

Notice of Wellington Water Limited's wish to be party to proceedings

**To the Registrar
Environment Court
Wellington**

1. Wellington Water Limited (**WWL**) wishes to be a party to the following appeal of decisions on the Proposed Natural Resources Plan (**the Plan**) for the Wellington Region:

Carterton District Council v Wellington Regional Council, ENV-2019-WLG-000112

2. WWL is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
3. WWL agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.
4. WWL is interested in the part of the proceedings related to:

Objective O48 - Discharges to land and water

5. WWL conditionally supports the relief sought in relation to this part.
6. The reasons are as set out WWL's primary submission. It should be made clear what adverse effects the Objective applies to. A further improvement would be for the Objective to begin with the words "Any significant ~~The~~ adverse quality and quantity effects...".
7. WWL is interested in the parts of the proceedings related to:

Policies P73, P74, P75, P76, P77 and Schedule N - Stormwater

8. WWL opposes the relief sought in relation to these parts.
9. If these provisions are deleted then it is unclear how Objective O48 will be achieved, and the consenting framework for stormwater discharges will have no policy basis.
10. WWL is interested in the parts of the proceedings related to:

Rules R50 and R51 - Stormwater from local authority networks

11. WWL opposes the relief sought in relation to these parts.
12. If these provisions are deleted then it is unclear how Objective O48 will be achieved, and in the absence of stormwater-specific discharge rules, the discharges from the local authority stormwater networks might be subject to more general, less appropriate, rules regarding discharges to water.
13. WWL is interested in the parts of the proceedings related to:

The definition of “highly modified river or stream”, Rules R122 (Removing vegetation from the bed or any river or lake – permitted activity) and R129 (All other activities in river and lake beds – permitted activity)

14. WWL conditionally opposes the relief sought in relation to the definition of “highly modified river or stream”, to the extent that it may undermine the relief sought in WWL's appeal (ENV-2019-WLG-123) by impacting on how the stormwater provisions throughout the Plan operate.
15. WWL supports the relief in relation to Rules R122 and R129.
16. WWL is interested in the parts of the proceedings related to:

Rules R79 and R80 - Discharge of wastewater from an industrial or trade process – controlled and restricted discretionary activities

17. Although WWL is not able to discharge wastewater to land for various reasons, it supports the change to Rule R80 requested by Carterton District Council as it will give effect to Policy 16 of the Wellington Regional Policy Statement, promoting discharges to land, in a meaningful manner.
18. WWL made submissions on Objective O48; Policies P73, P74, P75, P76, P77 and Schedule N; Rules R50 and R51; Rule R122 and the definition of “highly modified river or stream”; Rules R79 and R80; and has an interest in the parts of the proceedings identified in this notice that is greater than the interest that the general public has, because those parts relate to provisions that affect freshwater, stormwater and wastewater infrastructure and services, for which WWL is responsible.



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