

Under the Resource Management Act 1991

In the matter of An appeal under clause 14(1) of the First Schedule of the Act in relation to the Proposed Southland Water and Land Plan

Between **Alliance Group Limited**
Appellant

And **Southland Regional Council**
Respondent

Notice of wish to be a party to proceedings on behalf of Meridian Energy Limited

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NOTICE OF PERSON'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS
Section 274, Resource Management Act 1991

TO: The Registrar
Environment Court
Christchurch

- 1 Meridian Energy Limited (**Meridian**) wishes to be a party to appeal ENV-2018-CHC-39 filed by Alliance Group Limited (**Appellant**) against parts of a decision of Southland Regional Council (**Respondent**) on the Proposed Southland Water and Land Plan (**pSWLP**).
- 2 Meridian made submissions and/or further submissions on the subject matter of the proceedings and/or has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has, as an operator and owner of renewable electricity generation assets in Southland including the Manapouri hydro-electric generation scheme and White Hill wind farm near Mossburn.
- 3 Meridian is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Act.
- 4 The part of the proceeding Meridian is interested in, and Meridian's position in relation to the relief the Appellant seeks is as follows:

Rules 5 and 6

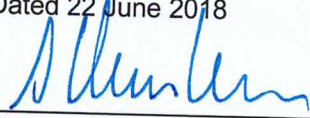
The Appellant seeks that these Rules be amended so that achieving the Appendix E Water Quality Standards and Appendix C Sediment Guidelines are not determinative of activity status for discharges from its processing plants, and that these discharges be classified as discretionary activities.

Meridian's position

Meridian seeks the retention of the decision version of Appendix E which includes recognition that some water quality parameters in Appendix E do not apply where they cannot be met because of alterations to natural flows for the operation of the Manapouri hydro-electric generation scheme. If this recognition was removed from Appendix E as a consequence of other appeals Meridian would support recognition of discharges related to the Manapouri hydro-electric generation scheme in Rules 5 and 6 consistent with the approach the Appellant seeks in relation to discharges from its processing plants.

- 5 Meridian agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated 22 June 2018



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