

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
WELLINGTON REGISTRY**

ENV-2024-WLG-000045

**I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
TE WHANGANUI-A-TARA ROHE**

IN THE MATTER

**of an appeal under Clause 14 of
Schedule 1 of the Resource
Management Act 1991**

BETWEEN

**Federated Farmers of New Zealand
Inc
Appellant**

AND

**Greater Wellington Regional Council
Respondent**

**NOTICE OF THE ROYAL FOREST AND BIRD PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND
INCORPORATED'S WISH TO BECOME A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 274
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society Inc

Solicitor Acting: May Downing/Erika Toleman

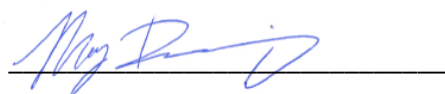
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**To: The Registrar
Environment Court
Wellington**

1. The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated (**Forest & Bird** or **the Society**) wishes to be a party to the appeal by Federated Farmers of New Zealand Inc (Appellant) on Greater Wellington Regional Council's (**respondent**) decisions on the non-freshwater planning instrument parts of Proposed Change 1 and variation 1 to the Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington Region (**PC1**).
2. Forest & Bird made a submission and further submission on PC1.
3. Forest & Bird is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308D of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. Forest & Bird has an interest greater than the public generally as an incorporated society with a well-known role in the protection of indigenous biodiversity.¹
5. Forest & Bird is interested in all of the proceeding.
6. Forest & Bird **opposes** the relief sought in relation to all parts of the appeal because the changes sought with respect to plantation forestry on highly erodible land increase the risk of detrimental effects on freshwater and freshwater ecosystem health. The relief sought is inconsistent with the Resource Management Act and the need to ensure the life-supporting capacity of freshwater is achieved and then maintained.
7. Forest & Bird agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated: 9 December 2024



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¹ See *Marlborough District Council v Burkhardt Fisheries Ltd* [2018] NZEnvC 26 and [31]

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