



**Far North  
District Council**



# **TŪHONOTANGA MINITI ATTACHMENTS MINUTES**

**Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board  
Meeting**

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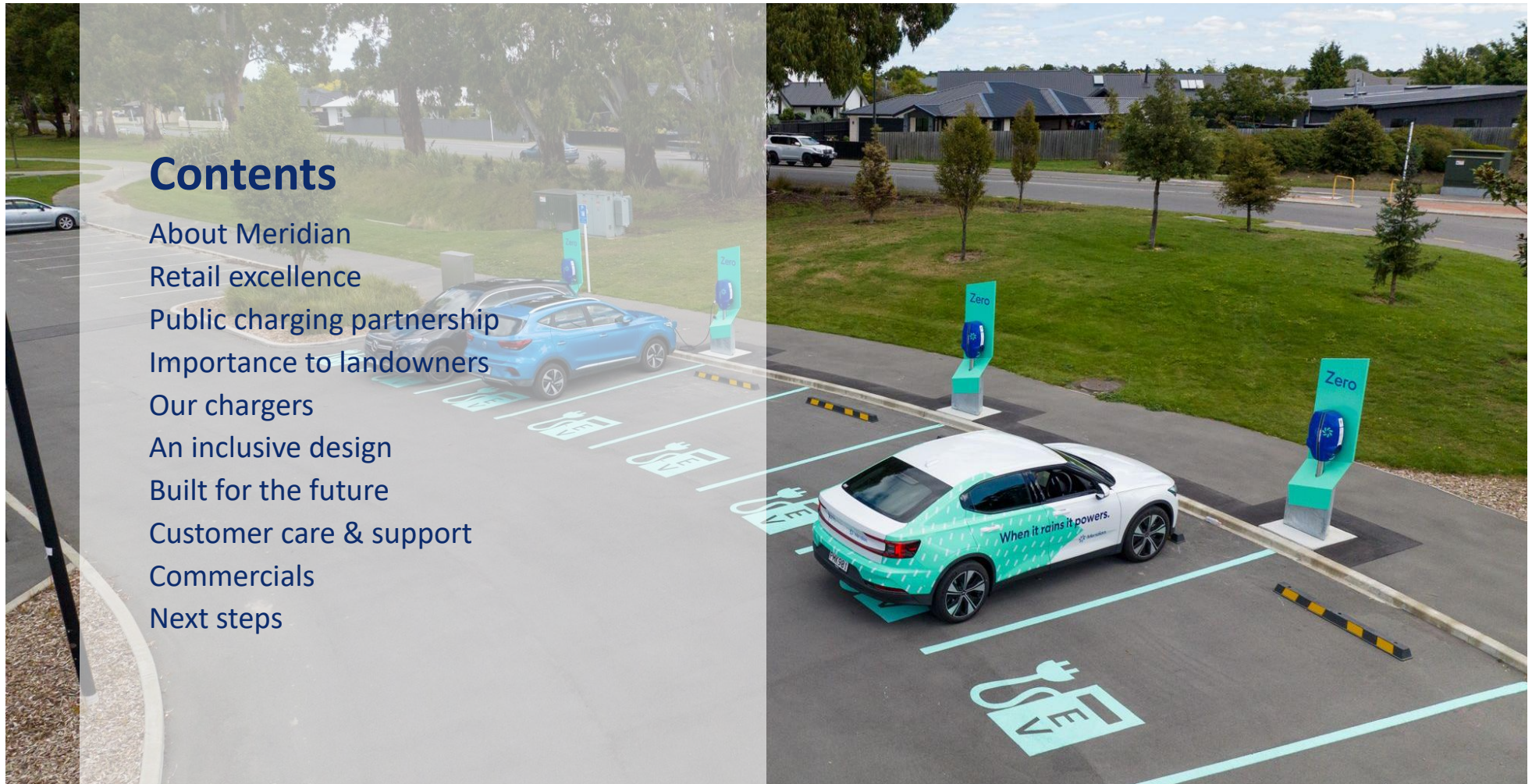
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## About Meridian

We are Meridian Energy, a power company that generates electricity through 100% renewable sources – wind, water and sun. We believe one of the best ways that our power can make a difference is through transport electrification.

That's why we're building one of the fastest growing EV charging networks in Aotearoa. With nearly 350 charge points across 79 locations and growing, we're committed to becoming the country's largest and most loved public charging network.



