

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT CHRISTCHURCH**

**I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
KI ŌTAUTAHI**

ENV-2024-CHC-32

Under The Resource Management Act
1991 (the **Act**)

In the Matter of an appeal pursuant to clause
14 of schedule 1 of the Act on
the Proposed Regional Policy
Statement for Otago

Between **MANAWA ENERGY LIMITED**
Appellant

And **OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**
Respondent

And **AURORA ENERGY LIMITED,**
NETWORK WAITAKI LIMITED
AND POWERNET LIMITED
Section 274 party

**MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF AURORA ENERGY
LIMITED, NETWORK WAITAKI LIMITED AND POWERNET LIMITED
SEEKING TO BE EXCUSED FROM GROUP 2 MEDIATION**

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May it please the Court:

1. This memorandum is filed on behalf of Aurora Energy Limited, Network Waitaki Limited and PowerNet Limited (**EDBs**) who are interested parties to the appeal by Manawa Energy Limited.
2. The appeal has been included in Group 2: SRMR - Significant resource management issues for the region. Group 2 has been set down for Environment Court assisted mediation on 5-6 November 2024.
3. The EDBs filed an attendance form for the Group 2 mediation on 15 October 2024.
4. The Respondent's provided its position paper on 21 October 2024. Having considered the issues, the parties positions', and their interest in the appeal, the EDBs seek to consolidate their interests and be excused from attending this mediation. The EDBs will abide by the outcome of the mediation accordingly.
5. Further to this morning's directions of Environment Commissioner Buchanan, the EDBs will assume they have been excused accordingly.

Dated 29 October 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Simon Peine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail.

Counsel for Aurora Energy Limited, Network Waitaki Limited and PowerNet Limited