

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
AT AUCKLAND**

**ENV-2016-AKL-000243**

**IN THE MATTER** of the Local Government (Auckland Transitional Provisions) Act 2010 ("LGATPA") and the Resource Management Act 1991 ("RMA")

**A N D**

**IN THE MATTER** of an appeal pursuant to section 156 of the LGATPA against a decision of the Auckland Council on a recommendation of the Auckland Unitary Plan Independent Hearings Panel ("Panel") on the proposed Auckland Unitary Plan ("Proposed Plan")

**BETWEEN** **K VERNON**

Appellant

**A N D** **AUCKLAND COUNCIL**

Respondent

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO BECOME AN INTERESTED PARTY PURSUANT  
TO SECTION 274 OF THE RMA BY HOUSING NEW ZEALAND  
CORPORATION**

7 October 2016

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TO: The Registrar  
Environment Court  
**AUCKLAND**

1. **HOUSING NEW ZEALAND CORPORATION** (“**the Corporation**”) gives notice under section 274 of the RMA that it wishes to be a party to these proceedings, being *Vernon v Auckland Council* (ENV-AKL-2016-000243) (“**the Appeal**”).
2. The Appeal is in respect of the decision of Auckland Council (“**the Council**”) on recommendations of the Panel on Proposed Plan Hearing Topics 010, 029, 030, 079 – Special Character and Pre 1944, Topic 012 – Infrastructure, Energy and Transport, Topic 013 – Urban Growth, Topic 025 – Notable Trees, Topic 043/044 – Transport, Topics 050-054 – City Centre and Business Zones, Topic 058 – Open Space, Topics 059-063 – Residential Zones, Topic 065 – Definitions, Topic 041 – Earthworks and Minerals and the notification provisions (“**the Decision**”).
3. The Corporation is a person who made primary and further submissions on the Proposed Plan about the subject matter of the proceedings.
4. The Corporation is also a person who has an interest in these proceedings that is greater than the interest the general public has for a number of reasons, including (without limitation):
  - (a) The Proposed Plan sets the planning framework for enabling and managing future development as well as achieving sustainable development of the Auckland Region’s natural and physical resources.
  - (b) The Corporation is a major landowner in the Region and manages a portfolio of approximately 27,500 dwellings in the Region, providing housing to around 95,000 occupants.
  - (c) The Corporation’s housing assets form a major part of the Region’s social infrastructure, particularly its affordable housing infrastructure.

- (d) It is essential that the Corporation is able to meet its responsibility of providing efficient and effective affordable and social housing for the most vulnerable members of our society, so as to deliver the social and economic wellbeing of both these people and the wider community generally.
  - (e) The sustainable management of these housing assets will be strongly dependent on the direction, issues, objectives, policies, rules, zoning, overlays and other text contained in the Proposed Plan.
  - (f) The Corporation's ability to provide for the social and economic wellbeing of the Auckland region will be dependent on the reasonableness and appropriateness of the Proposed Plan provisions.
5. The Corporation is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the RMA.
6. The Corporation is interested in the Appeal in its entirety.
7. The Corporation generally opposes the relief sought in the Appeal to the extent that it is inconsistent with the Corporation's submissions on the Proposed Plan and the relief sought in the Corporation's appeals. With those qualifications, if the relief sought in the Appeal is granted, and the Decision is disallowed or modified as sought in the Appeal, the Decision:
- (a) Will be contrary to the sustainable management of natural and physical resources and be inconsistent with the purpose and principles of the RMA;
  - (b) Will in those circumstances impact on the ability of people and communities to provide for their social, economic and cultural wellbeing; and
  - (c) Will not represent the efficient use and management of natural and physical resources.

8. The Corporation agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

**DATED** at Auckland this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016

**HOUSING NEW ZEALAND  
CORPORATION** by its solicitors and  
duly authorised agents Ellis Gould



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