

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT AT WELLINGTON
I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
TE WHANGANUI A TARA ROHE**

ENV-2019-WLG-130

IN THE MATTER of the Resource
Management Act 1991
(the Act)

AND

IN THE MATTER of an appeal pursuant to
clause 14 of Schedule 1
to the Act in relation to
the Proposed Natural
Resources Plan for the
Wellington Region

BETWEEN **THE ROYAL FOREST
AND BIRD
PROTECTION SOCIETY
OF NEW ZEALAND
INCORPORATED**

Appellant

AND **WELLINGTON
REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Respondent

**NOTICE OF PORIRUA CITY COUNCIL'S INTENTION TO BECOME A PARTY
TO PROCEEDINGS**

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NOTICE OF PERSON'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS

Section 274, Resource Management Act 1991

To: The Registrar
Environment Court
Wellington

1. Porirua City Council (**the Council**) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings, being an appeal regarding the Proposed Natural Resources Plan (**Proposed Plan**) for the Wellington Region.

ENV-2019-WLG-130: The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated v Wellington Regional Council

2. The Council is a local authority (section 274(1)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)).
3. The Council is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the RMA.
4. The Council is interested in part of the proceedings.
5. The parts of the proceedings the Council is interested in are:
 - (a) Policy P102; and
 - (b) Policy P143.
6. The Council opposes the relief sought by the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated (**Forest and Bird**):
 - (a) The Proposed Plan must recognise the importance of, and provide for, the operation, maintenance and upgrade of infrastructure. This includes appropriate consideration of the potential for other development to affect infrastructure. Although the benefits of infrastructure are acknowledged in the Proposed Plan, the provisions (in particular the rules) appear to focus unduly on the adverse effects of the operation, maintenance and upgrade of key infrastructure;
 - (b) The Council considers that the relief sought by Forest and Bird does not appropriately recognise or provide for the operation, maintenance and upgrade of infrastructure. In particular, the relief sought may result in

significant and unjustified regulatory burdens for local authorities, and unjustifiable constraints on existing and future infrastructure;

(c) The amendments sought by Forest and Bird do not adequately take into account the need to recognise and provide for existing urban development, and urban growth; and

(d) The matters in the appeal do not align with the appeal by the Council (ENV-2019-WLG-000116: *Porirua City Council v Wellington Regional Council*) and the submissions which the Council made on the Proposed Plan.

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

DATED this 9th day of October 2019



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