

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

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

**ENV-2020-AKL-000091**

**IN THE MATTER**

of Plan Change 1 to the Waikato Regional Plan  
pursuant to s 274 of the Resource Management  
Act 1991

**BETWEEN**

**HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL**

Appellant

**AND**

**WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Respondent

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**NOTICE OF WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL WISH TO BE PARTY TO  
PROCEEDINGS**

**28 September 2020**

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## **NOTICE OF PERSON'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS**

**To**     The Registrar  
         Environment Court  
         PO Box 7147  
         Wellesley Street  
         Auckland

### **NAME OF PERSON WHO WISHES TO BE A PARTY**

1.     Waikato District Council (**WDC**) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings: Clause 14(1) of First Schedule, RMA 1991, HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL's (**HCC**) appeal against part of the decision of Waikato Regional Council (**WRC**) Proposed Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipa Regional River Catchments to the Waikato Regional Plan as amended by Variation 1 (**PC1**).
2.     WDC has made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings, and has an interest greater than the public generally as a district council whose role includes the management of three waters;

### **TRADE COMPETITION**

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

### **THE PROCEEDINGS**

4.     WDC is interested in all of the appeal and in particular amendments sought by HCC in:
  - a)     Objective 1, regarding its application to infrastructure wetlands;
  - b)     Policy 13d, in relation to staging offset measures;
  - c)     Policy 13i, concerning reasonable mixing; and
  - d)     Implementation Method 3.11.3.2, about implementing sub-catchment scale planning.

### **PARTICULAR ISSUES**

5.     The relief sought at:

- a) Paragraph 24(a) which seeks to include a new definition of "Infrastructure wetland";
- b) Paragraph 24(b) which seeks to amend Objective 1;
- c) Paragraph 36 which seeks to amend Policy 13d;
- d) Paragraph 46 which seeks to amend Policy 13i; and
- e) Paragraph 50 which seeks to amend Implementation Method 3.11.3.2.

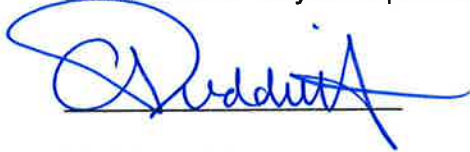
### **RELIEF SOUGHT**

- 6. WDC supports the relief sought because the amendments sought by HCC are consistent with the relief which would be sought by WDC.
- 7. The relief sought by HCC sufficiently covers WDC's concern and seeks appropriate amendments to ensure the operative version of PC1 provides for the protection and maintenance of ecosystem health while providing for the social and economic activities of the Waikato region.
- 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. WDC agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020



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