

**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 and ALLIANCE GROUP LIMITED Appellants
AND	SOUTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL Respondent

MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL REGARDING

POTENTIAL EXTENDED TIMING OF HEARING

28 May 2019

Judicial Officer: Judge Borthwick

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Appellants

AND SOUTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Respondent

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT

- 1 Counsel is responding to the indication from the Court that if the hearing is not completed in the time allocated in the weeks of 4 and 10 June, the Court has capacity to continue the hearing in the following week, from 17 to 20 June.
- 2 I also note the indication that counsel for the Respondent have an existing fixture on the 17th, and have requested that if the hearing is to be continued in that week it does not recommence until Tuesday 18 June.
- 3 Counsel advises that I have a longstanding family commitment involving overseas travel from the evening of 19 June and respectfully seeks the Court's indulgence to ensure that if the hearing extends beyond the two week period set down, the active participation phases for the parties I represent in these proceedings (Meridian Energy Limited and Alliance Group Limited) are completed by the luncheon adjournment on 19 June. Representatives of both parties will remain in Court in the event that the hearing continues beyond lunch on 19 June.
- 4 Counsel also advises that the ecological witness for Meridian Energy Limited, Dr James, is unavailable in the week of 17 June due to overseas travel commitments, and I respectfully request that his evidence be taken in the week of 10 June (currently scheduled to be heard on 13 June as per the updated schedule prepared by counsel for the Respondent dated 24 May).



Stephen Christensen

Counsel for Meridian Energy Limited and Alliance Group Limited

28 May 2019

