

UNDER the Resource Management Act 1991

IN THE MATTER of an appeal under clause 14 Schedule 1 of
the Act

BETWEEN **THE ROYAL FOREST & BIRD PROTECTION
SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND INC**

Appellant

AND **MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Respondent

**NOTICE OF SIMONS PASS STATION LIMITED'S WISH TO BE 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
Christchurch
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1. **Simons Pass Station Limited** wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:

ENV-2021-CHC-93 The Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc v Mackenzie District Council

2. Simons Pass Station Limited is a person who made a submission and further submission on Plan Change 18 of the Mackenzie District Plan that is the subject matter of these proceedings.
3. Simons Pass Station Limited is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. Simons Pass Station Limited is interested in all of the proceedings.
5. Simons Pass Station Limited is interested in the following particular issues:
 - Mapping of fully converted and unconverted land.
 - Definition of *improved pasture*.
 - Definition of *indigenous vegetation*.
 - Definition of *significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna*.
 - Definition of *vegetation clearance*.
 - Objective 1, *land use and development activities*.
 - Policies 3 and 4.
 - Rule 1.1 – Permitted Activities – Indigenous Vegetation Clearance.

- Rule 1.2.2 – Restricted Discretionary Activity – Indigenous Vegetation Clearance.
- Rule 1.3.2 – Non-Complying Activity Status – Indigenous Vegetation Clearance.

6. Simons Pass Station Limited opposes the relief sought because:

- Plan Change 18 as determined by the Mackenzie District Council provides appropriate protections for significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna, while also making some provision for landowners to continue normal farming operations.
- The decisions version of the Plan Change is consistent with Part 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991, gives effect to the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement and is in accordance with the Council’s functions under section 31 of the Act.
- The relief sought by the Appellant will result in the introduction of unnecessarily restrictive controls on normal farming land use, with significant impacts on landowners.
- The matters of concern raised by the Appellant overlook the protections that already exist in the Mackenzie District Plan through the controls on agricultural conversion and pastoral intensification.
- The proposal to introduce a map of “fully converted areas”, based on the evidence of Mr Harding, is out of scope of the Plan Change. Furthermore, the map in Mr Harding’s evidence has not been subject to appropriate scrutiny (Mr Harding describes the map as draft only and requiring confirmation through more detailed checking); and there has been no opportunity for affected landowners, some of whom may not have submitted on PC18, to comment on the map.

7. Simons Pass Station Limited agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated this 26th day of August 2021



Kelvin Reid

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The address for service is at the offices of Wilding Law, 356 Memorial Avenue, Christchurch. Documents for service may be:

- a. Left at that address; or
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Advice

If you have any questions about this notice, contact the Environment Court in Auckland, Wellington, or Christchurch.