

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

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**ENV-2024-CHC-022**

*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* **MERIDIAN ENERGY LIMITED**

Appellant

*AND* **OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Respondent

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**Memorandum seeking leave to withdraw and be excused from  
mediation in relation to the pORPS (Non-Freshwater)**

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**May it please the Court**

1. Meridian Energy Limited (**Meridian**) filed an appeal on the proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021 (Non-freshwater) (**pORPS**), and is a section 274 party in relation to other pORPS appeals.
2. Meridian has reviewed its involvement in the pORPS appeals, and seeks to withdraw its interest as a s 274 party in the 'Group 5: Land, freshwater and soil' topic.<sup>1</sup>
3. Given the early stages of the proceedings, Meridian does not anticipate there being any issues associated with withdrawing, including as to costs.



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<sup>1</sup> In relation to the appeals by the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc; and Environmental Defence Society.