

Table 1: Consultation with persons affected by the project and consultation outcomes

Persons affected by the project	Consultation undertaken to date	Outcomes (to date)
Relevant local authorities: South Taranaki District Council Whanganui District Council Taranaki Regional Council Horizons Regional Council	Meridian met with South Taranaki District Council and Whanganui District Council planning leads at face-to-face meetings on 1st February 2023. The Council planners indicated that a joint council consenting process would likely be led by STDC. Engagement with the local community and mana whenua were discussed as well as the need to address visual, ecology, traffic, noise effects etc. Meridian met with Taranaki and Horizons Regional Councils in April 2024. Regional consenting matters are focused on managing sediment discharges and avoiding wetlands.	Meridian has been in discussion with Te Kaahui o Rauru (TKoR, the post settlement governance entity and mandated Iwi organisation for Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi) since well before engaging with Councils – refer below. Meridian has also commenced detailed ecological assessments and a visual and landscape assessment to inform the placement of turbines, solar arrays and associated infrastructure. As a result of the studies the turbines and solar panels are sited well away from adjoining dwellings, they avoid wetlands and other significant natural areas. Earthworks will also be kept to a minimum with the use of existing farm tracks for construction roads and the placement of structures away from dunes and the coastal environment. Waiinu Energy Park is being designed to avoid natural wetlands and to ensure best practice erosion and sediment controls will be put in place to minimise the discharge of sediment. The expectation is that all regional consenting matters will be able to be addressed without any “show-stoppers” having been identified.
Relevant iwi authorities: Te Kaahui o Rauru (TKoR)	Meridian started engagement with TKoR in relation to the Project in May 2022. Since the initial engagement, there have been several meetings, both online and in person, between Meridian and TKoR on both a project and an executive level.	TKoR have shared their vision and goals for Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi generally and as they relate to renewable energy. Meridian understand TKoR are focused on building capacity and capability within their rangatahi and uri to benefit from opportunities that arise from the development of renewable energy projects within the rohe of Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi. Meridian understands another focus for TKoR is to develop opportunities for skilled jobs in South Taranaki to retain and attract their people back to the area. Many have left to find well paid work in Australia and other parts of New Zealand.

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		TKoR and Meridian are working together to develop a capability building programme. As part of this work a co-design capabilities workshop between TKoR and Meridian is planned for May 2024. Meridian understand TKoR has existing capability in ecology, archaeology, GIS mapping and other areas that are critical to the development of renewable energy projects and Meridian are committed to engaging experts within TKoR at the appropriate stage of development. TKoR and Meridian have discussed the proximity of the development to marae and Meridian are committed to continuing engagement through all stages of development with all affected persons. As the engagement and relationship with TKoR progresses, the parties will work toward instatement of a relationship agreement. TKoR reviewed Meridian's Wildlife Permit Application in relation to the Project. The Wildlife Permit was approved in October 2023.
Relevant Treaty settlement entities	N/A	
Protected customary rights groups	N/A	
Customary marine title groups	N/A	
Applicant groups under the Marine and Coastal (Takutai Moana) Act 2011	N/A	
Ngā hapu o Ngāti Porou	N/A	
Any person with a registered	N/A	

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interest in land that may need to be acquired under the Public Works Act 1981.		