

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND
AUCKLAND REGISTRY**

**I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
TĀMAKI MAKAURAU ROHE**

ENV-2022-AKL

UNDER section 274 of the Resource Management Act 1991

IN THE MATTER of an appeal pursuant to clause 14(1) of the First
Schedule of the Act

BETWEEN **FEDERATED FARMERS OF NEW ZEALAND**

Appellant

AND **WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Respondent

**NOTICE OF LOCHIEL FARMLANDS LIMITED WISH TO BE PARTY TO
PROCEEDINGS
S274, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991
22 March 2022**

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NOTICE OF PERSON'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS

Section 274, Resource Management Act 1991

To The Registrar
Environment Court
Auckland

Name of Person who wishes to be Party

- 1 Lochiel Farmlands Limited (**Lochiel**) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings: Clause 14(1) of the First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991, Federated Farmers of New Zealand Inc (**Federated Farmers**) appeal against part of the decision of the Proposed Waikato District Council Plan.
- 2 Lochiel made a submission about the subject matter in the plan change hearing (submitter 349).

Trade competition

- 3 Lochiel is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.

The Proceedings

- 4 Lochiel is interested in part of the proceedings. In particular, amendments sought by Federated farmers in respect of:
 - (a) Significant Natural Areas (**SNAs**); and
 - (b) Ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity.

Particular Issues

- 5 Lochiel is interested in the following particular issues:
 - (a) The definition of SNAs;

- (b) Scheduling the SNAs; and
- (c) Amended wording to ECO – Ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity.

Relief sought

- 6 Lochiel supports the relief sought because:
- (a) Lochiel’s farmland is near 3500 HA. Having a schedule with the associated values of SNAs will assist the landowner with maintenance and identification. SNAs currently identified are for information purposes only.
 - (b) There needs to be clarity regarding responsibility for the management of SNAs as between the landowner and local authority. This includes funding for fencing and planting. Lochiel supports the amendment of ECO-P6, P11, P12.
 - (c) Landowners need to be able to construct and maintain tracks, manage pests, drains, vegetation and commercially planted forestry and in order to manage their farms efficiently.
 - (d) The SNA areas have been mapped both with expert input; site visits; using desktop tools; and following feedback with landowners about the appropriateness of some mapping. Lochiel is satisfied that the SNA mapping on its land is appropriate.

Dispute resolution

- 7 Lochiel agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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