

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND  
WELLINGTON REGISTRY**

**I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA  
TE WHANANGUI-A-TARA ROHE**

**ENV-2024-WLG-000043**

**UNDER THE** Resource Management Act 1991

**IN THE MATTER OF** an appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 of the  
Resource Management Act 1991

**BETWEEN** **PORIRUA CITY COUNCIL**  
Appellant

**AND** **WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
Respondent

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

9 December 2024

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**TO:** The Registrar  
Environment Court  
Wellington

1. Hutt City Council (**HCC**) wishes to be a party to the appeal proceedings lodged by Porirua City Council (**Appellant**) in respect of the decisions of Wellington Regional Council (**GWRC**) on Proposed Change 1 (**PC1**) (and Variation 1) to the Wellington Regional Policy Statement (**Decisions**).
2. HCC is a local authority. HCC also made a submission on PC1 dated 14 October 2022.
3. HCC is not a trade competitor for the purposes of sections 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**).
4. HCC is interested in all parts of the proceedings and the grounds and relief sought by the Appellant in its entirety.
5. Except as stated in the below paragraph 6, HCC supports the grounds and all of the relief sought by the Appellant for the following reasons:
  - (a) the provisions in the Decisions Version that are subject to the appeal are unworkable, unclear, unnecessary and/or unachievable, including:
    - (i) in relation to the role of the RPS and other planning instruments (in particular, district plans) and functions within the broader resource management system;
    - (ii) as they apply to individual resource consents and/or notices of requirement; and
    - (iii) because they contain:
      - (1) definitions that are unclear, unnecessarily complex and/or may create unnecessary administrative burdens and/or costs for councils;
      - (2) climate change objectives and policies that are uncertain, unclear, unnecessary, impractical, unduly onerous from a regulatory standpoint and/or contain unachievable timeframes;

- (3) objectives and policies relating to urban development and natural hazards that are unclear and/or may result in unnecessary cost and/or administrative burden for councils;
  - (b) the provisions in the Decisions Version that are subject to the appeal may conflict with and/or duplicate higher order planning documents and/or national regulation; and
  - (c) the provisions in the Decisions Version that are subject to the appeal do not serve a resource management purpose, promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources in accordance with section 5, further the principles of Part 2, or otherwise accord with the RMA.
6. HCC takes a neutral position in respect of the Appellant's grounds and relief sought in relation to Policy 30. HCC is supportive to the extent that those grounds and relief sought are aimed at achieving clear, consistent and workable RPS provisions.
7. HCC agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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Dated: 9 December 2024

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