

IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND  
I MUA I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA

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ENV-2024-CHC-27

*IN THE MATTER* of the Resource Management Act  
1991 (“Act”)

*AND*

*IN THE MATTER* of an appeal under clause 14 Schedule  
1 of the Act concerning the **Proposed  
Otago Regional Policy Statement  
2021**

*BETWEEN*

**RAYONIER MATARIKI  
FORESTS,  
CITY FORESTS LIMITED,  
ERNSLAW ONE LIMITED and  
PORT BLAKELY NZ LIMITED**

Appellants

*AND*

**OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Respondent

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**RMA, S 274 NOTICE BY MERIDIAN ENERGY LIMITED**

**DATED 7 JUNE 2024**

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To The Registrar  
Environment Court  
Christchurch

I, **Meridian Energy Limited**, wish to be a party to the following proceeding:

- (a) The Environment Court appeal reference ENV-2024-CHC-27 concerning an appeal against Otago Regional Council decisions on the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement.

I am—

- (a) A person who made a submission about the subject matter of the proceeding, and
- (b) A person with an interest greater than the public generally. Meridian undertakes renewable electricity generation activities across the country and has a special interest in how the national direction under the NPS-REG is implemented.

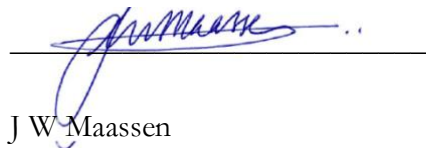
I am not a trade competitor for the purposes of [section 308C](#) or [308CA](#) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

I am directly affected by an effect of the subject of the appeal that—

- (a) Adversely affects the environment and
- (b) Does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

I am interested in those parts of the proceeding identified in **Attachment 1** concerning the issues identified in Attachment 1, and I seek the relief in Attachment 1 and any ancillary relief to that identified in Attachment 1.

I agree to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



J W Maassen  
Counsel authorised to sign on behalf of Meridian Energy Limited

Date 10 June 2024

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**ATTACHMENT 1: SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF RAYONIER MATARIKI FORESTS, CITY FORESTS LIMITED, ERNSLAW ONE LIMITED AND PORT BLAKELY NZ LIMITED 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
<b>ECO-P1- Kaitiakitaka</b>	Remove reference to "enable" in the introduction to the provision.  Delete ECO-P1(3). Alternatively, amend ECO-P1(3) to replace "facilitating" with "encouraging where practicable".	Support in part	Meridian considers that the relief sought goes some way to better giving effect to the National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation 2011 (NPSREG) and to improving consistency with Part 2 of the RMA.