

# Head of Government Relations

## Purpose

The purpose of the Head of Government Relations is to lead, and be responsible for, Meridian Energy's engagements with Government, ensuring Meridian's positions are coherent, evidence-based and aligned with Aotearoa New Zealand's long-term interests.

The role owns the delivery of government relations activity, including engagement strategies, briefings and advocacy, and provides advice to senior leaders on emerging policy risks and opportunities. The role supports senior leaders to present a consistent, credible and well-aligned message across all government and regulatory interactions.

You will report to Meridian's GM legal and regulatory and work closely and collaboratively with Meridian's regulatory team ensuring alignment across Meridian's submissions to regulators and government relations activity.

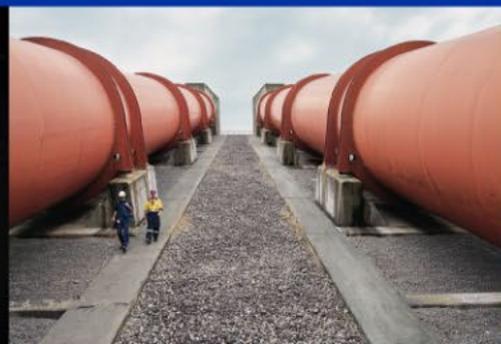
## Candidate Profile

We are looking for someone who has a passion for shaping durable, practical policy outcomes that support the long-term interests of Meridian and consumers.

You will be a best-in-class communicator, skilled at cutting through complexity and crafting clear messages for diverse audiences including Ministers' offices, officials, regulators, iwi and sector stakeholders and consumers. You will bring strong judgement, integrity and a focus on protecting and enhancing Meridian's reputation. You will naturally build trusted relationships and be sought out as a trusted, pragmatic and credible advisor.

## Role Capabilities:

- Strong understanding of New Zealand's government, policy and regulatory environment including the ability to anticipate political and regulatory risk.
- Demonstrated experience in government relations, public affairs or public policy advice and advocacy within a complex environment.
- Strong political acumen and ability to engage and influence Ministers and officials and other stakeholders.
- Deep understanding of government processes and decision making.
- Communicates clearly and persuasively with senior stakeholders, including ELT and Board-level audiences.
- Builds constructive, long-lasting relationships and operates confidently at the political interface.
- Leads submissions, engagement programmes and advocacy work under tight timeframes.
- Exercises sound judgement with incomplete information and maintains composure under pressure.
- Relevant tertiary qualification (e.g. law, public policy, political science or communications) and knowledge of New Zealand's electricity sector are advantageous.



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