

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND  
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

**I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA  
ŌTAUTAHI ROHE**

**ENV-2024-CHC-091**

**UNDER** the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)

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

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

Appellant

**AND** **MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Respondent

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**NOTICE OF CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL'S WISH TO BE PARTY  
TO PROCEEDING**  
**7 October 2024**

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**NOTICE OF PERSON'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDING**

*Section 274, Resource Management Act 1991*

**To**      The Registrar  
                 Environment Court  
                 Christchurch

**Name of Persons who wish to be Party**

- 1      Canterbury Regional Council (**CRC**) wishes to be a party to the following proceeding:
  - (a) ENV-2024-CHC-091: an appeal by the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated (**Forest & Bird**) against decisions of Mackenzie District Council (**MDC**) on proposed Plan Change 23 and proposed Plan Change 26 to the Mackenzie District Plan (**MDP**).
- 2      The CRC:
  - (a) is a person with an interest in the proceeding greater than the interest that the general public has, being the local authority responsible for the region that the MDP applies within; and
  - (b) made a submission on the proposed Plan Change 23 (**PC23**) and proposed Plan Change 26 (**PC26**), being the subject matter of the proceedings.

**Trade competition**

- 3      The CRC is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.

**The proceeding**

- 4      The CRC is interested in all of the proceeding.

**Particular issues**

- 5      Without limiting the above, the CRC is interested in the following particular issues:

*PC23*

- (a) the provisions relating to the removal of wilding conifers, and subsequent land rehabilitation, oversowing and topdressing (in particular, NFL-R6A, NFL-R7 and NFL-R8);

*PC26*

- (b) the provisions relating to small-scale renewable energy (in particular REG-P4 and REG-R6); and
- (c) all of the other REG provisions, in particular those for regionally significant infrastructure (i.e. the national grid and Waitaki Power Scheme).

**Relief sought**

*PC23*

- 6 The CRC opposes the relief sought by Forest & Bird in their notice of appeal for the following provisions:
  - (a) NFL-R6A; and
  - (b) NFL-R8.
- 7 The CRC partly supports and partly opposes the relief sought by Forest & Bird in their notice of appeal NFL-R7.

*PC26*

- 8 The CRC does not necessarily oppose or support the relief sought by Forest & Bird in relation to the PC26 provisions relating to REG but wishes to maintain an interest to ensure:
  - (a) any relief is granted in accordance with the below reasons for relief sought; and
  - (b) because the relief sought has an inter-relationship with the matters raised in the appeals on PC18 to which CRC is also a section 274 party.

**Reasons for relief sought**

- 9 In areas where CRC opposes Forest & Bird's proposed relief, the decision and provisions in the decisions version of the MDP give effect to the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement.

10 In areas where CRC supports Forest & Bird's proposed relief, the relief sought better gives effect to the Canterbury Regional Policy statement and is consistent with, and consequential to, the changes made in response to the CRC's submission on the notified versions of PC23 and PC26.

**Dispute resolution**

11 CRC agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

**Dated** 7 October 2024.



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