

**In the Environment Court
I Mua I Te Kōti Taiao O Aotearoa
Auckland Registry
Tāmaki Makaurau Rohe**

ENV-2022-AKL-000055

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

Between

Middlemiss Farm Holdings Limited

Appellant

and

Waikato District Council

Respondent

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

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To: The Registrar
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1. Meridian Energy Limited (**Meridian**) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:
 - (a) *Middlemiss Farm Holdings Limited v Waikato District Council* – ENV-2022-AKL-000055.
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 Waikato District.
3. Meridian is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the **RMA**).
4. Meridian is interested in part of the proceedings.
5. Meridian is interested in the following parts of the proceedings:
 - (a) Amendments to Part 2: District-wide matters / Natural environment values / ECO – Ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity;
 - (b) Amendments to Part 2: District-wide matters / Natural environment values / NATC – Natural character;
 - (c) Amendments to Part 3: Area-specific matters / Zones / Rural zone / GRUZ – General rural zone; and
 - (d) Amendments to Part 4: Schedules and appendices / APP3 – Biodiversity offsetting.
6. Meridian is interested in the following particular issues:
 - (a) The appellant's request (set out in paragraphs 38 (a) and (b) of the notice of appeal) that the Decision be overturned, in part, in

accordance with the grounds outlined in the appeal and the relief sought.

7. Meridian neither supports nor opposes the relief sought, including for the following reasons:
 - (a) The relief sought is unspecific and uncertain and it is not possible to evaluate the potential implications the relief sought might have on Meridian's interests in the Waikato District. Therefore, Meridian is interested in any further amendments to provisions, or the development of any additional provisions that may be included in the chapters of the Proposed Waikato District Plan described in paragraph [5] above, in response to the appellant's requested relief.
8. Meridian agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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Dated 22 March 2022

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