

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND
AUCKLAND REGISTRY**

**I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU ROHE**

ENV-2020-AKL-000096

IN THE MATTER of Plan Change 1 to the Waikato Regional Plan pursuant
to s 274 Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)

BETWEEN **DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CONSERVATION**

Appellant

AND **WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Respondent

**NOTICE OF LOCHIEL FARMLANDS LIMITED WISH TO BE PARTY TO
PROCEEDINGS
28 JULY 2020**

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NOTICE OF PERSON'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS

Section 274, Resource Management Act 1991

To The Registrar
Environment Court
PO Box 7147
Wellesley Street
Auckland

Name of Person who wishes to be Party

- 1 LOCHIEL FARMLANDS LIMITED (**LFL**) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings: Clause 14(1) of First Schedule, RMA 1991, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CONSERVATION (**DOC**) appeal against part of the decision of Waikato Regional Council on Proposed Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipa River Catchments to the Waikato Regional Plan as amended by Variation 1 (**PC1**).
- 2 LFL has made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings.

Trade competition

- 3 LFL is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.

The Proceedings

- 4 LFL is interested in all of the appeal and in particular amendments sought by DOC in:
 - (a) Rule 3.11.4.4 – controlled activity rule – moderate intensity farming; and
 - (b) Schedule C – minimum farming standards.

Particular Issues

- 5 The relief sought at:
 - (a) Appeal point 20 in Table 1 seeking to amend the activity status from a controlled activity to a restricted discretionary activity; and

- (b) Appeal point 24 in Table 1 seeking to increase requirements for stock exclusion setbacks in sub clause 2(b).

Relief sought

- 6 LFL **opposes** the relief sought relating to the activity status for farming activity under rule 3.11.4.4 on the basis that PC1 already sets out a restrictive regulatory approach regarding farming and lacks a constructive analysis of farming practicalities. The change in activity status (from controlled to restricted discretionary) is unnecessary and will have effects that are disproportionate to the outcomes sought. The landowners will still have to comply with the matters that the Waikato Regional Council reserves its control over.
- 7 LFL **opposes** the relief sought relating to setback provisions from 3 metres to 10 metres for stock exclusion. The amendments sought are disproportionately restrictive and likely to be impracticable for many dry stock farmers to comply with, particularly in relation to intermittent waterways.
- 8 Such other consequential or alternative relief by way of amendments to the provisions of PC1 that address the grounds pleaded in the appeal.

Dispute resolution

- 9 LFL agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

DATED: 28 July 2020



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Note to person wishing to be a party

You must lodge the original and 1 copy of this notice with the Environment Court within 15 working days after–

- the period for lodging a notice of appeal ends, if the proceedings are an appeal; or
- the decision to hold an inquiry, if the proceedings are an inquiry; or
- the proceedings are commenced, in any other case.

Your right to be a party to the proceedings in the Court may be limited by the trade competition provisions in section 274(1) and Part 11A of the Resource Management Act 1991. The notice must be signed by you or on your behalf.

You must serve a copy of this notice on the relevant local authority and the person who commenced the proceedings within the same 15 working day period and serve copies of this notice on all other parties within 5 working days after that period ends.

However, you may apply to the Environment Court under section 281 of the Resource Management Act 1991 for a waiver of the above timing or service requirements (see form 38).

Advice

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