

**I MUA NGĀ KAIKŌMIHANA WHAKAWĀ MOTUHAKĒ
TE WHANGANUI-A-TARA**

**BEFORE THE INDEPENDENT HEARING COMMISSIONERS
AT WELLINGTON**

IN THE MATTER

of the Resource Management Act 1991
(RMA)

AND

IN THE MATTER OF

Plan Change 1 to the Natural Resources
Plan for the Wellington Region

**MEMORANDUM ON BEHALF OF THE ROYAL FOREST AND BIRD PROTECTION
SOCIETY INC**

**HEARING STREAM 3
26 MAY 2025**



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MAY IT PLEASE THE COMMISSIONERS

1. Counsel for the Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society Inc (**Forest & Bird**) regrets to advise that it is no longer able to attend the HS3 hearings. This because of capacity and availability reasons, including Environment Court mediation scheduled during the same weeks.
2. Forest & Bird's position set out in its legal submissions dated 9 May 2025 has not changed after considering Greater Wellington Regional Council's rebuttal evidence on Rural Land Use and Earthworks. Forest & Bird maintains the concerns raised in its legal submissions.
3. Counsel is happy to provide written answers to any questions the Commissioners may have.

Dated this 26th day of May 2026



May Downing

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