

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

ENV-2022-AKL-000042

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

Between

Fonterra Co-Operative Group Ltd

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
Environment Court
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1. Meridian Energy Limited (**Meridian**) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:
 - (a) *Fonterra Co-Operative Group Ltd v Waikato District Council – ENV-2022-AKL-000042.*
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 part of the proceedings:

Part 1: Introduction and general provisions / Interpretation

 - (a) Definitions.
6. Meridian is interested in the following particular issues:
 - (a) The appellant's request to insert a definition of 'reverse sensitivity'.
7. Meridian supports the relief sought, including for the following reasons:
 - (a) Meridian's own submission and further submission sought retention of or amendments to particular provisions of the Proposed Waikato District Plan related to reverse sensitivity to ensure these provisions protect authorised and existing lawfully established large-scale wind farms from adverse reverse sensitivity effects.

(b) Meridian supported a definition of 'reverse sensitivity' that was proposed in a section 42A report to Hearing 22. This definition was not included in the Decisions Version Plan.

(c) Meridian is interested in any inclusion of a definition of 'reverse sensitivity' because the wording of this definition has potential implications for reverse sensitivity policies on which Meridian made submissions.

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



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