

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

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**ENV-2024-CHC-32**

*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*

**MANAWA ENERGY LIMITED**

Appellant

*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-33 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.

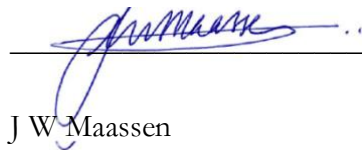
I am not a trade competitor for the purposes of [section 308C](#) or [308CA](#) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

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.



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

Date 7 June 2024

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**ATTACHMENT 1: SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF MANAWA ENERGY 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
<p>All provisions that apply to renewable electricity generation (REG) in the INF (Infrastructure) and EN (Energy) sections of the EIT (Energy, infrastructure and transport) chapter, in particular:</p> <p>(i) EIT-INF-P13 and EIT-EN-P6; and</p> <p>(ii) EIT-EN-P7; and EIT-INF-P15</p>	<p>Amend the policies that deal specifically and/or additionally with managing the effects of REG (EIT-INF-P13 and EIT-EN-P6) and reverse sensitivity (EIT-EN-P7 and EIT-INF-P15) to remove any duplication, contradiction, and to better align with the policy direction provided for in the NPS REG.</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Meridian considers that the relief sought will ensure:</p> <p>(a) that the provisions give better effect to the National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity 2011 (NPSREG) and the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPSIB);</p> <p>(b) consistency of the provisions with Part 2 of the RMA; and</p> <p>(c) greater efficiency and effectiveness in achieving the objectives of the pORPS (i.e. s32 RMA matters).</p>
<p>The application of provisions of the ECO (Ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity) chapter to REG, in particular ECO-P4, P5A and P6.</p>	<p>Include stand-alone provisions for managing the effects of REG, including on indigenous biodiversity, in the EN section of the EIT chapter.</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Meridian considers that the relief sought will ensure:</p> <p>(a) that the provisions give better effect to the National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity 2011 (NPSREG) and the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPSIB);</p> <p>(b) consistency of the provisions with Part 2 of the RMA; and</p> <p>(c) greater efficiency and effectiveness in achieving the objectives of the pORPS (i.e. s32 RMA matters).</p>