

**In the Environment Court
I MUA TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA**

ENV-2019-WLG-000125

In the matter

**Of the Resource Management
Act 1991**

And

In the matter

**Of an appeal under clause 14(1)
of Schedule 1 to the Act**

Between

**Rangitāne o Wairarapa Inc
Appellant**

And

**Wellington Regional Council
Respondent**

**Notice of Person's Wish to be Party to Proceedings
Dated: 9 October 2019**

**To: The Registrar
Environment Court
Wellington
By email**

Masterton District Council (MDC) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:

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Regional Council***

- 1. MDC is a local authority and as such is a person who has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has. MDC made a submission and/or further submission about the subject matter of the proceedings.**
- 2. MDC is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.**
- 3. MDC is interested in the following parts of these proceedings:**

Objective O13: Protecting regionally significant infrastructure

- 3.1 MDC supports the relief sought by the appellant in part and subject to suitable amendments to Objective O13 being agreed.

Objective O24: Contact recreation and Māori customary use

- 3.2 MDC opposes the relief sought by the appellant in relation to O24 in part on the basis that it is unduly restrictive to require all water bodies to meet the contact recreation outcomes. MDC is concerned that the relief sought will lead to or promote the management of all water bodies to meet certain outcomes, even where the waterbody is not associated with identified values.

Objective O25: Aquatic ecosystem health and mahinga kai

- 3.3 MDC opposes the relief sought by the appellant in relation to O25 in part on the basis that the definition of mahinga kai requires amendment to provide absolute certainty for plan users before outcomes for mahinga kai species can be included.

Objectives O31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 38

- 3.4 MDC opposes the relief sought by the appellant in part and seeks that any amendment to these objectives clearly identifies that the proactive requirements of these provisions only relate to identified features and matters determined to be of value within the relevant schedule.

Objective O50 - Discharges of wastewater containing human effluent

- 3.5 MDC opposes the proposed 2030 phase-out date on the basis that the proposed phase out is onerous and unduly restrictive.

Policy P68 - Inappropriate discharges to water

- 3.6 MDC opposes the appellant's request that Policy P68 be amended to require avoidance of all wet weather overflows.

Policy P102 - Reclamation drainage of the beds of lakes and rivers and Policy P103 - Management of gravel extraction

- 3.7 MDC opposes the appellant's request that reference to Schedule B, D, E and F rivers and lakes be added to Policies P102 and P103. The proposed amendments are onerous and unduly restrictive in the circumstances.
4. Whilst MDC is in general accord with Rangitāne, it is joining as a s274 party to this appeal to enable it to contribute to the mediation process and to express its concerns around the economic impact of some of the Objectives in the PNRP.
5. MDC agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

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