## Retail excellence

Our operational plan, which has resulted in a charger uptime of 99.9%, is a testament to our commitment to retail excellence and our extensive experience in rolling out EV charging infrastructure. This is supported by several key strategies, including advanced fault monitoring and close partnerships with our field service partners. We continuously review how our infrastructure meets EV drivers' needs through market and customer research. This approach allows us to quickly adopt data driven strategies, such as ways to minimise charger downtime and contactless payment options to simplify the charging experience.



## Public Charging partnership

Join Meridian on our journey to be NZ's largest and most loved rapid EV public charging network!

- **Existing trusted partner** – Electricity/Public Charging
- **Sustainability leadership** – Align national decarbonisation goals to strengthen brand
- **Nationwide scale** - Presence and coordinated rollout
- **No cost** – Fully funded by Meridian
- **End to end solution** – Meridian handles everything
- **New revenue stream** – Site rental with no capital investment
- **Data and insights** – Access to meaningful data to align to your CX strategy



# Why is it important for landowners to host public charging?

Strategic, financial and environmental reasons

## ✓ New revenue stream

- Licence fee payments for parking spaces for public charging
- Attracting customers: EV drivers often choose where to stop, shop and dine based on charging availability. Locations like shopping centers, hotels, restaurants and cafes can benefit from attracting more customers and spending more time (and money) on-site while their vehicles charge.

## ✓ Increased property value

- Properties with EV charging infrastructure are becoming more attractive to tenants, buyers, and visitors, especially in urban or high-traffic areas.

## ✓ Attracting and retaining tenants

- Commercial tenants increasingly expect EV charging as a standard amenity.
- Residential tenants may choose properties based on the availability of charging options.

## ✓ Sustainability and ESG goals

- Installing EV chargers supports environmental, social, and governance (ESG) initiatives.
- It demonstrates a commitment to sustainability, which can enhance brand image and attract eco-conscious customers or partners.

## ✓ Competitive advantage and differentiation

- Early adoption can differentiate a property from competitors.
- It positions the landowner as forward-thinking and aligned with future transportation trends.
- It appeals to a growing demographic of environmentally conscious consumers.

## ✓ Future-proofing

- As EV adoption grows, demand for charging will increase. Installing infrastructure now prepares properties for future needs and avoids costly retrofits later.

# Our chargers



Left side

Front

Right side

Top of charger



## Our chargers

We conduct thorough due diligence when selecting EV charging hardware

**This covers:**

- Vendor information, including market penetration, warranty terms and operational support availability;
- Mechanical specifications, including safety labels, IP and IK ratings and unit dimensions that are meticulously checked; and
- Electrical specifications, including input/output voltage, current and electrical protection, which are carefully checked to ensure compatibility and meet safety standards.

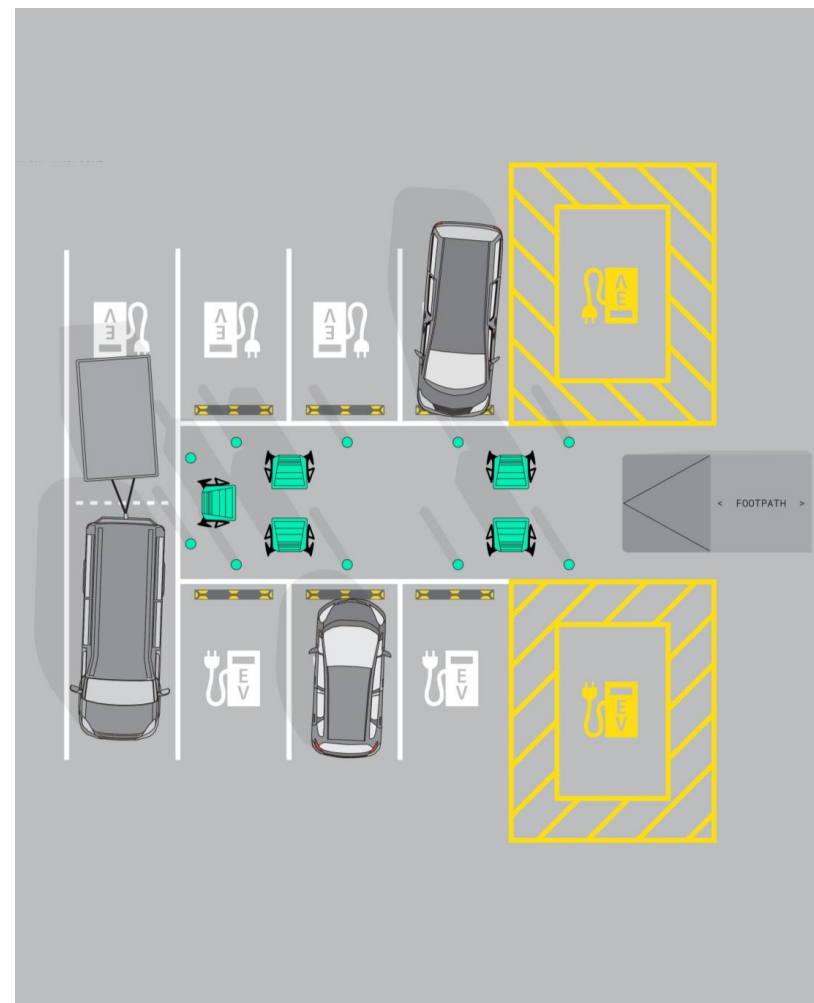
The process assesses firmware and software capabilities, **including load management, smart charging and cybersecurity**. We also make sure it **complies with international standards and certifications**, such as ISO and IEC. Finally, **we look at sustainability, such as embodied carbon, end-of-life options and whether they adhere to our modern slavery requirements**. This rigorous process ensures that only the highest quality and most reliable EV charging hardware is selected that best aligns with our commitments to excellence and sustainability.

