

## Appendix Q - FTA Consultation Summary Table

Person / entity / organisation	Method of Consultation	Relevant Documents	Summary
Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury (ECan))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Letter and email correspondence</li> <li>- In person and online meetings including pre-application meeting.</li> </ul>	<i>Pre-application Advice for Meridian Energy Limited - RM253705 - 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025.</i>	An initial letter was sent to ECan on the 25 <sup>th</sup> of February 2025 providing background information, an overview of the proposal, proposed timeframes for submissions of key documents, and an invitation to engage/provide feedback.
		<i>Section 30(3)(b) of the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025.</i>	Further communication has occurred between the applicant and ECan from the 25 <sup>th</sup> of February 2025 to present (including correspondence on the Referral Application). This has included an initial online pre-application meeting and an in-person meeting with key consent planners involved in the Fast-track process.
		<i>Pre-Application Advice for RMA253705, Meridian Energy Limited - Lake Pūkaki Hydro storage and Dam Resilience Works, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025</i>	ECan has provided feedback on the Fast-track process and Meridian has shared the proposed approach to Permitted Baseline and dam safety. A further presentation occurred with ECan's science teams on the 7 <sup>th</sup> of October 2025, to provide an overview of the Project.
			The applicant provided the Substantive Application technical reports, management plans and draft conditions to ECan for review in early-mid October. ECan provided Meridian with feedback on the 24 <sup>th</sup> of October. ECan's feedback and Meridian's responses are provided in <b>Appendix R</b> .
			A meeting involving GHD's air quality experts and ECan's air quality reviewers was held on 31 October 2025 to address review comments. The ECan feedback table ( <b>Appendix R</b> ) contains responses to the feedback, reflecting points discussed in the meeting.
Mackenzie District Council (MDC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Letter</li> <li>- email and phone correspondence</li> <li>- online presentation and meeting</li> </ul>	<i>Section 30(3)(b) of the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025.</i>	The request for identification of any existing resource consents for the same activity under section 30 of the Act was given to ECan on the 6 <sup>th</sup> of October 2025. ECan provided a section 30 response on the 8 <sup>th</sup> of October 2025.
			A letter was sent to MDC on the 25 <sup>th</sup> of February 2025. The letter provided project background information, an overview of the proposal, timeframes and an invitation to engage/provide feedback.
			An online meeting was held on the 8 <sup>th</sup> of October 2025, providing the Council planner with a detailed overview and update of the Project and an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. Meridian noted that the proposal does not require any resource consent from MDC. No major concerns were noted by MDC during this meeting.
			The request for identification of any existing resource consents for the same activity under section 30 of the Act was given to Mackenzie District Council on 9 <sup>th</sup> of October 2025. MDC provided a section 30 response on the 21 <sup>st</sup> of October 2025.

<b>Department of Conservation (DOC)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Email correspondence</li> </ul>	<i>Fast-track pre-lodgement consultation summary, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2025.</i>	<p>DOC were informed of the process via email on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2025 and provided feedback on the referral application on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2025.</p> <p>An online meeting was held with the DOC on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2025. Meridian provided an overview of the project, including preliminary technical assessment findings and approach to lizard management. Following the meeting, DOC provided further advice on lizard surveys in the Mackenzie Basin.</p> <p>On the 10<sup>th</sup> of October, the draft Lizard Management Plan and the draft Ecological Impact Assessment were provided to DOC for review. DOC provided formal feedback on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2025. This included in <b>Appendix S</b>.</p>
<b>Land Information New Zealand (LINZ)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Email correspondence</li> </ul>		<p>LINZ were informed of the process via email on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2025. The information provided by Meridian was forwarded to the Land and Water and Crown Properties Team to review. LINZ expressed no concerns with the proposal. LINZ noted that someone would contact Meridian if any questions or concerns arose.</p> <p>No further response has been received from LINZ.</p>
<b>Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRONT)</b>  <b>Waitaki Rūnaka:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Te Rūnanga o Moeraki</b></li> <li>- <b>Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua</b></li> <li>- <b>Te Rūnanga o Waihao</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Letters sent to Rūnaka Chairs</li> <li>- Email correspondence</li> <li>- Online presentation and meeting.</li> </ul>		<p>Waitaki Rūnaka (Te Rūnanga o Moeraki, Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua and Te Rūnanga o Waihao) / Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu: Meridian has an established relationship with Ngāi Tahu in the Waitaki Catchment through Waitaki Rūnaka. Waitaki Rūnaka speak for mana whenua for this Catchment and involve Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu as they deem appropriate.</p> <p>A letter was sent to Rūnaka chairs on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2025. The letter provided written notice of Meridian’s intention to apply for approvals for eased access to hydro storage and the rock armouring works on Pukaki Dam. The letter included background information and an overview of proposal, including proposed timeframes. Meridian also invited Rūnaka to engage and provide feedback.</p> <p>A follow-up letter was sent on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May. The letter provided an update on the referral process, noting that the application had been accepted as complete. Meridian reiterated that feedback was welcome, and the project team was available to meet to discuss the proposal further.</p> <p>A meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September 2025 was conducted via Teams to discuss the proposal. Meridian provided an overview of the application, detailed the authorisations sort (resource consents and a Wildlife Act permit), provided a summary of the technical assessments and outlined the proposed timing for lodgement of the SA document.</p> <p>Waitaki Rūnaka attendees requested that Meridian provide a short summary of the various steps that are taken in the electricity system during periods of security of supply pressure. Attendees also requested that Meridian consider implementing a hydrological measure that would provide confidence that, in the event low lake levels were being used, it was a result of hydrology and not simply due to aggressive utilisation or management choice.</p> <p>A response to these information requests was provided prior to lodgement of the SA. At the date of lodgement, Meridian’s response was being considered by Rūnaka.</p>

