

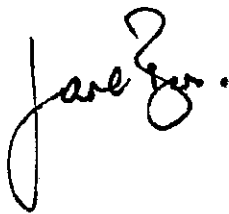
Minute to the Parties

[1] Mr Carr, a section 274 party to the Meridian Energy direct referral, has written to the court in relation to the parties' conference which is set down to occur on **19 December 2011**. Mr Carr is concerned that the date is inappropriate as it is close to Christmas. Mr Carr also suggests that other parties may share his concerns.

[2] Unfortunately, I cannot move the conference date. It is extremely difficult to coordinate resources at the present time and the date of 19 December 2011 is the only date that is available.

[3] It is acknowledged that all parties may not be able to attend this conference. However a further conference will likely be set down in the New Year. Parties should also note that attendance at this particular conference, while strongly recommended, is not compulsory.

DATED at CHRISTCHURCH this 21st day of November 2011



J E Borthwick
Environment Judge

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