



ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND

01 March 2022

In reply, please quote reference  
ENV-2022-AKL-000036

**BY EMAIL ONLY**

Director-General of Conservation  
PO Box 3072  
Hamilton 3240

Dear Troy Ulrich

**Director-General of Conservation v Waikato District Council**

Topic: Master Topic: Proposed Waikato District Plan

I acknowledge receipt on 01 March 2022 of:

- Appeal by submitter on Proposed Policy Statement Or Plan pursuant to Clause 14 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991

I look forward to receiving from you written notice to the Court of the name, address and date of service for each party served with the application. Please note that service of the application cannot be waived.

The Court has accepted your application subject to the following:

- Payment of the required \$600.00 filing fee

These proceedings will not progress until you have attended to the above. After that the matter will be referred to an Environment Judge for their initial consideration.

If the matter proceeds to hearing, you will be notified of any hearing date and time as well as the associated hearing and scheduling fees.

**Case Management**

The Environment Court operates a caseflow management system for all proceedings filed with it. The Court will supervise or manage the time and events involved in the life of this case, from the time it is filed, to the time it is disposed of. Initially a copy of this appeal will be referred to an Environment Judge shortly after its filing for assignment to a case track.

**What is a case track?**

The Court specifically manages the flow of cases through a Case Tracking system, of which there are three distinct management tracks. They are:

**Standard:**

This management track will include most s.120 appeals, non-urgent enforcement proceedings and other miscellaneous proceedings. The Court will typically issue standard directions to the parties, with an emphasis on avoiding unnecessary court appearances at the interlocutory stage and a hearing within six months of commencement.

**Priority:**

This track is for the more urgent cases, such as urgent enforcement proceedings; also appeals that the Court considers require priority resolution, or matters for which more intense case management is required.

**Parties On-Hold:**

Cases will be placed onto this track (unless the managing Judge otherwise directs) in circumstances where parties advise that they are not actively seeking a hearing to (for example) negotiate or mediate.

**Where your case has not already been assigned to a case track then the Managing Judge will allocate your case to a specific track and you will be notified of this by way of separate correspondence.**

Information about the Environment Court and its procedures can be found on the Ministry of Justice web site (<http://www.justice.govt.nz>) and is also available from the Ministry for the Environment (<http://www.mfe.govt.nz>).

Please direct any correspondence or enquiries to Trent Grace as Case Manager for this matter and note the above Court reference.



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## **LIST OF PARTIES**

<b><u>Lodgement:</u></b>	<b><u>ENV-2022-AKL-000036</u></b>	<b><u>Director-General of Conservation v Waikato District Council</u></b>
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