

In the Environment Court of New Zealand
Wellington Registry

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

ENV-2025-WLG-000035

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| 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 | Federated Farmers of New Zealand Incorporated 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:

Federated Farmers of New Zealand Incorporated v Carterton, Masterton and South Wairarapa District Councils (ENV-2025-WLG-000035) 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 submission and 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



Michael Garbett/Rebecca Kindiak
Counsel for the Meridian Energy Limited

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

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Documents for service on the filing party may be left at that address for service
or may be:

- (a) posted to the solicitor at P O Box 2146, Christchurch 8140; or
- (b) emailed to andrew.feierabend@meridianenergy.co.nz and
ellie.taffs@meridianenergy.co.nz.

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 Federated Farmers of New Zealand Incorporated

| Provision in which Meridian has a s274 interest | Relief sought by the appellant | Meridian's position | Reason for Meridian's support or opposition |
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| Policy ECO-P8 | <p>Delete Policy ECO-P8 in its entirety.</p> <p>Alternatively, if this relief is not accepted then it is sought that the policy is amended to read:</p> <p><i>Manage the modification of indigenous vegetation outside of habitats comprising significant indigenous vegetation or significant habitats of indigenous fauna to ensure any adverse effects on the indigenous biodiversity are avoided, remedied, or mitigated, considering:</i></p> <p>...</p> <p><u>e. regarding primary production activities:</u></p> <p><u>i. the functional or operational need for primary production to occur on rural land;</u></p> <p><u>ii. the need to avoid perverse consequences that could arise from discouraging landowners either planting indigenous biodiversity, or supporting regeneration of indigenous biodiversity on their property;</u></p> <p><u>iii. the need to allow maintenance of improved</u></p> | Neither opposes or supports | <p>The reasons for Meridian's interest in this appeal are:</p> <p>(a) Policy ECO-P8 was amended, in response to submissions including by Meridian, to give effect to Part 1.3 (3) of the NPSIB;</p> <p>(b) In particular, the specification in clause (e) of Policy ECO-P8 that the clause (e) requirements do not apply to renewable electricity generation activities gives effect to Part 1.3 (3) of the NPSIB. Clauses (a) to (d) of Policy ECO-P8 provide a framework for managing the effects of renewable electricity generation activities that is appropriate for the operational requirements of renewable electricity generation activities; and</p> <p>(c) Meridian does not oppose the insertion of an additional new clause (e) as proposed by the appellant, with consequential re-numbering of the current clause (e) as clause (f),</p> |

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| | <p><u>pasture;</u></p> <p>e f. to require adverse effects of activities other than renewable electricity generation activities, <u>or any primary production activities related to clause (e)</u>, on biological diversity of indigenous species and habitats to be managed as follows."</p> | | <p>provided re-numbered clause (f) retains the exception for renewable electricity generation activities.</p> |