

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
AT AUCKLAND  
I MUA I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA**

**ENV-2022-AKL-000073**

**UNDER** the Resource Management Act 1991

**IN THE MATTER OF** an appeal under clause 14 of Schedule  
1 of the Act in relation to the Proposed  
Waikato District Plan

**BETWEEN** **WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**Appellant**

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

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**NOTICE OF FEDERATED FARMERS OF NEW ZEALAND  
INCORPORATED'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS**

**22 March 2022**

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To: **The Registrar**  
**Environment Court**  
**Auckland**

1. Federated Farmers of New Zealand Incorporated (**Federated Farmers**) wishes to be a party to the proceedings ENV-2022-AKL-000073 (the **Proceedings**).
2. Federated Farmers made a submission about the subject matter of the Proceedings. Federated Farmers also has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has as a representative body for farmers' interests which may be affected by the relief sought by the Appellant. Additionally:
  - (a) the subject matter of the appeal is a matter of interest to farmers who rely on natural and physical resources in the district in making their livelihoods; and
  - (b) there is a potential for farmers in the district to be directly impacted by the terms of the appeal.
3. Federated Farmers is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. Federated Farmers is interested in the parts of the Proceedings which relate to:
  - (a) the definition of "Significant Natural Area", the retention of the Significant Natural Area maps as notified in the Proposed Waikato District Plan, and the full or partial removal of Significant Natural Areas from the notified maps (the **SNA Provisions**);<sup>1</sup>
  - (b) the definition of "Flood Plain Management Area"; and
  - (c) any consequential relief sought by the Appellant to give effect to matters raised in their appeal

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<sup>1</sup> As set out in the Appellant's Notice of Appeal, including at [7], [10(a)], [10(b)] and [10(b)].

5. Federated Farmers is interested in the issues raised in the Appellant's notice of appeal insofar as they relate to these provisions.
6. Federated Farmers opposes the relief sought because:
  - (a) The SNA Provisions: protection of areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna should be limited to areas identified on the relevant maps in the Waikato District Plan to provide certainty to farmers and landowners.
  - (b) The definition of "Flood Plain Management Area": management of significant risks from natural hazards should be limited to areas identified on the relevant maps in the Waikato District Plan to provide certainty to farmers and landowners.
7. Federated Farmers agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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**Advice**

If you have any questions about this notice, contact the Environment Court in Auckland, Wellington, or Christchurch.