## An inclusive design

We're **committed to inclusivity** and ensuring that **all customers, regardless of physical ability, can access our charging services**. Our accessibility approach follows current industry practices and standards, such as the Electric Vehicles Accessible Charging Specification (PAS 1899:2022) and Waka Kotahi's draft Electric Vehicle Signs and Road Marking Guidance.

Our accessible design practices that align with international best practice include the following **where possible**:

- Allowing sufficient **space for wheelchair access**.
- Removing wheel stops from accessible parking spaces to **facilitate wheelchair maneuvering**.
- Adjusting the charger screen height for better accessibility.
- Stable and smooth ground surfaces and installing dropped curbs to **enhance site mobility**.
- Spacing the charger and its protection bollards to allow **wheelchair access to the screen and cables**.
- **Ambient lighting** to improve user mobility, safety and deter antisocial behavior.



## Built for the future

We understand the importance of future-proofing the infrastructure to meet the growing demand for EV charging. As the number of EVs on the road increases, so does the need for reliable and accessible charge points. Where possible, each site is designed with this growth in mind, which means we can easily add more chargers as demand increases. Due to the modular nature of our hardware, our infrastructure can support future advancements in EV charging. We'll also monitor usage patterns and customer feedback to inform our expansion plans, ensuring we meet the evolving needs of our customers. By communicating our commitment to future-proofing our charging site, we can assure our customers that it will meet their needs now and in the future.



