

**ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND  
WELLINGTON REGISTRY  
I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA  
TE WHANANGUI-A-TARA ROHE**

**ENV-2024-WLG-000043**

In the matter of            the Resource Management Act 1991 (the **Act**)

And

In the matter of            an appeal under clause 14 of the first schedule of the Act  
against the decisions of the Wellington Regional Council on  
the Proposed Plan Change 1 (and Variation 1) to the  
Wellington Regional Policy Statement

Between                    **PORIRUA CITY COUNCIL**

Appellant

And                         **WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Respondent

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**NOTICE OF UPPER HUTT CITY COUNCIL'S WISH TO BE A SECTION 274  
PARTY TO THE PROCEEDINGS**

6 December 2024

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**TO:** The Registrar  
Environment Court  
Wellington

1. Upper Hutt City Council (**UHCC**) wishes to be a party to the appeal proceedings lodged by Porirua City Council (**PCC**) in respect of the decisions of Wellington Regional Council (**GWRC**) on the Proposed Plan Change 1 (and Variation 1) to the Wellington Regional Policy Statement (**PC1**).
2. UHCC is:
  - (a) a person with an interest in the proceeding greater than the interest that the general public has, being a local authority within the region that the RPS applies within; and
  - (b) a person who made a submission on PC1 about the subject matter of the appeal.
3. UHCC is not a trade competitor for the purposes of sections 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**).
4. UHCC is interested in the following parts of the proceedings and the grounds and relief sought by PCC:
  - (a) Objective CC.2;
  - (b) Policy CC.18;
  - (c) Policy UD.3;
  - (d) Policy UD.5; and
  - (e) Definition: Travel Choice Assessment.
5. UHCC supports the grounds and relief sought by the PCC as it agrees with PCC that:
  - (a) Objective CC.2, in referring to the equitable sharing of costs, introduces an uncertain concept in the context of RMA;
  - (b) the direction in Policy UD.3 should be clarified;
  - (c) Policy UD.5 should be deleted;
  - (d) the definition of Travel Choice Assessment is overly complex; and

- (e) Policy CC.18 should better align with the functions of territorial authorities within the RMA framework.
6. UHCC agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated: 6 December 2024



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