

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 **Fonterra Co-operative 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-27 filed by Fonterra Co-operative 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:

Policy 16

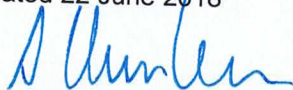
The Appellant seeks the deletion of Policy 16(1)(b)(ii) which seeks to establish a framework for controlling the effects of new or more intensive dairy farming or intensive winter grazing pending the development of Freshwater Management Unit objectives.

Meridian's position

Meridian opposes the relief sought by the Appellant and supports the decision version of Policy 16. The effective control of the effects on water quality of new and more intensive dairying and winter grazing activities pending the development of Freshwater Management unit objectives is an important matter in meeting the objectives of the Southland Regional Policy Statement and the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014.

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

Dated 22 June 2018



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