<b>Fish and Game New Zealand (F&amp;G)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Email correspondence</li> <li>- Online and in person meetings</li> </ul>		<p>F&amp;G were informed of the proposal via email on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2025. F&amp;G responded raising concerns relating to the potential loss of both upstream and downstream migration for sockeye salmon in several tributaries. Meridian provided a response noting that this matter was addressed during the Plan Change 1 process and an agreement is in place between Meridian and F&amp;G to mitigate these concerns. Meridian noted that we will continue to honour this agreement if lake levels drop below 518.0 m RL over duration (3-years) of the temporary consent. Further information regarding macrophytes in the littoral zone was provided to F&amp;G for clarification.</p> <p>On the 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2025, an online meeting was held with F&amp;G to provide an update on the Project. Meridian agreed to keep F&amp;G updated regarding project progress through the FTAA. No concerns were noted by F&amp;G.</p> <p>An in-person meeting was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September to discuss the Fast-track process and provide an overview of the preliminary findings of the technical reports. No issues were identified that would require changes to the existing relationship and agreement in place around access to contingent storage.</p>
<b>Ministry for the Environment (MFE)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Response to request for consultation as administrating agency of RMA</li> </ul>	<i>Lake Pūkaki Hydro Storage and Dam Resilience Works - Pre-lodgement consultation under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA), 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025.</i>	Meridian initiated consultation with MFE during the Referral process on the on the 20 <sup>th</sup> of May 2025. MFE responded and requested that Meridian provide an assessment of the project against any relevant National Policy Statement and National Environment Standards.
<b>Catherine Fields Property</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regular in-person and phone updates</li> </ul>		A phone conversation took place on the 9 <sup>th</sup> of October 2025 to update the landowner on the Fast-track application for eased access to hydro storage and the proposed dam armouring works. No concerns were raised. It was agreed that Meridan will continue to keep the landowner updated and discuss any mitigation options as they arise.
<b>Te Araroa Trust (TA)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Email correspondence</li> <li>- Online meeting</li> </ul>		<p>Meeting held with the TA Trail Manager, based in Twizel. Meridian provided an overview of the proposed works and noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Before work starting works, Meridian, and the contractor will develop a safe re-routing plan for walkers and cyclists.</li> <li>- Meridian will consult the TA trail manager prior to starting works to ensure re-routing and traffic management is acceptable.</li> <li>- Ensure any changes to the trail are well communicated on appropriate websites/apps and with signage along the route.</li> </ul> <p>TA Trust provided advice on potential re-routing of the trail and noted that the TA Trust has an App which is well used by trail users.</p> <p>The TA Trust noted that they had no concerns with the proposed Project.</p>
<b>Alps2Ocean (A2O)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Online meeting</li> <li>- Follow-up email correspondence</li> </ul>		<p>Phone discussion between Meridian and the A2O Trail Manager on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September. Meridian provided an overview of the Project and outlined the proposed approach to safely manage cyclists through and around the construction areas.</p> <p>A2O noted the following:</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Peak season for cyclists is November to February, with winter being the least busy time of year.</li> <li>- The trail around the Pines campground / toilet facility has recently shifted closer to the lake and the trail map on the A2O website is not up to date.</li> <li>- Re-routing sections of the trail onto the highway is not an option due to safety concerns. Meridian noted that this is not anticipated.</li> <li>- There is a safe crossing point over the highway located near the carpark entrance.</li> <li>- Management of cyclists through work areas could include stop/go or temporary traffic lights and the use of signage to inform cyclists of any detours.</li> </ul> <p>Key outcomes of the engagement include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Before starting construction works, Meridian, and the contractor will develop a safe re-routing plan for cyclists.</li> <li>- Meridian will consult with the manager of the A2O trail to ensure re-routing and/or traffic management is acceptable.</li> <li>- Meridian will ensure any change to the route is well communicated on the A2O website and with signage</li> </ul>
<b>New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Email correspondence</li> </ul>		<p>In regard to the construction traffic associated with the placement of rip-rap at the main dam site, NZTA have indicated two permissions from the NZTA will be required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Approval to use Temporary Traffic Management (TTM) for trucks crossing the highway and A2O/Te Araroa Trail diversions.</li> <li>- A Corridor Access Request (CAR) to allow NZTA to mitigate any damage to the highway assets (in the case the kerb and sealed carriageway).</li> </ul> <p>NZTA have provided details of the likely information required in the TTM and CAR. Further details are provided in the GHD Report <i>Lake Pukaki Fast-Track Consent: Engineering Structures Assessment</i>. Appended to the Substantive Application.</p>
<b>Genesis Energy (Genesis)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Letters</li> <li>- Online meeting</li> </ul>	<i>Hydraulic Review of Weir and Chut, Damwatch Engineering, 28 October 2025</i>	<p>Genesis has expressed concerns in relation to potential impacts of lake lowering on the Tekapo B power station and spillway.</p> <p>Meridian commissioned Damwatch Engineering to assess potential impacts on Tekapo B and this report was provided to Genesis on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2025. This was followed up with an online meeting to provide an overview of the project and to discuss the report. See <b>Appendix L</b> for Damwatch report.</p> <p>Meridian reiterated that there is an existing agreement in place with Genesis from the 2018 lake lowering application and expressed willingness to establish a similar agreement for the current Project.</p> <p>Engagement with Genesis is on-going.</p>