

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

**I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
TE WHANANGUI-A-TARA ROHE**

ENV-2024-WLG-000048

UNDER THE Resource Management Act 1991

IN THE MATTER OF an appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 of the
Resource Management Act 1991

BETWEEN **UPPER HUTT CITY COUNCIL**
Appellant

AND **WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL**
Respondent

**NOTICE OF HUTT CITY COUNCIL'S WISH TO BE A SECTION 274 PARTY TO
THE PROCEEDINGS**

9 December 2024

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TO: The Registrar
Environment Court
Wellington

1. Hutt City Council (**HCC**) wishes to be a party to the appeal proceedings lodged by Upper Hutt City Council (**Appellant**) in respect of the decisions of Wellington Regional Council (**GWRC**) on Proposed Change 1 (**PC1**) (and Variation 1) to the Wellington Regional Policy Statement (**Decisions**).
2. HCC is a local authority. HCC also made a submission on PC1 dated 14 October 2022.
3. HCC is not a trade competitor for the purposes of sections 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**).
4. HCC is interested in all parts of the proceedings and the grounds and relief sought by the Appellant in its entirety.
5. HCC supports the grounds and all of the relief sought by the Appellant for the following reasons:
 - (a) the provisions in the Decisions Version that are subject to the appeal are unworkable, unclear, unnecessary and/or unachievable, including:
 - (i) in relation to the role of the RPS within the broader resource management system;
 - (ii) as they apply to individual resource consents; and
 - (iii) because they contain:
 - (1) definitions that are unclear, untested and/or overly restrictive;
 - (2) climate change policies that are unclear, unnecessary, impractical, unduly onerous from a regulatory standpoint and/or contain unachievable timeframes; and
 - (3) unclear and/or overly restrictive urban development objectives and policies;
 - (b) the provisions in the Decisions Version that are subject to the appeal may conflict with and/or duplicate higher order planning documents and/or national regulation; and

- (c) the provisions in the Decisions Version that are subject to the appeal do not serve a resource management purpose, promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources in accordance with section 5, further the principles of Part 2, or otherwise accord with the RMA.
6. HCC agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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Dated: 9 December 2024

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