

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
AT AUCKLAND  
I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA  
TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU**

**ENV-2020-AKL-000085**

**IN THE MATTER** of the Resource Management Act 1991

**AND**

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

**BETWEEN** **WAIPA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Appellant

**AND** **WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Respondent

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**NOTICE OF BEEF+LAMB NEW ZEALAND LIMITED'S WISH TO BE A  
PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS  
29 September 2020**

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**TO:** The Registrar  
Environment Court  
Auckland

1. Beef+Lamb New Zealand Ltd (B+LNZ) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:

*Waipa District Council v Waikato Regional Council*  
ENV-2020-AKL-000085.

2. B+LNZ made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings.
3. B+LNZ has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has because:
  - (a) The proceedings seek relief that will impact on the natural and physical resources of the region.
  - (b) B+LNZ is a representative body that promotes sustainable farming practices and develops and implements programmes aimed at improving farming systems.
  - (c) The Appeal may impact farmers who B+LNZ represent and who rely on natural and physical resources to provide for their health and well-being.
4. B+LNZ is not a trade competitor for the purposes of s 308C or 308A of the Resource Management Act 1991.
5. B+LNZ is interested in all of the proceedings.
6. B+LNZ is interested in the following particular issues:
  - (a) Amendments to Table 3.11-1, including the short-term reduction target.
  - (b) The effect any relief sought will have upon the objective and policy framework and supporting rules and schedules that provide for low intensity farming.
7. B+LNZ conditionally opposes the relief sought because:

- (a) B+LNZ supports the findings of the Respondent that the Decisions Version of PC1 provides for restoration and protection of the Waikato and Waipā Rivers and their tributaries, subject to the relief sought in its appeal.
  - (b) B+LNZ is a farmer-owned, industry organisation that represents New Zealand's sheep and beef farmers, funded through a levy paid by all beef and sheep meat producers under the Commodity Levies Act 1990.
  - (c) The relief sought may have consequential effects on the approach in PC1 to low-intensity and other farming activities.
  - (d) PC1's approach to enabling low-intensity farming activities, including extensive drystock farms, and providing for flexibility (including in Farm Environment Plans) enables people and communities to provide for their wellbeing while at the same time recognising the Awa are degraded and ensuring that there is no further degradation and there is a path of improvement in the short and long term.
  - (e) To the extent any relief sought by the Appellant amend PC1 by replacing, altering or removing the objective and policy framework and supporting rules and schedules that provide for low-intensity farming, that relief is opposed.
  - (f) B+LNZ supports the relief sought to Table 3.11-1 to the extent it improves the workability and implementation of that table and is consistent with the desire to retain the approach in PC1 to low intensity farming.
8. B+LNZ is otherwise neutral on the relief sought.
9. B+LNZ agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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Beef+Lamb New Zealand Ltd

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This notice was filed by **CHRISTOPHER PAUL THOMSEN**, solicitor for the party of the firm Fletcher Vautier Moore. The address for service of the above-named party is at the offices of Fletcher Vautier Moore, Solicitors, 265A Queen Street, Richmond, Nelson.

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