

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT WELLINGTON**

ENV-2019-WGN-000107

UNDER

the Resource Management Act 1991

IN THE MATTER OF

an appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 of the Act in relation to the Proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region

BETWEEN

LAND MATTERS

Appellant

AND

WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL

Respondent

NOTICE OF PERSON'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS



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Section 274, Resource Management Act 1991

To: **The Registrar**
Environment Court
Wellington

1. Federated Farmers of New Zealand Inc (**FFNZ**) wishes to be a party to proceedings with Environment Court reference ENV-2019-WGN-000107 (**Proceedings**) in the appeal by Land Matters against decisions of Wellington Regional Council (Council) on the Proposed Natural Resources Plan (pNRP) for the Wellington Region.
2. FFNZ made a submission and further submissions on the pNRP.
3. FFNZ has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has:
 - 3.1 The subject matter of the appeal is a matter of interest to farmers who rely on natural and physical resources in the region in making their livelihoods.
 - 3.2 There is a potential for farmers in the region to be directly impacted by the terms of the appeal.
 - 3.3 FFNZ is a representative body for farmers, so it is in an appropriate position to represent the interests of farmers who may be impacted by the terms of the appeal.
4. FFNZ is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
5. FFNZ is interested in all the proceedings.
6. FFNZ supports *or* opposes *or* conditionally opposes the relief sought as follows—
 - 6.1 **Management of Water bodies for contact recreation and Maori Customary Use**

- a. FFNZ supports the relief sought by the Appellant for objective **O24, Table 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3, policies P10, P63, Schedule B & Maps.**
- b. FFNZ agrees that the pNRP should identify those waterbodies which are valued for contact recreation and manage only those for contact recreation.
- c. FFNZ agrees that the contact recreation and Maori customary values are appropriately dealt with separately..

6.2 Management of Naturally occurring Wetlands

- a. FFNZ supports the relief sought by Appellant for objectives **O27, O28 and policies P31, P37, P38, P40 and P102, definition of Natural Wetlands, Rules 104, 105, 106, 107, 108 and general conditions 5.5.2 (a) – (h).**
 - b. FFNZ agrees that there is insufficient evidence that all natural wetlands would meet the criteria of s6(c) RMA. FFNZ agrees that not all natural wetlands should automatically be considered to be significant natural wetlands or wetlands having significant biodiversity values.
7. FFNZ agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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