

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND
I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA**

ENV-2020-AKL-000095

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of an appeal under clause 14 of Schedule 1 to the Act against the decision of the Waikato Regional Council on Proposed Plan Change 1 to the Waikato Regional Plan

BETWEEN

MERCURY NZ LIMITED

Appellant

AND

WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Respondent

**NOTICE OF TAUPO DISTRICT COUNCIL'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO
PROCEEDINGS**

Dated 29 September 2020

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1. Taupo District Council (**TDC**) wishes to be a party to these proceedings, being ENV-2020-AKL-000095 *Mercury NZ Limited v Waikato Regional Council* (**Appeal**).
2. TDC made a submission about the subject matter of the Appeal and, as a local authority, has an interest in the Appeal that is greater than the interest that the general public has.
3. TDC is not a trade competitor for the purposes of sections 308C and 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**).
4. TDC is interested in the discrete part of the Appeal that addresses Policy 11 – Te Kaupapa Here 11.
5. The issue that TDC is interested in is the operation and development of Regionally Significant Industry and Regionally Significant Infrastructure.
6. TDC supports the relief sought by the appellant with respect to Policy 11. Plan Change 1 (**PC1**) must “give effect to” the Waikato Regional Policy Statement (**WRPS**) as a higher order planning instrument. The WRPS contains broad, enabling, protective provisions in relation to Regionally Significant Infrastructure. PC1 should provide a strong policy direction to enable the development, operation and upgrade of Regionally Significant Infrastructure and should avoid a policy hierarchy that undermines the strong policy support for existing Regionally Significant Infrastructure.

7. TDC supports any consequential relief to the extent that it is consistent with the outcomes sought in its appeal.
8. TDC agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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