

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND  
I MUA I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA**

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**ENV-2024-CHC-022**

*IN THE MATTER* of the Resource Management Act  
1991 ("Act")

*AND*

*IN THE MATTER* of an appeal under clause 14  
Schedule 1 of the Act concerning  
the **Proposed Otago Regional  
Policy Statement 2021**

*BETWEEN* **MERIDIAN ENERGY LIMITED**

Appellant

*AND* **OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Respondent

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**Memorandum seeking leave to withdraw and be excused from  
mediation in relation to the pORPS (Non-Freshwater)**

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**May it please the Court**

1. Meridian Energy Limited (**Meridian**) filed an appeal on the proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021 (Non-freshwater) (**pORPS**), and is a section 274 party in relation to other pORPS appeals.
2. Meridian has taken note of the Otago Regional Council's explanation of how the broad scope of the Cain Whanau appeal may be addressed during mediation, and therefore seeks to be excused from mediation on the 'Group 1: Mana Whenua and Maori Land' topic. Meridian will abide by the outcome of the mediation.



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