

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

ENV-2019-WLG-000130

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

**Royal Forest and Bird
Protection Society
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:

**ENV-2019-WLG-000130 *Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society
v Wellington 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 O24: Contact recreation and Maori customary use

- 3.1 MDC opposes the relief sought in part. MDC supports the appellant's request that O24 be amended to give effect to the NPSFM in principle but considers that columns for Maori Customary Use and Toxicants and Irritants should be removed from Table 3.1 and Objective 24, recognising that these are provided for in other Objectives and Policies. MDC is concerned that O24 conflates values and promotes the management of waterbodies in ways not associated with identified values.
- 3.2 MDC seeks to be involved in discussions around the appropriate scope of amendments to this objective.

Objective O25: Aquatic ecosystem health and mahinga kai

- 3.3 MDC opposes the relief sought in part. MDC supports the appellant's request that O25 be amended to give effect to the NPSFM in principle but considers that reference to mahinga kai should be removed from Objective 25 (and from Table 3.4 and 3.7) and/or that the definition of mahinga kai should be amended to provide absolute certainty for plan users.
- 3.4 MDC seeks to be involved in discussions around the appropriate scope of amendments to this objective.

Objectives O31, O35 and O37

- 3.5 MDC opposes the relief sought in part. MDC supports the appellant's request that the objectives be amended to give effect to the NPSFM in principle but considers that these objectives need to be amended to clearly identify that the proactive requirements of these provisions only relate to identified features and matters determined to be of value within the relevant schedule.
- 3.6 MDC seeks to be involved in discussions around the appropriate scope of amendments to these objectives.
4. MDC agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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