

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AUCKLAND REGISTRY**

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

ENV-2022-AKL-000036

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)

AND

IN THE MATTER of an appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 of the
RMA

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application under section 274 of the RMA

BETWEEN **DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CONSERVATION**

Appellant

AND

WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL

Respondent

**NOTICE OF INTENTION BY TATA VALLEY LIMITED TO BE A PARTY TO THE
PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 274**

Dated 22 March 2022

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TO: the Registrar
Environment Court
Auckland

1. TaTa Valley Limited (**TVL**) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings under s 274 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**):

Director-General of Conservation v Waikato District Council (ENV-2022-AKL-000036)

2. The proceedings concern an appeal lodged by the Director-General of Conservation against a decision of Waikato District Council (**Council**) on the Proposed Waikato District Plan (**PWDP**) which was publicly notified on 17 January 2022 (**Decision**).

Nature of interest in the proceedings

3. TVL controls a large rural site south-west of Pokeno that was rezoned in the Decision to a new special purpose zone called the TaTa Valley zone (**Site**). The purpose of the TaTa Valley zone is to enable the development and operation of the TaTa Valley Resort. The Site contains a number of Significant Natural Areas (**SNA**) that are mapped in the PWDP.
4. TVL made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings and presented evidence at the Council hearing in relation to the provisions for SNAs. It also lodged a further submission on the original submission by the Director-General of Conservation.

Extent of interest in the proceedings

5. TVL is interested in the parts of the appeal that relate to the provisions for SNAs, including requested amendments to the definition of SNA and policies related to SNAs. It is not interested in parts of the appeal that relate to Kauri dieback.
6. TVL opposes the relief sought for the reasons outlined in the Decision in relation to this matter and its evidence before the hearing commissioners, including that:
 - (a) It is more efficient and effective for the definition of SNA to only reference those areas identified and shown as such on the planning maps. This will provide certainty for all plan users and ensure consistency in the administration of the SNA provisions of the plan.

- (b) The SNA definition in the Decisions version of the PWDP adequately gives effect to the Waikato Regional Policy Statement (**WRPS**) and provides for section 6 matters.
- (c) The objectives, policies and rules in the Decisions version of the PWDP (apart from the amendments sought by TVL in its appeal) are the most appropriate provisions to provide for certainty in the administration of the plan provisions whilst giving effect to the higher order documents and provisions in particular the WRPS and Part 2 matters.

Alternative Dispute Resolution

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

DATED: 22 March 2022

TATA VALLEY LIMITED

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Note to person wishing to be a party

You must lodge the original and one copy of this notice with the Environment Court within 15 working days after:

- (a) the period for lodging a notice of appeal ends, if the proceedings are an appeal; or
- (b) the decision to hold an inquiry, if the proceedings are an inquiry; or
- (c) the proceedings are commenced, in any other case.

Your right to be a party to the proceedings in the court may be limited by the trade competition provisions in section 274(1) and Part 11A of the Resource Management Act 1991.

The notice must be signed by you or on your behalf.

You must serve a copy of this notice on the relevant local authority and the person who commenced the proceedings within the same 15 working day period and serve copies of this notice on all other parties within 5 working days after that period ends.

However, you may apply to the Environment Court under section 281 of the Resource Management Act 1991 for a waiver of the above timing or service requirements (see form 38).

Advice

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