

UNDER the Resource Management Act 1991

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

BETWEEN **DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CONSERVATION**
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-92 Director-General of Conservation 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:
 - The mapping of areas of improved pasture by reference to whether the area has been cultivated or irrigated.
 - Definition of *improved pasture*.
 - Definition of *significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna*.
 - Definition of *vegetation clearance*.
 - Rule 1.1.1(1)(a) regarding deleting stock tracks and stock crossings.
 - Rule 1.1.1(7) – clearance of indigenous vegetation within an area of improved pasture.

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 unnecessarily restrict 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 map areas of improved pasture, by reference to whether the area has been cultivated or irrigated, is out of scope of the Plan Change. Furthermore, the mapping work that has been done to date has not been subject to appropriate scrutiny; and there has been no opportunity for affected landowners, some of whom may not have submitted on PC18, to comment on the mapping proposals.
- The Appellant's concerns regarding the permitted status of clearance of indigenous vegetation for the maintenance or repair of stock tracks and stock crossings are overstated. The terms "stock track" and "stock crossings" are readily understood; permitted status applies only to existing tracks and crossings; and the exception is limited to within 2m of existing tracks and crossings.

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:

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Advice

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