

To
the Registrar
Environment Court
Christchurch

I, Robert Kempthorne (Director of Mavora Farms Ltd), wish to be a party to the following proceedings: In the matter of the Resource Management Act 1991 and in the matter of an appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 to the Act and of the Proposed Southland Water and Land Plan (pSWLP) between Aratiatia Livestock Limited (appellant) and Southland Regional Council (respondent)

I am a person who has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public as we are resident on the upper Waiau catchment above the Manapouri lake control structure and the implications of changes in the pSWLP post submissions means that our Te Anau basin region is severely disadvantaged given the concessions given to Meridian Energy and the Manapouri hydroelectric power station.

I am not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.

I am interested in part of the proceedings.

The part of the proceedings I am interested in the provisions relating to the Waiau River, specifically, Objective 10, Policy 26, Rule 52A, and Appendix E.

I am interested in the following particular issues:

The decision of the pSWLP commissioners to grant controlled activity status for Meridian Energy's water take. The "naturalization" of its artificial control structures. The fact that the Waiau FMU map does not even recognize the outlet of the power station into Deep Cove where more than 500cumecs/sec of the Waiau rivers' water disappears to.

I support the relief sought because—

Every person living within and or with a significant interest in this Waiau catchment is trying to come to grips and play their part in meeting the modern day objectives of 2018 and the expectations of our communities (both locally and nationally) have on fresh water quality and quantity. Meridian Energy seem intent of operating like it is still 1963 when no one else can, Environment Southland has made it easier for Meridian Energy to effectively exclude themselves from any community based discussion about the health of the Waiau. We all have to be part of the solution and so therefore I support the relief sought as listed in the appellants appeals on pages 9-12 of Aratiatia Livestock Limited appeal document. The pSWLP does not allow in its current format in fact they've made it harder for the Waiau catchment community wishes to be heard and we deserve to have a greater say in the outcomes that effect not only our environment but also the ramifications to our businesses when limit setting on nutrient loading comes into play.

I agree to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.