

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

*ENV-2020-AKL-000099*

**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** **Lochiel Farmlands Limited – support**

Appellant

**AND** **Waikato Regional Council**

Respondent

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**NOTICE OF FARMERS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE WISH TO BE A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS**

**29 September 2020**

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**To:** The Registrar

Environment Court

Auckland

1. Farmers for Positive Change (F4PC) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:  
*Lochiel Farmlands Limited ENV-2020-AKL-000149*
2. F4PC made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings.
3. F4PC 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) F4PC is a group of farmers from the sheep and beef, deer and dairy sectors (refer to Appendix One for current committee members) who are environmental award winners and profitable environmental champions within their communities. Its members want to develop positive solutions that work for their farms and communities.
  - c) F4PC has a vision of '*vibrant provincial communities underpinned by resilient pastoral farm businesses utilising the natural resources in a sustainable manner*'.
  - d) The Appeal will impact farmers who F4PC represent and who rely on natural and physical resources to provide for their health and wellbeing.
4. F4PC is not a trade competitor for the purposes of ss308C or 308A of the Resource Management Act 1991.
5. F4PC is interested in all the proceedings.

6. F4PC is particularly interested in the following issues:
- a) Matters pertaining to the provision of the permitted activity pathway and flexibility for dry stock farming in the hill country, including:
    - i. Policy / te kaupapa here 1;
    - ii. Policy / te kaupapa here 4;
    - iii. Policy / te kaupapa here 5;
    - iv. Policy / te kaupapa here 16, rule 3.11.4.6 – farming in Whangamarino wetland catchment.
    - v. Schedule C Minimum Farming Standards.
      - 1. 1.b – stock exclusion if greater than 18 stock units in paddock adjoining water body on slope greater than 15 degrees;
      - 2. 5 – exclusion of stock from intermittently flowing water bodies;
      - 3. 6 – application rate for nitrogenous fertilizer;
      - 4. 8 & 9 – winter grazing of forage crops on LUC class 6e, 7 or 8 land, live weight and age limits.
    - vi. Schedule D1 requirements for Farm Environment Plans for farming as a permitted activity.
      - 1. Part D standard 1.d – N fertilizer application rate standard;
      - 2. Part D standard 4 – application rate for nitrogenous fertilizer;
      - 3. Part D standard 5.a and 5.c – winter grazing of forage crops on LUC class 6e, 7 or 8 land, live weight and age limits and ungrazed vegetated setback.
7. F4PC supports the relief sought because:
- a) F4PC represents farmers in the Waikato and consider the relief sought to best provide for a sustainable and strong rural sector in the Waikato Region.

- b) The relief sought, along with that sought by F4PC in its submission, is the most appropriate way to achieve the purpose of the Act, give effect to Te Ture Whaimana o Te Awa o Waikato / Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River, the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement, relevant National Policy Statements and Regional Policy Statement and implement the objectives and policies of the Proposed Plan.
- c) It supports the grounds pleaded in the Appellant's notice of appeal.

8. F4PC agrees to participate in mediation or alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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Chairman for Farmers for Positive Change

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