



Sustainable Design and Innovation Award

Meridian Building Kumutoto Wellington



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Background:

Meridian Energy is no stranger to sustainability and has been leading the push for renewable energy and sustainability reporting over the past few years. Meridian Energy's new corporate head office, in the Kumutoto precinct on Wellington's waterfront, reflects their commitment and was New Zealand's first Green Building Council five star rated commercial office building.

The building:

The Meridian building project team prioritised energy efficiency and ecologically sustainable development in their commercial office design and construction process, resulting in a truly innovative, striking and cost-effective building.

The process of developing this building demonstrates how bringing together relevant experts from across New Zealand can create world class results. Involved in the building were: specifiers, Meridian Energy; owners DNZ Property Group; and Fletchers Construction. The wider consultant team included:

- Studio Pacific Architects (designers)
- Warren & Mahoney (fitout)
- Beca (service engineers)
- Dunning Thornton (structural engineers)
- Mallard Cook (project managers)





Judges comments from the National awards:

- Meridian Energy has aligned their business with respect to energy and water, and the highly visible outcome, which is this new building, is setting the standard for commercial buildings in New Zealand.

Judges comments from the SBN Central regional awards:

- Meridian has significantly raised the profile of renewable energy development through its generation projects and carbon offsetting within the popular market
- Meridian's win recognises its role in raising the profile of 'green buildings' in New Zealand's commercial building sector
- The Meridian building on Wellington's waterfront is New Zealand's first completed purpose-built five star green building, demonstrating how bringing together expert groups (e.g. tenants, architects, engineers and property developers) in the design and construction process can result in a truly innovative, striking and cost-effective result
- The building and the process used to deliver it have made a significant contribution to the understanding of 'green' building development practice in New Zealand
- Meridian is seeing this building influence and inspire others to expect such standards as normal practice.

