

In the Environment Court of New Zealand
Wellington Registry

I te Kōti Taiao o Aotearoa
Ki te Whanganui-a-Tara

ENV-2025-WLG-000034

Under	clause 14 of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991 ("RMA")
In the matter of	an appeal under clause 14(1) of the First Schedule to the RMA
Between	KiwiRail Holdings Limited
	Appellant
And	Carterton, Masterton and South Wairarapa District Councils
	Respondents

Notice of Meridian Energy Limited's wish to be party to proceedings pursuant to section 274 of the RMA

9 December 2025

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To the Registrar

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- 1 Meridian Energy Limited gives notice it wishes to be party to the following proceedings:

KiwiRail Holdings Limited v Carterton, Masterton and South Wairarapa District Councils (ENV-2025-WLG-000034) being an appeal under clause 14 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**), against decisions of the Carterton, Masterton and South Wairarapa District Councils (**Councils**) on the Proposed Wairarapa Combined District Plan (**PWCDP**).

- 2 Meridian Energy Limited:
 - (a) made a further submission about the subject matter of the proceedings; and
 - (b) is a person with an interest in the proceedings which is greater than the general public, being a Crown majority-owned publicly listed company undertaking renewable electricity generation activities, and with a special interest in implementing national direction under the National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation (**NPS-REG**).
- 3 Meridian Energy Limited is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the RMA.
- 4 Meridian Energy Limited is interested in those parts of the proceeding identified in Attachment 1, concerning the issues identified in Attachment 1.
- 5 Meridian Energy Limited agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated this 9th day of December 2025



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This document is filed by Michael Garbett, solicitor for the Section 274 party,
of the firm Anderson Lloyd.

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- (b) emailed to andrew.feierabend@meridianenergy.co.nz and
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Advice

If you have any questions about this notice, contact the Environment Court in
Auckland, Wellington, or Christchurch.

Attachment 1: Meridian Energy Limited's interest in the appeal of KiwiRail Holdings Limited

Provision in which Meridian has a s274 interest	Relief sought by the appellant	Meridian's position	Reason for Meridian's support or opposition
<p>The definition of 'reverse sensitivity'.</p>	<p>KiwiRail seeks that the definition of the term 'reverse sensitivity' is amended so that the last sentence of the definition is deleted as follows:</p> <p><i>Reverse sensitivity means the potential for the development, upgrading, operation and maintenance of an existing lawfully established activity to be compromised constrained or curtailed by the more recent establishment or alteration of another activity which may be sensitive to the actual, potential or perceived environmental effects generated by an existing activity.</i></p> <p><i>Development' and 'upgrading' of an existing activity in this definition are limited to where the effects are the same or similar in character, intensity, and scale to those which existed before the development or upgrade.</i></p>	<p>Supports</p>	<p>Meridian supports the proposed amendment to the definition of reverse sensitivity for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The last sentence of the definition limits reverse sensitivity effects to those associated with a pre-development scenario; (b) This limitation is problematic for the development of large-scale regionally significant infrastructure including renewable electricity generation activities (particularly where these occur in stages); (c) The limitation has the potential to reduce the protections against adverse reverse sensitivity effects that are provided by the Plan's policies and, thereby, to constrain the development of regionally significant infrastructure including the railway corridor and renewable electricity generation activities;

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			<p>(d) The last sentence of the definition is inconsistent with current best practice definitions of 'reverse sensitivity' found in contemporary district plans;</p> <p>(e) In the case of the upgrading of renewable electricity generation activities, the last sentence of the definition is not necessary because upgrading requires consent under Rule ENG-R7. The protection the last sentence seeks to provide is already provided for within the Plan; and</p> <p>(f) The last sentence fails to give full effect to Policy D of the National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation 2011.</p>