

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
WELLINGTON REGISTRY**

ENV-2019-WLG-000115

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of an appeal pursuant to Clause 14(1) of
the First Schedule to the Act

BETWEEN Meridian Energy Limited
Appellant

AND Greater Wellington Regional Council
Respondent

**NOTICE OF REPRESENTATION AT PROCEEDINGS
UNDER SECTION 274 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

To: The Environment Court Registrar
PO Box 5027
Wellington

1. Z Energy Limited, BP Oil New Zealand Limited and Mobil Oil New Zealand Limited (“the Oil Companies”) wish to be a party to the following proceedings:
 - 1.1 ENV-2019-WLG-000115 between Meridian Energy Limited (“Appellant”) and Greater Wellington Regional Council (“Respondent”) in relation to the respondent’s decisions on submissions to the Proposed Wellington Regional Plan (“the Proposed Regional Plan”).
2. The Oil Companies lodged submissions on the Proposed Regional Plan on the subject matter of the proceedings.
3. The Oil Companies receive, store and distribute refined petroleum products. Within the Wellington Region, the Oil Companies own, operate and/or supply service stations, truck stops and various commercial activities, including Wellington International Airport. These facilities provide an essential service to the residents and businesses of Wellington Region.
4. The Oil Companies also own and operate bulk storage facilities and associated pipelines, including located at Seaview and adjacent to Wellington Airport, from which petroleum products are distributed throughout the region and beyond. These facilities are recognised in the Proposed Regional Plan as regionally significant infrastructure and are critical to the functioning of the region as a whole.
5. The Oil Companies are not trade competitors for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
6. The Oil Companies are interested in the following matters raised by the Appellant:
 - 6.1 Policy P24: Assessing outstanding natural character (paragraph 28).
 - 6.2 Rule R101 (paragraph 36).
7. The reasons for the Oil Companies’ interest in these matters are as follows:
 - 7.1 The Oil Companies seek to ensure that the provisions of the Proposed Regional Plan continue to provide appropriate recognition and provision for the Oil Companies’ assets, in particular those comprising regionally significant

infrastructure; and do not unreasonably and/or unnecessarily restrict the Oil Companies' development and maintenance activities and oil industry standardised procedures. The Oil Companies also seek to ensure that the Appellant's appeal does not prevent the outcomes sought in the Oil Companies' own appeal from being achieved.

7.2 The Oil Companies support the relief sought in relation to Policy P24 and wish to be party to the appeal to ensure any further amendments are appropriate and workable and do not unreasonably and/or unnecessarily restrict the Oil Companies' ability to provide for the region's fuel needs.

7.3 The Oil Companies support the relief sought in relation to Rule R101 to provide a restricted discretionary (rather than full discretionary) activity status for activities that do not comply with Rules R99 and R100. The Oil Companies also support the matters of discretion as proposed. The Oil Companies also wish to be party to this appeal to ensure any further amendments do not unreasonably and/or unnecessarily restrict the Oil Companies' ability to provide for the region's fuel needs.

8. The Oil Companies agree to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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A copy of this notice has been served on the following parties:

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