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| <p><u>Rule WH.R5: Stormwater from new and redeveloped impervious surfaces – permitted activity</u> <u>The use of land for the creation of new, or redevelopment of existing impervious surfaces (including greenfield development and redevelopment activities of existing urbanised property) and the associated discharge of stormwater into water, or onto or into land where it may enter a surface water body or coastal water, including through an existing or new local authority stormwater network, that is not a high risk industrial or trade premise or unplanned greenfield development, is a permitted activity, provided the following conditions are met:</u></p> <p>(a) <u>the proposal involves the creation of new, or redevelopment of existing impervious areas of less than 1,000m² (baseline property existing impervious area as at 30 October 2023) and</u> (b) <u>all new building materials associated with the development shall not include exposed zinc (including galvanised steel) or copper roof, cladding and spouting materials, and</u> (c) <u>from the date the decisions on submissions to Proposed Plan change 1 for the Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region (2023) is publicly notified, the proposal provides hydrological control measures (for example rain tanks) onsite or offsite, where discharges will enter a surface water body (including via an existing local authority stormwater network):</u> (i) <u>for all impervious areas associated with a greenfield development, or</u> (ii) <u>for all redeveloped and new impervious areas involving greater than 30m² of impervious area of a redevelopment (of an existing urbanised property), and</u> (d) <u>the discharge is not from, onto or into SLUR Category III land, unless the stormwater does not come into contact with SLUR Category III land, and</u> (e) <u>the discharge does not contain wastewater, and</u></p> | <p>Meridian opposes Rule WH.R5</p> | <p>Amend Rule WH.R5 to specify that conditions (a) to (h) do not apply to the use of land and associated discharge of stormwater where the land use is regionally significant infrastructure on land that has a District Plan rural zoning where the discharge of stormwater is not into any reticulated urban stormwater network; or</p> <p>Alternatively, limit the applicability of Rule WH.R5 to development located in urban zones; or</p> <p>Alternatively, amend the definition of 'impervious surfaces' so that the definition captures only development in the urban environment, as intended by the relevant policies, and excludes impervious surfaces associated with regionally significant infrastructure in the rural environment; and</p> <p>Retain the operative Natural Resources Plan Rules R48, R51 and R55 in respect of stormwater discharges from regionally significant infrastructure in the rural environment.</p> | <p>This submission reiterates the opposition stated in Meridian's further submission on PC1 to the entirety of proposed Rule WH.R5 as it applies to regionally significant infrastructure in the rural environment:</p> <p>It is apparent from the PC1 policies that Rule WH.R5 and related rules were intended to focus on the urban environment. However, the reference in Rule WH.R5 to 'new' impervious surfaces captures new paved and sealed surfaces in the rural environment. Meridian opposes all of the standards in Rule WH.R5 to the extent that these apply to regionally significant infrastructure (including renewable electricity generation activities) in the rural environment. Meridian opposes the 1000m² area limit imposed in clause (a) as applies to regionally significant infrastructure. The 1000m² limit is not relevant for regionally significant infrastructure projects on large sites (such as wind farms) in the rural environment. Meridian opposes the standards specified in clauses (b) to (h) as applied to regionally significant infrastructure. These standards are not relevant for regionally significant infrastructure, such as renewable electricity generation activities in the rural environment, where the discharge of</p> |

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| (f) <u>the concentration of total suspended solids in the discharge shall not exceed:</u> (i) <u>50g/m3 where the discharge enters a site or habitat identified in Schedule A (outstanding water bodies).</u> | | | stormwater from buildings and sealed surfaces is generally into or onto land. |

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| <p><u>Schedule C (mana whenua), Schedule F1 (rivers/lakes), Schedule F3 (identified natural wetlands), Schedule F4 (coastal sites), or Schedule H1 (contact recreation), or</u></p> <p>(ii) <u>100g/m3 where the discharge enters any other water, and where the discharge is not via an existing or new local authority stormwater network:</u></p> <p>(g) <u>the discharge shall not cause any erosion of the channel or banks of the receiving water body or the coastal marine area, and</u></p> <p>(h) <u>the discharge shall not give rise to the following effects beyond the zone of reasonable mixing:</u></p> <p>(i) <u>the production of any conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials, or (</u></p> <p>(ii) <u>any conspicuous change in the colour, or</u></p> <p>(iii) <u>a decrease in water clarity of more than 1. 20% in a River class 1 and in any river identified as having high macroinvertebrate community health in Schedule F1 (rivers/lakes), or 2. 30% in any other river, or</u></p> <p>(iv) <u>any emission of objectionable odour, or</u></p> <p>(v) <u>the freshwater is unsuitable for consumption by farm animals, or</u></p> <p>(vi) <u>any significant adverse effects on aquatic life.</u></p> <p><u>Note Where a property connects to a local authority stormwater network, additional connection requirements and authorisations may be required by the network utility operator.</u></p> | | | |
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| <p><u>In respect of the deletion of certain operative rules from applying within the Te Whanganui-a-Tara and Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua:</u></p> | <p><u>Meridian opposes the proposed deletions</u></p> | <p><u>As detailed in its further submission dated 8 March 2024, Meridian requests the reinstatement of operative NRP Rules R48, R55, R101, R102, R103, R103, R104, R105, R106, and R107 in the Te Whanganui-a-Tara and Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua, so that these rules apply in all Whaitua.</u></p> | <p><u>As a consequence of the decisions Meridian requests (detailed in other submission points) these rules should be retained as relevant for all Whaitua.</u></p> |
| <p><u>In respect of the balance of PC1:</u></p> | <p><u>Meridian supports or opposes the proposed provisions as detailed in Meridian's further submission dated 8 March 2024.</u></p> | <p><u>Meridian requests the decisions set out in Meridian's further submission dated 8 March 2024.</u></p> | <p><u>Meridian's reasons are as detailed in Meridian's further submission dated 8 March 2024.</u></p> |