

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT WELLINGTON**

**I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
TE WHANGANUI-A-TARA ROHE**

ENV-2019-WGN-000116

IN THE MATTER OF

the Resource Management Act 1991
(*the Act*)

AND

IN THE MATTER OF

an appeal under clause 14 of
schedule 1 to the Act in relation to
the Proposed Natural Resources Plan
for the Wellington region

BETWEEN

PORIRUA CITY COUNCIL

Appellant

AND

**WELLINGTON REGIONAL
COUNCIL**

Respondent

**NOTICE OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY NEW ZEALAND'S WISH TO BE PARTY
TO PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 274 OF THE ACT**

Dated: 9 October 2019

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TO: The Registrar
Environment Court
Wellington

- 1 Fire and Emergency New Zealand (*Fire and Emergency*) wishes to be a party to the appeal by Porirua City Council (*Appellant*) against parts of the decision made by Hearing Commissioners on behalf of the Greater Wellington Regional Council on the Proposed Natural Resources Plan (*the Plan*).
- 2 Fire and Emergency made a submission on the subject matter of the proceedings.
- 3 Fire and Emergency is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Act.
- 4 Fire and Emergency is interested in all of the proceedings, but in particular the Appellant's request to re-insert Policy 7.
- 5 Fire and Emergency opposes the Appellant's relief sought to re-insert Policy 7 as follows:

"Policy P7: Uses of land and water

The cultural, social and economic benefits of using land and water for:

- (a) *aquaculture, and*
- (b) *treatment, dilution, management, and disposal of wastewater and stormwater, and*
- (c) *industrial processes and commercial uses associated with the potable water supply network, and*
- (d) *community and domestic water supply, and*
- (e) *electricity generation, and*
- (f) *food production and harvesting, and*
- (g) *gravel extraction from rivers for flood protection and control purposes, and*

- (h) *irrigation and stock water, and*
 - (i) *firefighting, and*
 - (j) *contact recreation and Maori customary use, and*
 - (k) *transport along, and access to, water bodies*
- Shall be recognised"*

- 6 Fire and Emergency opposes the relief sought on the basis that:
- (a) In the instance that Policy 7 is re-inserted, Fire and Emergency seek to amend Policy 7 to read:
 - (i) *firefighting (emergency or training purposes)*;
 - (b) Policy 7 should recognise that firefighting training purposes is also a benefit to using land and water.
 - (c) Section 14(3)(e) of the Act includes reference to both "*emergency and training purposes*", and Policy 7 should reflect the wording of the Act.
- 7 Fire and Emergency agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

DATED this 9th day of October 2019



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