

BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY

ENV-2024-CHC-22, 27, 29, 32

I TE KŌTI O AOTEAROA  
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**IN THE MATTER** of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)

**AND** of appeals under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 RMA  
in relation to the non-freshwater parts of the  
Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021

**BETWEEN** **MERIDIAN ENERGY LIMITED**

**AND** **RAYONIER MATARIKI FORESTS; CITY  
FORESTS LIMITED; ERNSLAW ONE  
LIMITED; PORT BLAKELY NZ LIMITED  
("Forestry Appellants")**

**AND** **OCEANA GOLD LIMITED**

**AND** **MANAWA ENERGY LIMITED**  
Appellants

**AND** **OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
Respondent

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**MEMORANDUM OF ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENCE SOCIETY  
INCORPORATED SEEKING LEAVE TO BE EXCUSED FROM MEDIATION**

11 October 2024

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**MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT**

1. The Environmental Defence Society Incorporated (EDS) is a section 274 party to the following appeals, aspects of which are set down for mediation in *Group 2: Significant resource management issues for the region* on 5, 6, 7 and 8 November 2024:
  - (a) *Meridian Energy Limited* (ENV-2024-CHC-22)
  - (b) *Forestry Appellants* (ENV-2024-CHC-27)
  - (c) *Oceana Gold New Zealand Limited* (ENV-2024-CHC-29)
  - (d) *Manawa Energy Limited* (ENV-2024-CHC-32)
  
2. EDS has reviewed its interest in the above appeals and seeks leave to be excused from the Group 2 mediation. It will abide by the mediation agreement.

**DATED** at Auckland this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024



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