

**In the Environment Court
I Mua I Te Kōti Taiao O Aotearoa
Wellington Registry
Te Whanganui-a-Tara Rohe**

ENV-2024-WLG-000027

Under the Resource Management Act 1991
And in the matter of an application under Section 274 of the Act

Between

Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities

Appellant

and

Wellington City Council

Respondent

**Notice of Meridian Energy Limited's wish to be party to
proceedings**

5 July 2024

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To: The Registrar
Environment Court
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1. Meridian Energy Limited (**Meridian**) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:
 - (a) *Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities v Wellington City Council*
– ENV-2024-WLG-000027.
2. Meridian made a submission and a further submission about the subject matter of the proceedings and has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has as a renewable energy generator and provider with interests in the Wellington District.
3. Meridian is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the **Act**).
4. Meridian is interested in all of the proceedings.
5. Meridian is interested in the following particular issue:
 - (a) The proposed deletion or amendments to the definition of “reverse sensitivity” in the Wellington City Council District Plan.
6. Meridian opposes the relief sought, including for the following reasons:
 - (a) A number of provisions refer to the concept of reverse sensitivity, and including a definition is helpful to plan users and ensures that the meaning of that concept will be applied consistently;
 - (b) Meridian prefers the wording of the decisions version of the definition of “reverse sensitivity”, including the reference to development and upgrading of existing lawfully established activities;
 - (c) The relief sought by the Appellant fails to give effect to the National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation as required by section 75(3) of the Act; and

(d) The relief sought is otherwise contrary to Part 2 and the purpose of the Act being to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Ward / M Exton', is written over a horizontal line.

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Dated 5 July 2024

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If you have any questions about this notice, contact the Environment Court in Auckland, Wellington, or Christchurch.