

BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT

ENV-2019-WLN-000133

AT WELLINGTON

I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO

O AOTEAROA

IN THE MATTER

of an appeal under clause 14
of Schedule 1 of the Resource
Management Act 1991

BETWEEN

**Beef+Lamb New Zealand
Limited**

Appellant

AND

**Wellington Regional
Council**

Respondent

**NOTICE OF WISH TO BE A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS BY THE
MINISTER OF CONSERVATION**

Dated: 9 October 2019

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Notice of person's wish to be a party to proceedings

Section 274 Resource Management Act 1991

To: The Registrar
Environment Court
WELLINGTON

1. The **Minister of Conservation** (the **Minister**) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:

1.1. Beef+Lamb New Zealand Limited v Wellington Regional Council,
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2. The Minister made submissions and appeared at the Council hearing on the proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region (proposed Plan). The Minister also has an interest greater than the interest the general public has, specifically regarding conservation values and the implementation of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement.

3. The Minister is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

4. The Minister is interested in part of the proceedings.

5. The Minister is interested in the following particular issues:

5.1. The values for periphyton and macro community invertebrate objectives in Table 3.4 of Objective O25;

5.2. Permitted activity condition in rule R 97(c)(ii) which requires that livestock access to surface water bodies shall not result in “pugging or de-vegetation that exposes bare earth”.

6. The Minister opposes the relief sought because:

- 6.1. The relief sought in relation to Table 3.4 is unclear, but appears to suggest the numeric values in Table 3.4 should be replaced with other objectives that are unspecified, but that are more lenient than those in the decisions version of the proposed Plan. Such an amendment would not give effect to higher order policy direction including the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014;
 - 6.2. The relief sought in relation to rule R 97(c)(ii) would reinstate “significant pugging” as a condition for the permitted activity rule which is uncertain, subjective and likely to result in outcomes that do not give effect to higher order policy direction including the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014.
7. The Minister agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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Advice

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