

In the Environment Court
I MUA TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA

ENV-2019-WLG-000131

In the matter

Of the Resource Management
Act 1991

And

In the matter

Of an appeal under clause 14(1)
of Schedule 1 to the Act

Between

New Zealand Transport Agency
Appellant

And

Wellington Regional Council
Respondent

Notice of Person's Wish to be Party to Proceedings
Dated: 9 October 2019

To: The Registrar
Environment Court
Wellington
By email

South Wairarapa District Council (SWDC) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:

ENV-2019-WLG-000131 *New Zealand Transport Agency v Wellington Regional Council*

1. SWDC is a local authority and as such is a person who has an interest that is greater than the interest that the general public has. SWDC made a submission and/or further submission about the subject matter of the proceedings.
2. SWDC is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
3. SWDC is interested in the following parts of these proceedings:

Objectives 31 and 35

- 3.1 SWDC supports the appellant's view that O31 and O35 inappropriately imposes a blanket protection requirement which is highly restrictive and seeks input into any amendments made to these objectives.
- 3.2 SWDC considers that these objectives should be amended to clearly identify that the proactive requirements of these provisions only relate to identified features and matters determined to be of value within the relevant schedule.

Policy 4: Minimising Adverse Effects

- 3.3 SWDC generally supports the appellant's request that Policy P4 be reinstated with amendment and would like to be involved in discussions around the reimplementation of this policy and any proposed amendments.
- 3.4 SWDC agrees that Policy P4 would be more appropriately focussed on achieving the best practicable option (taking into account both effects and benefits arising from the proposed activity), rather than minimising adverse effects to the smallest amount practicable.

Policy 102: Reclamation or drainage of the beds of lakes and rivers

- 3.5 SWDC supports in part the appellant's request that P102 be amended to soften thresholds and to provide for the inclusion of a Best Practicable Option process. SWDC seeks to be involved in framing the appropriate scope of amendments to this policy.

Rule 48: Stormwater from an individual property - permitted activity

- 3.6 SWDC supports the appellant's request that R48 be amended to provide certainty to the term "individual property". SWDC shares that appellant's concern that R48 should not apply to roading, in particular local roads and/or local road networks.
4. SWDC agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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