

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
AT WELLINGTON**

**I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA  
KI TE WHANGANUI-A-TARA**

IN THE MATTER

of appeals under clause 14 of the First  
Schedule to the Resource Management  
Act 1991

BETWEEN

MERIDIAN ENERGY LIMITED

(ENV-2024-WLG-000042)

(and all other appellants listed on  
the attached Appendix 1)

Appellants

AND

WELLINGTON REGIONAL  
COUNCIL

Respondent

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**MINUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
(19 February 2025)**

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**Introduction**

[1] The Court has received the Memorandum dated 14 February 2025 and generally accepts the approach to case management proposed. However, there is one matter that requires further clarification.

[2] The Memorandum suggests that the issue of Guildford Timber Ltd's status as a s 274 party "be addressed as and when the relevant appeals are dealt with at mediation". It is not clear to the Court how that is envisaged to occur.

[3] If the Regional Council or any other party considers that Guildford Timber Ltd's interest does not meet the requirements of s 274(1)(d) of the Act then it would generally be expected that the matter would be resolved prior to the mediation being convened.

### **Directions**

[4] The Regional Council is to provide a memorandum setting out any objection to Guildford Timber Ltd's status as a s 274 party at least fifteen (15) working days prior to any mediation on an appeal topic which Guildford Timber Ltd has expressed an intention to be a party to.

[5] Appeal points related to topics vi – ix are to be set down for mediation after mid-April 2025, on the topic-by-topic basis proposed in Annexure A of the memorandum. The Mediation Manager will liaise with the parties to timetable such mediations.

[6] The Regional Council is to file and serve a position paper in relation to each topic no later than fifteen (15) working days prior to the date of mediation for that topic:

- (a) All appellants are to file and serve position papers on each topic no later than ten (10) working days prior to the date of mediation for that topic; and
- (b) All s 274 parties are to file and serve position papers on each topic no later than five (5) working days prior to the date of mediation for that topic; and
- (c) Following the conclusion of mediation, the parties are to agree and file with the Commissioner a mediation statement or agreement that confirms the outcomes of mediation, and next steps.

[7] The Regional Council is directed it to file and serve a memorandum reporting on any progress made in direct discussions on all of the other appeal topics on or

before 1 May 2025 and seeking any directions necessary to progress the other appeal points.



**L J Semple**  
**Environment Judge**



**Appendix 1**

<b>ENV-2024-WLG-000042</b>	Meridian Energy Limited
<b>ENV-2024-WLG-000043</b>	Porirua City Council
<b>ENV-2024-WLG-000044</b>	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated
<b>ENV-2024-WLG-000045</b>	Federated Farmers of New Zealand
<b>ENV-2024-WLG-000046</b>	Wellington City Council
<b>ENV-2024-WLG-000047</b>	Hutt City Council
<b>ENV-2024-WLG-000048</b>	Upper Hutt City Council
<b>ENV-2024-WLG-000050</b>	Transpower New Zealand Limited
<b>ENV-2024-WLG-000051</b>	Winstone Aggregates
<b>ENV-2024-WLG-000052</b>	New Zealand Transport Agency - Waka Kotahi
<b>ENV-2024-WLG-000053</b>	Waikanae North Developments Limited
<b>ENV-2024-WLG-000054</b>	Kapiti Coast District Council
<b>ENV-2024-WLG-000055</b>	Wellington International Airport Limited