

**Before the Environment Court
At Wellington**

ENV-2019-WLG-000122

IN THE MATTER of an appeal under Clause 14 of
the First Schedule of the
Resource Management Act 1991

BETWEEN **Wellington Fish and Game
Council**
Appellant

AND **Greater Wellington Regional
Council**
Respondent

Notice of intention of **Wairarapa Water User's Incorporated Society** to be a party to
proceedings pursuant to Section 274 of the Resource Management Act 1991

Dated: 9 October 2019

To The Registrar
Environment Court
PO Box 5027
Wellington 6145

1. **Wairarapa Water User's Incorporated Society** (WWU) wishes to become a party to the appeal by Wellington Fish and Game Council against the decisions made by Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) on the Proposed Natural Resources Plan.
2. WWU made a submission and further submissions on the matters included in this appeal and has an interest greater than the public generally.
3. WWU is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. WWU is interested in part of the matters appealed by Wellington Fish and Game Council.
5. In particular, WWU is interested in the following issues:

- Policy P111 and associated rules

Relief sought

Amend Policy 111 and associated rules to provide for a two-tiered system so that water saving measures are undertaken before minimum flows are reached.

- Policy P117 and the equivalent policies/rules within the Whaitua chapters for supplementary allocation R.R.1

Relief sought

Add the following words to Policy P117 after the words "provided flushing flows and a portion of flow above the median flow remains in the river."

"and provided that it can be demonstrated that a supplementary allocation take will not, either by itself or in combination with other takes:

- *Result in an increase in the frequency or duration of minimum flows;*
- *lead to significant departure from the natural flow regime, including the magnitude of the median flow and the frequency of flushing flows;*
- *cause more than minor adverse effects on the freshwater environment including ecosystem health, freshwater fish, mahinga kai and Maori cultural values; or*

- *limit the ability of anyone to take water under a core allocation."*

Supplementary allocation applications be subject to public or limited notification (including to the Wellington Fish and Game Council).

Include the above requirements in the equivalent supplementary allocation policies (and rules) in the Whitua Chapters of the Plan.

Consequential amendments to Schedule V (below).

- Suggested new policy in Section 4.9 and in the Whitua Chapters relating to the end use of taking water for irrigation.

Relief Sought

Include as a new Policy in Section 4.9 of the Plan, and in Whitua equivalent policies:

- *"When allocating water, consideration will be given to the actual and potential effects of any discharges that are associated with the use of the water.*
- *Allocation will not occur where the associated use, including discharge(s) from such use, would fail to provide for the freshwater objectives in Tables 3.1 - 3.8 or other established values for the catchment, whether considered individually or cumulatively."*

6. WWU opposes part of the relief sought insofar that it is inconsistent with WWU's appeal on the basis that the relief sought was to ensure the ability to provide for water storage for a range of land uses across the Wairarapa.
7. WWU agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

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