

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT WELLINGTON**

ENV-2019-WGN-000131

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

NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT AGENCY

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-000131 (**Proceedings**) in the appeal by New Zealand Transport Agency (**NZTA**) 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 **Policy 35** - FFNZ supports the relief sought by the Appellant on Policy 35: fish passage, for the reasons set out by the Appellant.
- 6.2 **Policy 39** - FFNZ supports the relief sought on Policy 39 – outstanding waterbodies, for reasons set out by the Appellant and to give better effect to the Regional Policy Statement.
- 6.3 **Rule 69** - FFNZ supports the reinstatement of Rule 69. This rule more appropriately provides for minor discharges to land, than Rule 42 (which as notified provided for minor discharges to water).
- 6.4 **New rule for existing structures** - FFNZ supports the proposed new rule for reasons set out in the Appellant's notice of appeal and for reasons set out in the FFNZ's Notice of Appeal in relation to takes for stock and domestic water allowed by s14(3)(b). Farmers have invested in pipes, tanks and other structures to lawfully use and take water. Existing structures and their use should be provided for.
- 6.5 **Rules 107, 108, 109, 110 and 111** - FFNZ seeks to be a party to the relief sought by the Appellant on R107, R108, R109, R110 and R111 to enable it to fully understand the implications and to be party to the development of any specific provisions to ensure that any amendments are appropriate.
7. FFNZ agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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