

**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 under Clause 14 of the First Schedule of the Act

**BETWEEN** **DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CONSERVATION**  
Appellant

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

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**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, Department of Conservation (**DOC**) appeal against part of the decision of the Proposed Waikato District Council Plan (**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 DOC in respect of Significant Natural Areas (**SNAs**).

### **Particular Issues**

- 5 Lochiel is interested in the following particular issues:
  - (a) SNAs being mapped and the definition of SNAs; and
  - (b) Amendments to APP2.

### **Relief sought**

- 6 Lochiel opposes the relief sought:
- (a) 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.
  - (b) Having the areas mapped aligns with the proposed draft National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity.
  - (c) Commercial forestry planting should not be considered as an SNA as it is temporary and contradicts managing SNAs, in particular, avoiding physical fragmentation is not possible. There are provisions that limit the clearance of vegetation outside an SNA for indigenous biodiversity.

**Dispute resolution**

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



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