

IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND
AT CHRISTCHURCH

I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
KI ŌTAUTAHI

Env-2025-CHC-079

IN THE MATTER

of the Resource Management Act 1991
(the **RMA**)

AND

an appeal under clause 14, Schedule 1
of the RMA

BETWEEN

HELIVENTURES NZ LIMITED

Appellant

AND

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Respondent

NOTICE OF WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS

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Notice of Meridian Energy Limited's wish to be party to the appeal by Heliventures NZ Limited against parts of the decision on Plan Change 30 to the Mackenzie District Plan

To The Registrar
Environment Court
Christchurch

And The Appellant

And The Respondent

1. **MERIDIAN ENERGY LIMITED (Meridian)** wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:
 - (a) ENV-2025-CHC-079, an appeal by Heliventures NZ Limited (**the Appellant**) against parts of the decisions of the Mackenzie District Council (**the Respondent**) on Proposed Plan Change 30 to the Mackenzie District Plan (**plan change**).
2. Meridian made a submission and further submission about the subject matter of the Appeal, and is an appellant against parts of the decisions on the plan change, and on proposed Plan Change 28.
3. Meridian has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than that of the public generally as owner and operator of the part of the existing Waitaki Power Scheme. Meridian is directly affected by reverse sensitivity effects caused by development within the Hydro Inundation Hazard Overlay (**HIHO**).
4. Meridian is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the RMA.
5. Meridian is only interested in the parts of the proceedings that relate to:
 - (a) Thresholds for staff, residential, and visitor accommodation set in the Airport Special Purpose Zone (**AIRPZ**) chapter; and
 - (b) The activity status for visitor accommodation in AIRPZ-R9 and AIRPZ-R10.

6. Meridian is interested in particular in how activities that are within both the AIRPZ and the HIHO are regulated and considered under the Mackenzie District Plan.
7. Meridian opposes the relief sought, including because it would:
 - (a) fail to properly recognise that the Pūkaki Airport and surrounding land are entirely within the HIHO, where risk to people and property needs to be appropriately managed;
 - (b) fail to appropriately avoid the reverse sensitivity effects on the Waitaki Power Scheme which could result from the intensification that would be enabled within the HIHO;
 - (c) fail to minimise risk to human health and property from the hydro inundation hazard that the Waitaki Power Scheme presents;
 - (d) fail to have particular regard to s 7(i) and (j) of the RMA, and would be inconsistent with Part 2 of the RMA;
 - (e) fail to give effect to either the National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation 2011 or the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement; and
 - (f) be inconsistent with the Strategic Objective ATC-04 of the Mackenzie District Plan, and with the approach taken in the Hydro-Inundation Chapter of the Plan as reflected in decisions on Plan Change 28.
8. Meridian agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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Advice to recipients of this notice

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