

BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA

UNDER	The Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)
IN THE MATTER	Appeals under clause 14(1) of the First Schedule of the Act in relation to the Proposed Southland Water and Land Plan
BETWEEN	MERIDIAN ENERGY LIMITED Appellant
AND	SOUTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL Respondent

MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL FOR MERIDIAN ENERGY LIMITED TOPIC B
TRANCHE 1 – PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE 1 MARCH 2023

24 FEBRUARY 2022

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Appellants

AND SOUTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Respondent

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT

- 1 The Court has scheduled a further pre-hearing conference for 1 March 2023 in relation to outstanding matters arising from the Fifth Interim Decision dated 23 December 2023.
- 2 Meridian Energy Limited's only interest in the outstanding matters concerns Rule 51(e). Meridian supports the Respondent's position in relation to that Rule. Meridian is not a party to the High Court appeals filed by the Respondent, Federated Farmers and the Dairy Interests.
- 3 Meridian will abide any direction or procedural decision the Court may make at the pre-hearing conference on 1 March 2023 and seeks leave to be excused from appearing.



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24 February 2023

