

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

ENV-2011-CHC-090

In the matter of the Resource Management Act 1991

Between **MERIDIAN ENERGY LIMITED**

Applicant

And **HURUNUI DISTRICT COUNCIL and
CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Consent Authorities

**MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL FOR HURUNUI DISTRICT COUNCIL IN
RESPONSE TO THE APPLICATION BY MERIDIAN ENERGY LIMITED DATED 2
JULY 2012 SEEKING DIRECTIONS REGARDING DR ROBERT THORNE**

DATED 5 JULY 2012

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1. This Memorandum responds to the Memorandum of Counsel on behalf of Meridian Energy Limited dated 2 July 2012.
2. Hurunui District Council supports the additional direction sought by Meridian at paragraph 10(a) of its memorandum asking Mr Carr to confirm by 9 July 2012 whether or not Dr Thorne will be attending the hearing, presenting evidence and be available for cross-examination.
3. The Council agrees with the concerns raised by Meridian at paragraphs 5 and 6 of its memorandum. The Council is also concerned about the potential waste of time and resources involved in preparing evidence in reply to evidence that may not be called at the hearing.

DATED at Christchurch this 5th day of July 2012



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