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Meridian Appoints General Manager Generation

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Meridian Energy has appointed the company's current Chief People Officer, Tania Palmer into the position of General Manager Generation, effective 6 December 2021.

In December 2020, Guy Waipara, General Manager Generation, was appointed into a newly created position of General Manager Development, leading the transformational aspects of Meridian's strategy to utilise renewable electricity to decarbonise the electricity sector and the wider economy.

At the same time, Meridian Senior Managers Mat Bayliss and Richard Griffiths were appointed to cover the role of (Acting) General Manager Generation sharing a 12-month term, each taking the lead for six-months respectively.

Meridian's Chief Executive Neal Barclay says Tania stood out among high quality candidates because of her passion and deep expertise in building positive resilient cultures founded on safety and wellbeing and constructive leadership behaviours.

"Tania has worked in asset-intensive, operational businesses for most of her 30-year career, including 12 years at Contact Energy. She has a deep understanding of the operational generation environment, having led a transformational safety culture change and provided governance leadership to a Process Safety programme, and major procurement/supplier review at Contact" says Barclay.

"I also acknowledge both Mat and Richard, whose leadership and experience jointly running our generation team in the last 12 months has been exceptional," adds Barclay.

The process to appoint a Chief People Officer is now underway.

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