

Details for CRC185833

Record number	CRC185833	Client name	Meridian Energy Limited
Consent location	Tekapo Twizel Road, State Highway 8, Lake Pukaki	Status	Issued - s124 Continuance
To	To operate Lake Pukaki below 518 metres AMSL at or about map reference NZMS 260 H38:820-649 (Lake Pukaki Control Structure)		
Commencement date	09 Jul 2018		
Date this record number was issued	09 Jul 2018		
Permit type	Water Permit (s14)		
Record type	New Consent		
Expiry date	31 Dec 2027		

Please note there has been a change to how we represent the date fields. The 'Date this record number was issued' is the date this version of the consent was issued. The 'Commencement date' is when the original version of this consent was issued as per [s116 of the Resource Management Act 1991](#).

- **1** The consent holder shall not manage Lake Pukaki below 518 metres above mean sea level (AMSL) unless the electricity security of supply situation is expressed as a 'Security of Supply Alert' in the security of supply report issued under the current Security of Supply Forecasting and Information Policy (as approved or varied under Part 7 of the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 made under section 36 of the Electricity Industry Act 2010), or any subsequent equivalent regulatory arrangement.
- **2** The consent holder shall exercise this right in conjunction with all other rights which the consent holder holds with respect to the generation of electricity within the Waitaki River system, in such a manner as to minimise, as far as practicable, any adverse effects of the exercise of the rights on the Waitaki River system.
- **3** The consent holder shall advise the Canterbury Regional Council of a Security of Supply Alert, as described in condition 1 above, before Lake Pukaki is reduced below 518 metres AMSL.
- **4**
 - a. When the Security of Supply Alert ends and an Official Conservation Campaign is not in place at that time, the consent holder shall restore Lake Pukaki to the minimum lake level of 518 metres AMSL as soon as practicable.
 - b. During the period within which the minimum lake level of 518 metres AMSL is achieved the consent holder shall advise the Canterbury Regional Council weekly of:
 - i. the strategies adopted to restore Lake Pukaki to the minimum lake level of 518 metres AMSL; and

ii. the lake level at the end of each reporting week.

- **5** The consent holder shall measure and record the lake water levels, related to mean sea level (Lyttelton datum), at a frequency not less than every 60 minutes, to the satisfaction of the Canterbury Regional Council, and shall supply the records to the Council annually.
- **6** On each occasion that the consent holder implements this consent to manage Lake Pukaki below 518 metres AMSL, the consent holder shall, no later than eight weeks following the completion of each lowering event, provide the Canterbury Regional Council with the following information:
 - a. the date and time at which the lake was lowered below 518 metres AMSL;
 - b. the levels at which the lake was managed over the duration of the lowering event;
 - c. the duration of the lowering event; and
 - d. the length of time following completion of the lowering event for the level of Lake Pukaki to be restored to 518 metres AMSL.

Note: 'Lowering event' means each occurrence where there has been a Security of Supply Alert where Lake Pukaki was lowered below 518 meters AMSL under this consent and the lake has been subsequently returned to 518 metres AMSL.

- **7** If the information provided in condition 6 indicates that the timing, duration, frequency and extent of any lowering event is different to what was predicted in the resource consent application then the consent holder must provide a detailed explanation of the differences and the circumstances of their occurrence to the Canterbury Regional Council.
- **8** The Canterbury Regional Council may, once per year, on any of the last five working days of May or November, or within six months of receipt of any information under Condition 7, serve notice of its intention to review the conditions of this consent for the purposes of dealing with any adverse effects on the environment which may arise from the exercise of this consent that is not otherwise authorised by another consent or permitted activity.
- **9** If this consent is not exercised before 30 April 2025, then it shall lapse in accordance with section 125 of the Resource Management Act.