

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AUCKLAND REGISTRY**

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

ENV-2022-AKL-000073

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

WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL

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**):

Waikato Regional Council v Waikato District Council (ENV-2022-AKL-000073)

2. The proceedings concern an appeal lodged by Waikato Regional Council 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 (**SNAs**) 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 Waikato Regional Council.

Extent of interest in the proceedings

5. TVL is interested in the part of the appeal that relates to SNAs and in particular the requested relief to:
 - (a) Retain the SNA maps as notified in the PWDP, unless evidence was submitted during the district plan hearing process from a qualified ecologist establishing that the SNA or part of the SNA does not meet the criteria set out in 11A of the Waikato Regional Policy Statement (**WRPS**).
 - (b) Amend the definition of 'Significant Natural Area' as follows:

Means an area identified as a Significant Natural Area on the planning maps or those areas that meet one or more of the criteria set out in APP2 of the Plan, as assessed by a suitably qualified ecologist.

6. TVL opposes the relief sought for the reasons outlined in the Decision on this matter, and its evidence before the hearing commissioners. 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. The SNA definition in the Decisions version of the PWDP adequately gives effect to the WRPS and provides for section 6 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.