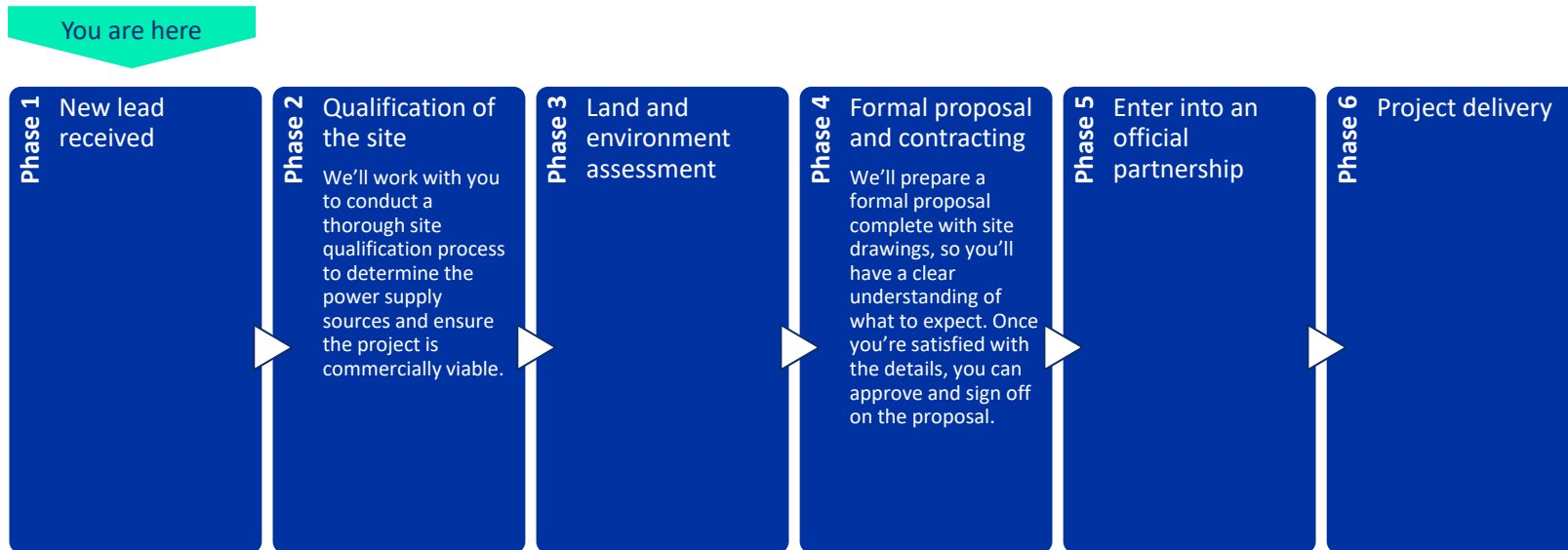
## Commercials

At Meridian Energy, we believe the future is electric. That's why we're committed to owning, managing and maintaining all EV charging infrastructure at no cost to you. We understand that flexibility is key, so we're open to discussing other commercial arrangements to suit your needs.

We are fully committed to maintaining the site to the highest standards, ensuring an excellent customer experience. As with our nationwide charging network, this commitment includes all hardware and software components of the site.



## Next steps



# Let's talk

Our expert team will work with you to create a bespoke plan to suit your needs and location. We'll make sure things run smoothly – so you can be sure you're in safe hands with Meridian. Sound good?

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PARTNER WITH MERIDIAN

## Bring EV charging to your location



### Turn your site into an EV charging destination

Join one of New Zealand's largest public EV charging networks and attract a growing wave of eco-conscious customers to your location. With more than 400 charge points already deployed across Aotearoa and growing, Meridian is leading the charge toward a sustainable transport future.

### Here's the best part: Zero costs. Zero headaches. Plus, we pay you an annual fee per carpark.

Meridian funds the entire installation, operates and maintains the chargers—and provides you with annual compensation for each parking space. You provide the location; we handle everything else.

### Why host EV chargers at your location?

#### Drive revenue and foot traffic

EV drivers actively seek convenient charging locations and typically spend 30+ minutes on-site while charging. This means more opportunities for customers to:

- Enjoy a meal or coffee
- Check out your retail store
- Use your facilities and services
- Come back as loyal repeat customers

#### Attract high-value customers

EV owners represent a growing demographic of consumers with strong purchasing power. By offering charging facilities, you'll:

- Increase visibility on navigation apps and charging maps used by every EV driver
- Stand out from your competitors without charging facilities
- Build customer loyalty among EV drivers who return to familiar charging locations
- Future-proof your business as EV adoption accelerates across the country

#### Demonstrate sustainability leadership

Show your community that you're committed to New Zealand's clean energy future. Hosting EV chargers helps you:

- Support Aotearoa's decarbonisation goals
- Enhance your corporate sustainability credentials
- Walk the talk on environmental responsibility

### Why choose Meridian?

#### Zero cost, maximum benefit

Meridian funds and installs all charging equipment at no cost to you. We own, operate, and maintain the chargers - so you can focus on your business while attracting new customers. It's truly hassle-free.

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### Certified Renewable Energy product

We match every kWh used by our EV network chargers with 100% Certified Renewable Energy. With [Meridian's Certified Renewable Energy](#) product Meridian supports renewable energy generation and helps fund grassroots community projects that reduce carbon emissions across Aotearoa.

### State-of-the-art technology with built-in protection

Advanced chargers capable of servicing multiple vehicles simultaneously with fast, efficient charging. Exclusive to Meridian: Our intelligent on-site load management protects your electrical infrastructure without relying on cloud connectivity.

### 97% uptime reliability

Industry-leading uptime achieved through advanced fault monitoring, strong field service partnerships and data-driven maintenance.

### Full service, hassle-free

We own, manage and maintain the chargers - so you don't have to. Our expert team handles:

- Site assessment and custom solution design
- All installation and commissioning
- Ongoing maintenance and monitoring
- 24/7 NZ-based customer support for drivers

### Health and safety assured

All chargers and installation processes meet New Zealand standards, safety regulations, and WorkSafe requirements.

### Inclusive and accessible design

Chargers designed for all users, including people with mobility challenges, impairments and international drivers with different vehicle types.

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### Ready to host a Meridian charger?

Our expert team will work with you to create a solution that works for your site and your business. We'll make sure things run smoothly – so you can be sure you're in safe hands with Meridian. Sound good?

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