

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT CHRISTCHURCH**

**I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
ŌTAUTAHI ROHE**

ENV-2024-CHC-22

IN THE MATTER

**of an appeal under Clause
14 of Schedule 1 of the
Resource Management Act
1991**

AND IN THE MATTER

**of the non-freshwater parts
of the Proposed Otago
Regional Policy Statement
2021**

BETWEEN

**Meridian Energy Limited
Appellant**

AND

**Otago Regional Council
Respondent**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION BY THE ROYAL FOREST AND
BIRD PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED**

Dated 5 June 2024

To: The Registrar
Environment Court
Christchurch

1. The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated (**Forest & Bird**) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:
 - a. ENV-2024-CHC-22 *Meridian Energy Ltd v Otago Regional Council*
2. Forest & Bird made a submission and further submission on the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement.
3. Forest & Bird is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. Forest & Bird has an interest greater than the public generally as an incorporated society with a well-known role in the protection of indigenous biodiversity.¹
5. Forest & Bird is interested in all of the proceedings other than SRMR-I11 and HCV-WT-P2.
6. Forest & Bird **partially opposes** the relief in relation to IM-O5 and IM-P15 and has an interest given its role in the protection of indigenous biodiversity. Forest & Bird **opposes** the relief sought in relation to all other parts of the appeal because the extent to which the appellant seeks to provide for renewable energy is not consistent with the Act or relevant national direction and will not ensure that ecosystems are safeguarded.
7. Forest & Bird agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceeding.

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¹ See *Marlborough District Council v Burkhart Fisheries Ltd* [2018] NZEnvC 26 at [31].

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