

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT AUCKLAND**

ENV-2016-AKL-000188

UNDER the Local Government (Auckland Transitional Provisions) Act 2010 (**LGATPA**)

AND the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)

IN THE MATTER of an appeal under s156 LGATPA against a decision of the Auckland Council on a recommendation of the Auckland Unitary Plan Independent Hearings Panel on the Auckland Unitary Plan

BETWEEN **JOHN ROBERT LENIHAN**

Appellant

AUCKLAND COUNCIL

AND **Respondent**

**NOTICE OF WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 274 RMA BY
ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENCE SOCIETY INCORPORATED**

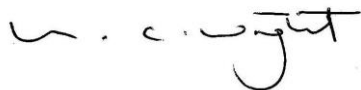
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**Notice of wish to be party to proceedings under s274 RMA by
Environmental Defence Society Incorporated**

1. The Environmental Defence Society Incorporated (**EDS**) wishes to be a party to the Notice of Appeal ENV-2016-AKL-000188 dated 14 September 2016 by John Robert Lenihan to the Environment Court (**Appeal**) against the decision of the Auckland Council on the Auckland Unitary Plan (**Plan**) that concerns Topic 075 – Waitakere Ranges.
2. EDS made submissions about the subject matter of the Appeal in that it lodged submissions¹ on the Plan regarding subdivision and development within the Waitakere Ranges, and in particular to constrain subdivision to ensure the natural values of the Waitakere Ranges are appropriately protected. It made further submissions² in support of the Waitakere Ranges Protection Society Incorporated regarding the same issues. The Appeal is contrary to the relief sought in EDS's submissions because it seeks an increase in the intensity of development enabled in the Waitakere Ranges.
3. EDS is not a trade competitor for the purposes of s308C or s308CA RMA.
4. EDS is interested in and opposes the relief sought in the Appeal.
5. The relief sought in the Appeal is inappropriate in terms of s32 RMA, inconsistent with the purpose, principles and provisions of the RMA, inconsistent with the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act 2008, unnecessary and counter-productive, and will compromise the sustainable management of resources.
6. EDS agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the Appeal.

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¹ Submission number 4735.

² Further submission number 1974.

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