

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT WELLINGTON**

ENV-2019-WGN-000112

UNDER

the Resource Management Act 1991

IN THE MATTER OF

an appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 of the Act in relation to the Proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region

BETWEEN

CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Appellant

AND

WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL

Respondent

NOTICE OF PERSON'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS



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Section 274, Resource Management Act 1991

To: **The Registrar**
Environment Court
Wellington

1. Federated Farmers of New Zealand Inc (**FFNZ**) wishes to be a party to proceedings with Environment Court reference ENV-2019-WGN-000112 (**Proceedings**) in the appeal by Carterton District Council (**Appellant**) against decisions of Wellington Regional Council (Council) on the Proposed Natural Resources Plan (pNRP) for the Wellington Region.
2. FFNZ made a submission and further submissions on the pNRP.
3. FFNZ has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has:
 - 3.1 The subject matter of the appeal is a matter of interest to farmers who rely on natural and physical resources in the region in making their livelihoods.
 - 3.2 There is a potential for farmers in the region to be directly impacted by the terms of the appeal.
 - 3.3 FFNZ is a representative body for farmers, so it is in an appropriate position to represent the interests of farmers who may be impacted by the terms of the appeal.
4. FFNZ is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
5. FFNZ is interested in all the proceedings.
6. FFNZ supports *or* opposes *or* conditionally opposes the relief sought as follows—
 - 6.1 Appeal point 4: Management of Water races and clearance of Vegetation from water races (**definition of Category 2 Surface**

Water body and R97) - FFNZ generally supports the relief sought by the Appellant to exclude water races from the restrictive stock exclusion provisions as set out in the decisions version.

6.2 Appeal point 5 and 6: **Definition of 'Drain' and Rules R121, R122 and R129** and the Management of Water Races - FFNZ supports the relief sought by Appellant to clarify the distinction between water races and drains and which provisions in the pNRP apply to water races and which apply to drains (including provisions for vegetation clearance). Given its interest, FFNZ wish to be a party to the development of the provisions and definitions relating to drains and water races.

6.3 Appeal point 7: **Rule 58** Discharge from water races - FFNZ supports the relief sought by Appellant. The activity status in the decisions version of R58 is overly restrictive and inappropriate.

7. FFNZ agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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