



TE RŪNANGA O
TOA RANGATIRA

BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT AT WELLINGTON
I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA KI TE WHANGANUI-A-TARA

IN THE MATTER

Of appeals under Clause 14 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act
1991

AND IN THE MATTER OF

Notice of Appeals lodged against a decision of the Greater Wellington
Regional Council on Change 1 (and Variation 1) to the Regional Policy
Statement under section 274 of the Resource Management Act 1991

BETWEEN

Kapiti Coast District Council
Federated Farmers of New Zealand
Hutt City Council
Porirua City Council
New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi
Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society Incorporated
Transpower New Zealand Ltd
Upper Hutt City Council
Waikanae North Developments Company
Wellington City Council
Wellington International Airport Ltd
Wellington Water Ltd
Winstone Aggregates

Appellants

Greater Wellington Regional Council
Respondent

NOTICE OF INTENTION BY TE RŪNANGA O TOA RANGATIRA

9 December 2024



Request of Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira to become party to proceedings relating to Notice of Appeals lodged against a decision of the Greater Wellington Regional Council on Change 1 (and Variation 1) to the Regional Policy Statement under section 274 of the Resource Management Act 1991

To

The Registrar

Environment Court

Wellington

I, Rawiri Faulkner, representing Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira, wish to be a party to the following proceedings relating to Notice of Appeals lodged against a decision of the Greater Wellington Regional Council on Change 1 (and Variation 1) to the Regional Policy Statement.

As a representative of mana whenua, I am a person who has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has, and as representing Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira who made a submission about the subject matter of Change 1 (and Variation 1) to the Wellington Regional Policy Statement.

I am not a trade competitor for the purposes of [section 308C](#) or [308CA](#) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

I am interested in all of the proceedings.

I am interested in the following particular issues:

- Changes to definitions (Chapter 2A) which may alter the meaning of key policy directions.
- All matters relating to the health and wellbeing of te taiao, especially Te Whanganui a Tara, Te Awarua o Porirua and waterways of the Kapiti Coast, including associated catchments and coastal environments.
- Climate change (Chapter 3.1A), especially Notices of Appeal that may undermine or weaken the importance of climate change mitigation and adaptation in the Wellington Region, including travel choice assessments and low-carbon transport systems.
- Notices of Appeal relating to providing for mineral exploitation and supply of aggregates.
- Hazard related provisions, including high hazard areas, natural hazard risk and potential impact on the Porirua CBD and the potential to maximise the opportunities from nature-based solutions.



- Ensuring protection of indigenous ecosystems and innovative ways to work with landowners to restore degraded environments, including issues of biodiversity offsetting.

Definitions

Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira opposes relief sought by Winstone Aggregates which seeks to delete definitions of 'ecological connectivity', 'ecosystem health', 'ecosystem processes', 'enhancement' and maintain/maintained/maintenance.'

Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira opposes relief sought by Winstone Aggregates which seeks to amend a number of definitions that may require consequential amendments arising from Winstone's relief sought on policy matters.

Freshwater

Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira supports, in part, relief sought by Wellington Water Ltd which seeks to amend Policy FW.X: Hydrological Control for urban development – regional plans and associated definitions. While the Policy FW.FX should be retained, we would support refinements of the policy and associated definitions to enable clearer direction of the application of hydrological controls and the expected outcomes.

Climate change

Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira opposes, in part, relief sought by New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi which seeks to delete Policy CC1 (or make an alternative amendment). This policy is about reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with transport demand and infrastructure – district and regional plans. We consider that there should be a focus on public transport and other forms of transportation in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira opposes relief sought by Hutt City Council and Porirua City Council which seek to delete Objective CC.2. This objective relates to the costs and benefits of transitioning to a low emission and climate resilient region are equitable between sectors and communities. We consider that consideration of equality between sectors and communities is critical in climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira opposes relief sought by Porirua City Council which seeks to delete the opening paragraph of Objective CC.3 which states 'To support the global goal of limiting warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius and New Zealand's greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets, net greenhouse gas emissions in the Wellington Region are reduced: Management of natural and physical resources.' We are strongly in support of retaining this objective.

Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira opposes relief sought by Wellington City Council which seeks to delete Policy CC.1. This policy aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with transport demand and infrastructure under district and regional plans. Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira supports, in part, the relief



sought by Upper Hutt City Council, Kapiti Coast District Council and Porirua City Council in relation to Policy CC.1. We see merit in the amendments suggested by Upper Hutt City Council, in particular, with regards to this policy.

Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira opposes, in part, the relief sought by Wellington City Council, Hutt City Council, Upper Hutt Council, Kapiti Coast District Council, Porirua City Council, Waikanae North Development Ltd and Wellington International Airport Ltd with regards to policies CC.2, CC.2A and CC.3. These policies concern travel choice assessments and enabling a shift to low and zero-carbon emission transport. Instead of deleting these policies, we consider that all the local authorities collectively can work together to amend the policies relating to travel choice assessment and emissions reduction from transport and develop improved approaches, especially involving the use of non-regulatory methods.

Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira opposes relief sought by Winstone Aggregates which seeks to amend Policies 7 and 39 to include significant mineral resources. We consider this amendment as incompatible with the overall Objective CC.3 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira supports, in part, relief sought by Wellington City Council, Upper Hutt City Council, Kapiti Coast District Council and Porirua City Council which seeks:

- To delete or amend Policy CC. 8 (Kapiti Coast District Council, Porirua City Council, Upper Hutt City Council).
- To delete or amend Policy CC.9 (Kapiti Coast District Council, Upper Hutt City Council, Wellington City Council).
- To delete or amend Policy CC.11 (Kapiti Coast District Council, Upper Hutt City Council).

These policies apply to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in relation to subdivision, use or development. As outlined above, we consider that the local authorities can collectively work together to refine these and other related policies involving potential provisions in district plans, transport infrastructure, offsetting and future resource consent information requirements. There is a role for emissions reduction provisions in district plans and consents but these provisions need to be effective and workable for the communities of the region.

Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira opposes, in part, the relief sought by Hutt City Council which seeks to delete Policy CC.4 which provides for climate responsive development – district plans.

In relation to the policies CC.7 and CC.8, Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira supports the relief sought by the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society regarding nature-based solutions to climate change and the planting of indigenous vegetation should be preferred over exotics.

Also in relation to policies CC.8, CC.9 and CC.11, Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira opposes the relief sought by Waikanae North Developments Ltd which has the



effect of undermining establishing priorities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions for the region.

Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira opposes the relief sought by Federated Farmers of New Zealand Inc' that seeks to delete Policy CC.6. This policy supports maximising the establishment of permanent indigenous forest on highly erodible land which has associated benefits of biodiversity, decreasing sedimentation and reducing risk of forestry slash during heavy rain events.

Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira opposes the relief sought by Porirua City Council with regards to Policy CC.18. The policy relates to increasing regional forest cover to support climate change mitigation: "right tree-right place" – non-regulatory. We seek the retention of giving priority to promoting and incentivising the planting and regeneration of permanent indigenous forests.

Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira supports, in part, the relief sought by Wellington City Council and Porirua City Council with regards to policies 29 and 51 (including relevant provisions in Chapter 3.8 Natural Hazards). While it must be ensured that the risk of natural hazards is minimised and managed, we are concerned about the impact on the Porirua City Town Centre and other existing urban areas. We submit that further collaboration is required between the local authorities on this issue and consequent refinement of the Regional Policy Statement provisions.

Indigenous ecosystems

Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira opposes, in part, the relief sought by Upper Hutt City Council and Porirua City Council with regards to Objective 16. We also oppose, in part, the relief sought in terms of related policies of 23 and 24 (Upper Hutt City Council, Kapiti Coast District Council and Porirua City Council, Wellington International Airport Ltd, Winstone Aggregates) and Policy 47 (Upper Hutt City Council, Porirua City Council, Transpower New Zealand Ltd, Winstone Aggregates) and linkages of the relief sought with policies of 24A, 24B, 24C, 24CC and 24D.

While we understand the impact of recent central government legislative direction in the form of the Resource Management (Freshwater and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2024, it is even more important that the local authorities as a collective work together to refine and amend the objective and policies to maintain and enhance indigenous ecosystems and habitats with significant indigenous biodiversity values.



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I agree to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Signed

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Note to person wishing to be a party

You must lodge the original and 1 copy of this notice with the Environment Court within 15 working days after—

- the period for lodging a notice of appeal ends, if the proceedings are an appeal; or
- the decision to hold an inquiry, if the proceedings are an inquiry; or
- the proceedings are commenced, in any other case.

Your right to be a party to the proceedings in the court may be limited by the trade competition provisions in [section 274\(1\)](#) and [Part 11A](#) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

The notice must be signed by you or on your behalf.

You must serve a copy of this notice on the relevant local authority and the person who commenced the proceedings within the same 15 working day period and serve copies of this notice on all other parties within 5 working days after that period ends.

However, you may apply to the Environment Court under [section 281](#) of the Resource Management Act 1991 for a waiver of the above timing or service requirements (see [form 38](#)).

