

## 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 for the Wellington Region:

**Wellington International Airport Ltd v Wellington Regional Council,  
ENV-2019-WLG-000117**

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:

**New Objective(s)**

5. WWL supports the relief sought in relation to this part, for the reasons stated in the appeal by Wellington International Airport Ltd (**WIAL**), and because it will give effect to the Wellington Regional Policy Statement and better recognise the benefits of regionally significant infrastructure.
6. WWL is interested in the part of the proceedings related to:

**Objective O9**

7. WWL supports the relief sought in relation to this part for the reasons stated in WIAL's appeal, and because it will better recognise and provide for regionally significant infrastructure.
8. WWL is interested in the part of the proceedings related to:

**Objective O17**

9. WWL opposes the relief sought in relation to this part, because the proposed new objectives exceed the Wellington Regional Policy Statement, which only addresses natural character in terms of the coastal environment.

10. WWL is interested in the part of the proceedings related to:

**Objective O31**

11. WWL supports the relief sought in relation to this part for the reasons stated in WIAL's appeal, and because it will better recognise and provide for regionally significant infrastructure.

12. WWL is interested in the part of the proceedings related to:

**Objective O35**

13. WWL supports the relief sought in relation to this part for the reasons stated in WIAL's appeal.

14. WWL is interested in the part of the proceedings related to:

**Objective O41**

15. WWL supports the relief sought in relation to this part for the reasons stated in WIAL's appeal, and because the Objective will have particular relevance to the odour effects of wastewater treatment plants.

16. WWL is interested in the part of the proceedings related to:

**Objective O43**

17. WWL opposes the relief sought in relation to this part, because a standard of "unacceptable contamination" is not appropriate to protect the aquifer from potential contamination, as it is both lower than the standard in the Objective as decided, and incorporates a subjective evaluation.

18. WWL is interested in the part of the proceedings related to:

**Objective O47**

19. WWL opposes the relief sought in relation to this part, because sediment-laden runoff entering water is often stormwater, and has an impact on compliance with consents for the discharges from local authority stormwater networks. It is appropriate for the Plan to set an Objective that will assist to manage this issue further upstream. Moreover, O47 focuses on sediment, while O46 focusses on discharges to land that may enter water.

20. WWL is interested in the part of the proceedings related to:

**Objective O53**

21. WWL supports the relief sought in relation to this part for the reasons stated in WIAL's appeal, and because it will better recognise and provide for regionally significant infrastructure.

22. WWL is interested in the part of the proceedings related to:

**Policy P4/"Minimising adverse effects"**

23. WWL supports the relief sought in relation to this part for the reasons stated in WIAL's appeal, and because defining or replacing "minimise" will better recognise and provide for regionally significant infrastructure.

24. WWL is interested in the part of the proceedings related to:

**Policy P31 Biodiversity, aquatic ecosystem health and mahinga kai**

25. WWL supports the relief sought on this part for the reasons set out in WIAL's appeal.

26. WWL is interested in the part of the proceedings related to:

**Policy P42 Protecting and restoring ecosystems and habitats with significant indigenous biodiversity values**

27. WWL supports the relief sought on this part for the reasons set out WWL's submissions and appeal (ENV-2019-WLG-123), and for the reasons set out in WIAL's appeal.

28. WWL is interested in the part of the proceedings related to:

**Policy P52 Managing ambient air quality**

29. WWL supports the relief sought on this part for the reasons set out in WWL's submissions and WIAL's appeal. The relief sought will better recognise the benefits from water and wastewater treatment plants.

30. WWL is interested in the part of the proceedings related to:

**Policy P90 Discharges of hazardous substances**

31. WWL opposes the relief sought on this part. WWL considers that P90 should be retained as it is not clear how deletion of the policy would impact on the rule framework. The outcomes sought by Policy P90 are important for WWL's functions as provider of water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure.

32. WWL is interested in the part of the proceedings related to:

**Policy P132 Functional need and efficient use**

33. WWL supports the relief sought on this part, for the reasons stated in WIAL's appeal. The relief sought will better recognise and provide for regionally significant infrastructure.

34. WWL is interested in the part of the proceedings related to:

**Policy P145 Reclamation, drainage and destruction**

35. WWL supports the relief sought on this part for the reasons stated in WIAL's appeal. The relief sought will better recognise and provide for regionally significant infrastructure.

36. WWL is interested in the part of the proceedings related to:

**Rule R52 Stormwater from a port, airport or state highway**

37. WWL opposes the relief sought on this part. It is unclear how the relief sought will interact with other stormwater rules and contribute to the expected stormwater outcomes.

38. WWL is interested in the part of the proceedings related to:

**Rule R57 Discharge of hazardous substances**

39. WWL opposes the relief sought on this part. Rule R57 protects water quality. The suggested amendment to Rule R57 lacks clarity, particularly regarding how low or no risk hazardous substances will be determined.

40. WWL made submissions on Objective O9, Policy P4 and the concept of "minimising" adverse effects; Policies P31, P42 and P52; Rule R52 ; 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 water infrastructure and services, for which WWL is responsible.



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