

**In the Environment Court**  
**I Mua I Te Kōti Taiao O Aotearoa**

Under the Resource Management Act 1991

and in the matter of the direct referral of an application for resource consents by  
Meridian Energy Limited in respect of the proposed Mt Munro wind farm under section  
87G of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**).

**Meridian Energy Limited**  
Applicant

and

**Tararua District Council, Masterton District Council, Manawatū-  
Whanganui Regional Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council**  
**(Councils)**  
Consent Authorities

and

**s 274 Parties**

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**Statement of Evidence of James Lloyd Kendrick on behalf of Meridian  
Energy Limited**

**24 May 2024**

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## INTRODUCTION

1. Ko Maunapōhatu tōku Māuna.

Ko Ōhinemataroa tōku awa.

Ko Nati Tawhaki tōku hapū.

Ko Tūhoe tōku Iwi.

Ko Te Urewera raua ko Hine-pūkahu-rani raua ko Te Wharekōtua raua ko Piripi Te Heuheu raua ko Doherty raua ko Melbourne raua ko Whakamoe ōku tipuna.

Ko Te Hiria tōku mama.

Ko Keweni tōku papa.

Ko Hemi tōku ingoa.

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa.

2. My name is James Lloyd Kendrick and I live in Dannevirke.

3. I am employed by Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki nui a Rua Trust (**NKKTNAR**) as a Cultural Advisor with a key focus on Mātauranga/Tikanga/Kawa from a traditional perspective, bringing in the realms of the old to the present better enhancing the outcomes for the future wellness of all of our mokopuna.

4. My experience is a crossover of predominantly place-based Mātauranga, of whakapapa knowledge, passed down through oral korero, with every action and place having an identity remembered through pūrākau.

5. I have a degree in NZ/Mātauranga History, alongside several National Certificates, but my tutors were the people that have gone before us alongside all natural creations that continue to sustain the mauri that ensure the continued existence of Ira Tangata alongside our whanau who reside in the bush, in the soils of our earthmother, in the arteries

we refer to as awa, were the waters of life flow, the sky were the Atua of the four winds blow, these have been and still are my teachers.

6. I was the author of the Ngāti Kahungunu Ki Tāmaki nui-a-rua Cultural Values Assessment (**CVA**) on the proposed Mt Munro Windfarm (the **Project**), which is attached as Appendix J to the Assessment of Effects on the Environment (**AEE**). I have been to the Mt Munro site many times, and am very familiar with it.

## **NGATI KAHUNGUNU KI TAMAKI NUI A RUA AND MERIDIAN**

7. Meridian Energy are partners that value equity:

*"Ko te taua mana tangata, kei te taiao, kei te whenua, kei te wai, kei te hau."*

*People need nature, land, water and wind for life purpose and humanity.*

8. Construction/engineering are all learned and mātauranga is lived. My mahi with Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki nui a Rua alongside Meridian Energy is to build and formalise a space where Mātauranga for NKKTNAR/Iwi/Māori and construction/engineering can meet, contribute and thrive during the construction of the Mt Munro Windfarm Project.
9. Coming from Te Urewera and being involved in huge construction projects like Te Ahu a Turanga and various projects around renewable energies ensure that the contribution of Mātauranga Māori/Iwi and construction/engineering is a living system, which encourages transformational outcomes and not just transactional methods.
10. Meridian as an organisation is sensitised to a holistic approach which includes engagement with kaupapa Māori/Iwi.
11. The relationship fostered between mātauranga Māori/Iwi and construction/engineering responds to establishing a framework of equity and equality.

12. Together we will continue to rekindle traditional knowledge alongside modern research and insights, understanding that people are intrinsically linked to nature – not separate nor above it.
13. Unlearning beliefs and resetting attitudes towards Onukurangi/Biodiversity is necessary to disrupt the narrative of disconnection, and subsequent effects of climate change, pollution and loss of biodiversity.
14. Working alongside and I emphasise alongside, not behind but alongside as whanau with Meridian, we are achieving the visions and aspirations of the past, bringing them to the now ensuring the now transitions into a future that we want our mokopuna to be part of.
15. This is true partnership, this partnership has grown like the seed of the mighty Totara, to become a sapling, partnership is the fertiliser that enhances the growth of one such tree. This engagement NKKTNAR have with Meridian, the vision, is a forest THAT will grow from this partnership.
16. We would like to korero to this statement in support of our partner Meridian. In the true korero of the ancient one kei te kanohi kei te kanohi korero, we can articulate our support in this form better than in written form.
17. This is our evidence as Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki nui a Rua as we continue to support this project.

Ngā mihi nui

**James Kendrick**

24 May 2024