



Mt Munro Wind Farm Update

August 2025

Kia ora koutou,

We last updated the community in March following the positive Environment Court decision. The project has now been officially passed to Meridian's Construction Team to begin pre-construction (or detailed design). This stage includes the final detailed geotechnical studies, civil works design, tendering and contract negotiation, and turbine selection. Our intention is for this to conclude with a final Investment Decision by our Board of Directors towards the end of 2026. If approved, we anticipate construction starting in early 2027.

Activities through this detailed design stage will largely go unnoticed, but you might see slightly increased activity around the general area as our team of external consultants and engineers get onsite to undertake various investigations.

Supporting local environmental conservation

Meridian has a long history of supporting projects which enhance and restore Aotearoa New Zealand's natural environment. We're the national partner of the Kākāpō Recovery Programme; have been the lead supporter for over three decades of Project River Recovery, an extensive conservation programme in the Waitaki region; and we're involved in a number of other biodiversity projects in the areas we operate in.

As the project will be a neighbour to Pūkahu National Wildlife Centre, we have been keen to support their vital conservation work. Recently, we've been working with the Pūkahu team on a few initiatives to support their future.



Meridian staff with kākāpō Margaret-Maree on a recent visit to Whenua Hou / Codfish Island.

Got a local project needing support?

We're serious about helping Aotearoa reach net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, and our Community Decarbonisation Fund is here to help community groups be part of that journey - and save money.

Our Community Decarbonisation Fund uses the net proceeds from Meridian's Certified Renewable Energy product and reinvests them into community group decarbonisation projects across the country. Already, more than \$3 million has been invested into community projects that reduce emissions or increase distributed generation.

Whether it's by helping upgrade your community cars to electric vehicles or installing solar panels to generate renewable energy, the fund is available to community groups throughout New Zealand. Our next round of funding will be opening in September and we encourage any community group to apply for funding.

This Fund is independent of the Power Up community fund that Meridian has already committed to for the Eketāhuna and Hastwell area. This Power Up fund will be set up when the Meridian board approves the project for construction.

For more information on the criteria of the Decarb Fund and examples of the kinds of projects we've help fund, visit www.meridianenergy.co.nz/community-support/decarbonisation.

Future Updates

If you'd like to stay up to date on the Mt Munro Wind Farm, please register your details by scanning this QR code or by emailing us directly at Mt.Munro@meridianenergy.co.nz. We are now moving to an email newsletter but appreciate that some people may prefer a paper copy. If paper is your preference, please include a physical address when registering for updates.

Any questions?

If there's anything else you'd like to know about Meridian, Mt Munro Wind Farm or any other projects by emailing us directly at Mt.Munro@meridianenergy.co.nz or visit www.meridianenergy.co.nz

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