

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

ENV-2024-WLG-000023

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

Between

**Wellington International Airport
Limited**

Appellant

and

Wellington City Council

Respondent

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

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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) *Wellington International Airport Limited v Wellington City Council*
– ENV-2024-WLG-000023.
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 part of the proceedings.
5. Meridian is interested in the following parts of the proceedings:
 - (a) Strategic Objective SCA-O1;
 - (b) Strategic Objective SCA-O4; and
 - (c) Strategic Objective SCA-O6.
6. Meridian is interested in the following particular issues: amendments to Strategic Objectives SCA-O1, SCA-O4, and SCA-O6.
7. Meridian opposes in part the relief sought with respect to Strategic Objective SCA-O1, including for the following reasons:
 - (a) Meridian prefers the decisions version of Strategic Objective SCA-O1, particularly the support for renewable electricity generation activities that contribute to the transition away from dependence on fossil fuels;

- (b) 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
 - (c) 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.
8. Meridian supports the relief sought with respect to Strategic Objectives SCA-O4 and SCA-O6, including for the following reasons:
- (a) Meridian supports the publicly notified version of SCA-O4, and supports the word “new” being removed from the decisions version of this objective to ensure that it applies to both new and existing infrastructure;
 - (b) Meridian supports the publicly notified version of SCA-O6, as the changes made in the decisions version of this objective reduce the recognition of regionally significant infrastructure; and
 - (c) The publicly notified versions of both SCA-O4 and SCA-O6 appropriately give effect to the National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation as required by section 75(3) of the Act.
9. Meridian agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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Advice

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