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Kia ora Awesta,

CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL (CRC) COMMENTS ON DRAFT CONDITIONS

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the draft conditions released by the Panel determining the Lake Pūkaki Hydro Storage and Dam Resilience Works application by Meridian Energy Limited under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

As directed by Minute 7¹, please see attached document which tracks any changes recommended by CRC on the draft conditions. You will note that comments have been included, where appropriate, to support the recommended changes or to raise matters to be considered by the Panel.

It is CRCs experience that draft conditions are provided under s70 FTAA, together with a draft decision which generally includes a discussion of environmental effects and/or commentary for the inclusion of specific conditions. Unfortunately, the draft decision provided with the draft conditions does not include such provisions. While CRC has provided commentary on draft conditions, CRC would appreciate it being noted that these have been made reading the conditions on face value and understanding of the proposal to date, rather than the context of the draft decision document.

Further, CRC notes that the location plans referenced in the draft conditions have not been included in the draft decision and conditions package. As such, CRC is unable to provide comment on those plans at this stage. CRC would be happy to have further discussions with Meridian regarding any location plans that are currently being prepared but have not yet been provided to CRC or the Panel. Noting that such documents are often crucial for the implementation and enforcement of consents, CRC encourages the Panel to ensure that any location plans accurately reflect the activities being authorised.

In preparing comments on the draft conditions, input has been provided by CRC Compliance and by Dr Jack (with respect to ecological management conditions).

Ngā mihi,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susannah Black", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Susannah Black
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¹ [Minute 7 of the expert panel](#) – dated 5 June 2026

ATTACHMENTS – COMMENTS ON CONDITION SETS

Attachment 1	CRC262540	s14 water permit
Attachment 2	CRC262541	s15 discharge to water
Attachment 3	CRC262542	s15 discharge to air
Attachment 4	CRC262543	s13 disturb bed or banks of Lake Pūkaki