

**In the Environment Court of New Zealand  
Christchurch Registry**

**I Te Kōti Taiao O Aotearoa  
Ōtautahi Rohe**

ENV-2024-CHC-22

**Under** of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)  
**In the matter** of an appeal under cl 14 of the RMA

**Between**  
**Meridian Energy Limited**  
Appellant

**And**  
**Otago Regional Council**  
Respondent

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**Notice of wish to be a party to an appeal on  
behalf of Queenstown Lakes District Council**

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# Notice of person's wish to be party to proceedings

**To:** The Registrar of the Environment Court at Christchurch

**And to:** The Respondent

## **Name of Person who wishes to be a Party**

1 Queenstown Lakes District Council (**Council**) wishes to be a party to the following proceeding:

(a) An appeal by Meridian Energy Limited (**Appellant**) (ENV-2024-CHC-22) against the decision of Otago Regional Council on the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement (**pORPS**).

2 The Council is a local authority.

## **Trade Competition**

3 The Council is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**).

## **The Proceeding**

4 The Council is interested in the entire appeal.

## **Particular issues and reasons**

5 The Council opposes the relief sought. In particular it opposes the relief sought in respect of the effects management framework for renewable energy generation (EIT-EN-P6) on the basis that it does not address all important resource issues that are otherwise managed within the pORPS and seeks to overrule other parts of the pORPS that would otherwise be relevant to decision-making.

6 More broadly, the Council is responsible for the preparation of a District Plan for the Queenstown Lakes District that gives effect to the pORPS. The Council has recently reviewed its District Plan and this process is ongoing.

7 Accordingly, the Council opposes the relief sought in the appeal and remains interested in the final form of the appealed provisions to ensure that there are no inappropriate outcomes that will limit the Council's ability to properly manage the use, development, or protection of natural and physical resources in its district through the District Plan.

## **Dispute Resolution**

8 The Council agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceeding.

Date: 7 June 2024



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