deletion of these clauses.

	<p>(e) subdivision, use and development is located, designed, and constructed in a way that is <i>climate-resilient</i> and contributes to reducing <i>greenhouse gas emissions</i>; and</p> <p>(f) built environments, including integrated transport infrastructure, meet the health and wellbeing needs of all people, with multi-modal access including active transport, between housing, jobs, community services, centres, green space, and open space; and</p> <p>(g) the biophysical characteristics, location, recognised values, capability and limitations of land inform its use and development; and</p> <p>(h) the productive capacity of rural land is retained; and</p> <p>(i) existing <i>urban-zoned</i> land, and <i>infrastructure</i> capacity is used effectively and efficiently; and</p> <p>(j) new or upgraded <i>infrastructure</i> is integrated and sequenced with development; and</p> <p>(k) development <i>densities</i> are sufficient to support the provision and ongoing maintenance of <i>infrastructure</i>; and</p> <p>(l) a variety of residential, commercial, <i>mixed use</i> and industrial development in appropriate locations is provided which contributes to viable and vibrant centres at a range of scales, and industrial-based employment locations; and</p>		
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	(m) the safe and efficient operation of regionally significant infrastructure is protected from potential reverse sensitivity effects.		
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