

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
WELLINGTON REGISTRY**

**ENV-2024-WLG-000042**

**I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA  
TE WHANGANUI-A-TARA ROHE**

**IN THE MATTER**

**of an appeal under Clause 14 of  
Schedule 1 of the Resource  
Management Act 1991**

**BETWEEN**

**Meridian Energy Limited  
Appellant**

**AND**

**Greater Wellington Regional Council  
Respondent**

**NOTICE OF THE ROYAL FOREST AND BIRD PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND  
INCORPORATED'S WISH TO BECOME A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 274  
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

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**Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society Inc**

Solicitor Acting: May Downing/Erika Toleman

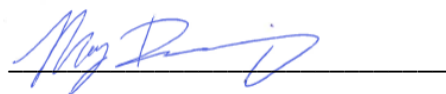
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**To: The Registrar  
Environment Court  
Wellington**

1. The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated (**Forest & Bird** or **the Society**) wishes to be a party to the appeal by Meridian Energy Limited (Appellant) on Greater Wellington Regional Council's (**respondent**) decisions on the non-freshwater planning instrument parts of Proposed Change 1 and variation 1 to the Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington Region (**PC1**).
2. Forest & Bird made a submission and further submission on PC1.
3. Forest & Bird is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308D of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. Forest & Bird has an interest greater than the public generally as an incorporated society with a well-known role in the protection of indigenous biodiversity.<sup>1</sup>
5. Forest & Bird is interested in all of the proceeding other than Objective CC.7.
6. Forest & Bird **opposes** the relief sought in relation Policies 7 and 47 because the extent to which the appellant seeks to provide for renewable energy is not consistent with the Act or relevant national direction.
7. Forest & Bird agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated: 9 December 2024



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<sup>1</sup> See *Marlborough District Council v Burkhardt Fisheries Ltd* [2018] NZEnvC 26 and [31]