

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
WELLINGTON REGISTRY**

**ENV-2024-WLG-000043**

**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**

**Porirua City Council  
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**

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**To: The Registrar  
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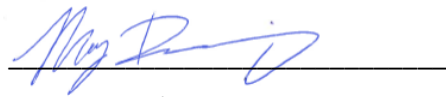
1. The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated (**Forest & Bird** or **the Society**) wishes to be a party to the appeal by Porirua City Council (Appellant) on Greater Wellington Regional Council's (**respondent**) decisions on the non-freshwater planning instrument parts 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.<sup>1</sup>
5. Forest & Bird is interested in all of the proceeding other than the definitions for "high density development", "medium density development", "travel choice assessment", "urban zones", and Policy 30, Policy 32, Policy 58, and Policy UD.3.
6. The Appellant's relief is wide-ranging and interconnected. Forest & Bird is interested in and **opposes** the relief sought where the Appellant seeks changes that:
  - a. Do not safeguard the life-supporting capacity of air, water, soil, and ecosystems.
  - b. Do not accord with the provision of Part 2 of the Resource Management Act.
  - c. Renders the mechanisms provided under the Resource Management Act to address climate change ineffective.
  - d. Fail to give effect to relevant national policy statements.
  - e. Do not achieve the objectives of the Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington Region and/or purpose of the Resource Management as required by section 32.

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

7. Forest & Bird signals a particular interest in the relief in relation to the Indigenous Ecosystems Chapter, particularly where it may conflict with provisions supporting greater ecological protection or where Forest & Bird has sought relief seeking clearer environmental bottom lines.
8. Forest & Bird agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated: 9 December 2024



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