

**In the Environment Court  
At Wellington**

**I te Kōti Taiao o Aotearoa  
Ki te Whanganui-a-tara**

ENV-2024-WLG-

**Between**                      **Porirua City Council**  
Appellant

**And**                              **Greater Wellington Regional Council**  
Respondent

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**Notice of intention by Wellington City  
Council to be party to proceeding**

9 December 2024

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# Notice of intention by Wellington City Council to be party to proceeding

To the Registrar  
Environment Court  
Wellington

- 1 The Wellington City Council (**WCC**) wishes to be a party to Porirua City Council's (**PCC**) appeal against parts of proposed change 1 to the Wellington Regional Policy Statement (**PC1 RPS**).
- 2 WCC is a territorial authority affected by PC1 RPS. WCC has various functions under the RMA, including the responsibility for establishing, implementing and reviewing its District Plan. The relief sought by PCC has a direct consequence on WCC's functions under the RMA and as a local authority. As such WCC is interested in all of the proceeding.
- 3 WCC is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the RMA.
- 4 WCC has appealed decisions on PC1 RPS. The reasons for WCC's appeal are that it has concerns about the timing and balancing of national direction, undue confusion between the relative responsibilities of the Council and the Greater Wellington Regional Council, and the practicability and workability of the RPS for territorial authorities.
- 5 WCC supports the relief sought by PCC that is consistent with its own appeal against parts of PC1 RPS, and opposes any relief that is inconsistent with that appeal.
- 6 WCC also supports relief that it considers to be consistent with the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB) and opposes relief that it considers is inconsistent with that document.
- 7 Additionally, WCC opposes the relief sought by PCC to Policy 30 to delete Johnsonville and Kilbirnie from the list of regionally significant centres. This amendment is inconsistent with the Metropolitan Centre zoning of Johnsonville and Kilbirnie in the Wellington District Plan. Recognition of Johnsonville and Kilbirnie as 'regionally significant centres' is consistent with the scale, accessibility and redevelopment potential of these centres

as major areas of growth within Wellington City and the wider Wellington region. Demoting these centres to 'locally significant centres' for the purposes of protecting economic activity within Porirua's centre is inconsistent with Policy 1 of the NPS-UD which requires planning decisions to support, and limit as much as possible adverse impacts on, the competitive operation of land and development markets.

- 8 The Council agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceeding.

Date: 9 December 2024



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