

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT WELLINGTON**

ENV-2019-WGN-000110

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

MASTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL

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-000110 (**Proceedings**) in the appeal by Masterton District Council 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 FFNZ supports the relief sought by the Appellant to re-instate **P7** - uses of land and water and re-instate **P8** – beneficial activities, including to give better effect to O2. Policy 7 and 8 are required

to recognise the benefits and appropriateness of amongst others, food production and harvesting, irrigation and stockwater.

- 6.2 FFNZ supports the relief sought by the Appellant on **R121** and **R122**. FFNZ considers the rules and definitions is uncertain and complex and more clarity in application and workability of conditions are required. As stated in its appeal point on drains, FFNZ considers the suite of rules and definitions around drains in the decisions version of the pNRP is too wide and is overly burdensome.
- 6.3 FFNZ conditionally supports the relief sought by the Appellant on **Rule R36B**. FFNZ considers that the deletion of Rule 37 has unforeseen consequences that makes any discharge of spray into surface water a restricted discretionary activity. FFNZ accordingly supports amendments to rules 37 or 36B (see notice of appeal) to allow spray into surface water as a permitted activity but considers the amendments should go further than permitting the discharge of just mechanical spray of roadside drains.
- 6.4 FFNZ supports the relief sought by the Appellant on **R112 (h)** and **Schedule E**. FFNZ agrees that the limits for maintenance on bridges and other structures are too restrictive. FFNZ considers Schedule E5 has captured bridges and structure which historic value is low and does not justify the listing which in turn means over restrictive controls on the bridges and structures.

7. FFNZ agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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