

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
AT WELLINGTON  
TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA**

**ENV-2024-WLG-000043**

**IN THE MATTER** the Resource Management Act 1991

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF** An appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 of  
the Resource Management Act 1991

**BETWEEN** **PORIRUA CITY COUNCIL**  
Appellant

**AND** **WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
Respondent

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO BE A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS UNDER  
SECTION 274 ON BEHALF OF WINSTONE AGGREGATES**

9 December 2024

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To The Registrar  
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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO BE A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS  
UNDER SECTION 274 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT  
1991**

1. Winstone Aggregates (**Winstone**) wish to be a party to the following proceedings:
  - a) Porirua City Council (**PCC**) appeal against the decision of the Wellington Regional Council on proposed Plan Change 1 to the Wellington Regional Policy Statement.
2. Winstone made a submission and further submission on proposed Plan Change 1 to the Regional Policy Statement.
3. Winstone is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. Winstone is interested in part of the proceedings. The part of the proceedings Winstone is interested in are:
  - (a) Definitions of “ ecosystem processes” and “environmentally responsive” and “travel choice assessment.”
  - (b) Objective CC.2 and CC.3
  - (c) Objective 16.
  - (d) Policies CC.2 & CC.2A
  - (e) Policy 23
  - (f) Policy 24
  - (g) Policy 47.
  - (h) Policy IE.2A
5. And any consequent amendments or other relief arising from the appellant’s appeal on these points.

6. Winstone made a submission and further submission on these provisions. Winstone has also filed a Notice of Appeal on RPS-PC1 appealing these provisions (ENV-2024-00051)
7. Winstone is the largest manufacturer and distributor of aggregates in the country. The company operates several quarries in the Wellington Region including Belmont Quarry, Otaki Quarry and Petone Quarry. These operations provide a local and reliable supply of aggregates for construction in the region that is essential for roading, construction and infrastructure development. The availability of a locally sourced aggregate is crucial for minimising transportation costs and ensuring a sustainable supply of materials. Aggregates are a vital ingredient in ensuring the region meets its objectives of suitable public infrastructure, resilience planning and affordable housing, and underpin's the growth outcomes sought by the NPS-UD.
8. Winstone is interested in the following particular issues addressed in the appeal that would result in changes to the RPS- PC1 that would result in changes to provisions in a manner inconsistent with Winstone's own submission and appeal of these provisions.
9. Winstone is interested in WCC's appeal (in summary) to ensure that the RPS-PC1 and provisions:
  - (a) Properly recognise the importance and benefits of aggregates and quarrying.
  - (b) Ensure that the RPS provides policy recognition and support for continued pathways for quarrying in the region providing security of supply.
  - (c) Ensure that the RPS recognised the site specific nature of aggregate extraction and the need to quarry in areas where the resource is located, protected significant resource deposits from reverse sensitivity effects and Policy that does not recognise the unique characteristics of quarrying.

- (d) Ensure that land long set aside for quarrying activities at its existing sites was not sterilised as a result of the Policy framework implemented through RPS-PC1.
  - (e) That the RPS introduced policy that gave proper effect to NPS-FM, NPS-UD and NPS-IB, in a more balanced and integrated way by ensuring that it gave equal recognition to the use as well as protection elements of those National Directions (including reference to the consenting pathways for quarrying of aggregates and clean-filling and aggregate extraction), including providing for the interaction of those activities.
  - (f) That biodiversity offsetting and availability of the effects management hierarchy remains as articulated in the RMA, National Direction in the NPS-IB and NPS-FM (including the most recent NPS and RMA amendments) and that Council do not seek to impose further undue restrictions by way of regional circumstances that render biodiversity offsetting/ application of the effects hierarchy unavailable which will result in the broadening of scope of land unavailable for quarrying and sterilisation of aggregate resource in the Wellington Region or undermine those consenting pathways provided for quarrying and aggregate extraction in National Direction.
  - (g) Avoids undue duplication.
10. Winstone agree to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.
11. Winstone **supports** the requested relief sought by PCC to the extent that it is consistent with the relief sought by Winstone and **opposes** the relief sought in the PCC appeal to the extent it is inconsistent with and would not achieve the relief sought by Winstone and/or the outcomes set out in paragraph 9 above.

**Dated:** 9 December 2024



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