IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT AT AUCKLAND

UNDER THE Resource Management Act 1991 ("RMA") and the

Local Government (Auckland Transitional

Provisions) Act 2010 ("LGATPA")

IN THE MATTER of an appeal under section 156(3) of the LGATPA

IN THE MATTER of hearing Topic 081 - Rezoning and Precincts

(Geographical Areas) ("Topic 081") of the

Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan

BETWEEN BUNNINGS LIMITED

Appellant

AND AUCKLAND COUNCIL

Respondent

NOTICE OF INTEREST UNDER SECTION 274 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

TO: The Registrar of the Environment Court at Auckland

The Appellant

The Auckland Council

NEW ZEALAND RETAIL PROPERTY GROUP LIMITED (NZRPG) wishes to be a party to an appeal by Bunnings Limited (**Appellant**) against part of a decision by Auckland Council (**Council**).

Nature of interest

- NZRPG is a large privately owned retail development, investment and property management company in New Zealand. NZRPG has had a long involvement in the development of the Massey North area and is the major land owner and developer of the Westgate Town Centre, which is immediately adjacent to the land and roading network that is the subject of the Appellant's appeal.
- 2. NZRPG was a submitter on Topic 081 and presented evidence at the hearing for Topic 081 in relation to the Massey North area.
- 3. For those reasons, NZRPG has an interest greater than the public generally.
- 4. NZRPG is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C of the RMA, but in any event as an adjacent land owner is affected by an effect on the environment that does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Extent of interest and reasons

- 5. NZRPG is interested in the entirety of the proceedings and supports the Appellant's appeal for the following reasons:
 - (a) the Council's decision on the Unitary Plan as it relates to the relief sought by the Appellant in respect of the precinct plan for the Redhills Precinct (**Decision**) does not promote the purpose of the RMA; and
 - (b) the Decision does not represent the most appropriate means of exercising the Council's function regarding the efficiency and effectiveness of other available means, and is therefore not appropriate in terms of section 32 of the RMA.

Relief sought

- NZRPG supports the relief sought by the Appellant.
- 7. NZRPG agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

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