

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT CHRISTCHURCH
I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
KI ŌTAUTAHI**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND appeals under clause 14 of the First Schedule of the Act

BETWEEN MERIDIAN ENERGY LIMITED
(ENV-2018-CHC-38)
Appellant

AND SOUTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
Respondent

**MINUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
Resume hearing
(2 December 2022)**

[1] This Minute is released for the purpose of case management.

[2] As parties are aware this case was set down for five days commencing 14 November 2022.

[3] It had been the court's expectation that a one-week hearing time would be sufficient, but that if more time is required the hearing could continue in the week commencing 12 December 2022. However, Mr Donnelly is not available that week.

[4] While parties have worked hard to find a solution, it is now clear to me that if court resumes on 9 December and 13-15 December 2022 there is no reasonable



prospect of releasing the tranche one decision on the proposed plan before Christmas. Hearing time aside, more reading time will be required for new evidence.

[5] Given the above, I wish to adjourn the proceeding through to a firm hearing in the week commencing **Monday 27 March 2023**. I seek the parties' views on the adjournment and the alternative hearing week.

Directions

[6] While the hearing has yet to be formally set down to resume 13 December 2022, any party opposing the adjournment is to file a memorandum by **Monday 5 December 2022**.

[7] At the same time, if the parties wish to seek an enlargement in timetable directions for filing new evidence, they are to confer and propose directions.

Leave

[8] Leave is reserved for the parties to seek further (or other) directions.

Jane S.



J E Borthwick
Environment Judge

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