

BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
AUCKLAND REGISTRY

I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA

ENV-2022-AKL-000036

**IN THE MATTER** The Resource Management Act 1991  
(the **Act**)

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of an appeal under clause 14(1) of  
the First Schedule of the Act

**BETWEEN** **Director-General of Conservation**  
**Appellant**

**AND** **WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**Respondent**

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**NOTICE OF WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO  
PROCEEDINGS**

**DATED 22 MARCH 2022**

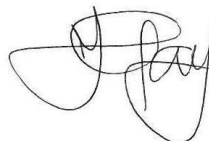
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**To: The Registrar  
Environment Court  
Auckland**

1. The Waikato Regional Council (**WRC**) gives notice that it wishes to be a party to the appeal by the Director-General of Conservation (ENV-AKL-2022-000036) against a decision of the Waikato District Council on submissions on its Proposed Waikato District Plan (**Proposed DP**).
2. WRC made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings (submission dated 18 September 2018 – allocated submitter number 81).
3. WRC is not a trade competitor for the purposes of 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. WRC is interested in all of the proceedings.
5. The general reasons for WRC's interest in the proceedings are:
  - (a) The Waikato Regional Policy Statement (WRPS) requires the protection of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna (significant natural areas (SNA)).
  - (b) The decision version deletes the majority of SNA from the map and applies the provisions for SNA only to those areas that are mapped.
  - (c) WRC has appealed these decisions (ENV-AKL-2022-000073).
  - (d) The Director-General of Conservation's appeal raises similar concerns as well as other points raised by WRC in our original submission and through the hearing process.
6. WRC supports the relief sought in the appeal because:
  - (a) Would ensure that the Waikato District Plan gives effect to the WRPS and achieves the purpose of the Act;
  - (b) It is consistent with the points raised by WRC in our original submission and through the hearing process.

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

**DATED** at Hamilton this 22nd day of March 2022



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