

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY
I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA**

ENV-2021-CHC-92

In the matter of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**the Act**)

and

In the matter of an appeal under clause 14 schedule one of the Act

Between **DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CONSERVATION**

Appellant

And **MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Respondent

**NOTICE OF THE WOLDS STATION LIMITED'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO
PROCEEDINGS**

26 August 2021

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To: The Registrar
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- 1 The Wolds Station Limited (**TWSL**) wishes to be a party to the abovenamed appeal.
- 2 TWSL made a submission and further submission to Plan Change 18 (Indigenous Biodiversity) (**PC18**) to the Mackenzie District Plan that is the subject of these proceedings.
- 3 Notice of the decision on PC18 was received by TWSL on 24 June 2021. TWSL elected not to appeal the decision.
- 4 The Wolds Station is located within the Mackenzie Basin subzone and is subject to the Mackenzie District Plan (**MDP**). In that respect, TWSL has an interest in these proceedings greater than the interest that the general public has.
- 5 TWSL is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Act.
- 6 TWSL is interested in all of the proceedings.
- 7 Without detracting from the generality of 6 above, those particular parts of the appeal in which TWSL is interested, and whether it supports or opposes those parts are identified in **Appendix A**. Appendix A is not specific to this appeal and identifies TWSL's position with respect to the following related appeals:

7.1.1 ENV-20210-CHC-91 – Meridian Energy Ltd (**MEL**)

7.1.2 ENV-20210-CHC-92 – Director-General of Conservation

7.1.3 ENV-20210-CHC-93 – Royal Forest and Bird Protection
Society of New Zealand Incorporated

7.1.4 ENV-20210-CHC-94 – Environmental Defence Society
Incorporated

- 8 TWSL supports the relief sought by MEL in relation to the deletion of figure 1 and subsection (c) from the definition of '*significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna*' because the map depicting Mackenzie Basin alluvial outwash and moraine ecosystems has not been ground-truthed or adequately consulted upon.
- 9 For all other appeals, TWSL opposes the relief sought because the outcomes have the potential to impose inappropriate restriction(s) and increased consenting obligations on the current and future farming operations of TWSL.
- 10 Further, TWSL considers that the relief sought:
- 10.1.1 Is inconsistent with the Canterbury Policy Statement 2013 (**CRPS**) and fails to provide a pathway for development and use of land in accordance with the concept of sustainable management prescribed in the Act. The decisions version of PC18 should be preferred.
 - 10.1.2 Does not differentiate between maintenance clearance and new clearance activities, a matter of critical importance to the ongoing viability of current farming operations in the Mackenzie Basin.
 - 10.1.3 Is inconsistent with section 32, the purposes and principals of part 2, and the requirements for district plans set out in sections 72, 74 and 75 of the Act.
 - 10.1.4 Will not promote certainty or provisions that are capable of construction and use by non-specialist users of the MDP.
 - 10.1.5 Is not supported by robust scientific assessment.
- 11 TWSL agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated 26 August 2021



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APPENDIX A

| PROVISION APPEALED | EDS | DOC | FOREST & BIRD | MEL |
|---|--|--|--------------------------|---|
| Mapping of fully converted and unconverted land | Oppose | Oppose | Oppose | |
| Definitions | | | | |
| Improved pasture | Oppose | Oppose | Oppose | |
| Indigenous vegetation | | | Oppose | |
| Significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna | Oppose | Oppose | Oppose | Support with respect to deletion of figure 1 and subsection (c) |
| Vegetation clearance | Oppose | Oppose | Oppose | |
| Objectives and Policies | | | | |
| Objective 1 | | | Oppose | |
| Policy 2 | | | Oppose | |
| Policy 3 | | | Oppose | |
| Policy 4 | Oppose | | Oppose | |
| Policy 5 | Oppose | | Oppose | |
| Rules | | | | |
| Rule 1.1.1(1)(a) | Oppose regarding requested maximum clearance cap | Oppose regarding deleting stock tracks and stock crossings | | |
| Rule 1.1.1(1)(b) | Oppose | | | |
| Rule 1.1.1(7) | Oppose | Oppose | | |
| Rule 1.3.2(1) | | | Oppose | |
| Rule 19.1.1 | | | Oppose | |
| Rule 19.1.2.2 | | | Oppose | |
| Rule 19.3.2 | | | Oppose | |