

**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-000049

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 **WELLINGTON WATER LIMITED**
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 Wellington Water Limited (**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 relief sought by the Appellant to the extent those grounds and relief are aimed at achieving clear and workable RPS provisions that are well-integrated with Plan Change 1 to the Natural Resources Plan.
6. HCC's reasons for that support are that:
 - (a) RPS provisions need to be clear, workable and consistent in order to be fit-for-purpose and properly interpreted and implemented by local authorities (and otherwise interpreted and/or understood by other RPS users);
 - (b) to the extent the provisions under appeal are not clear, workable and/or consistent, they 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; and
 - (c) accordingly, HCC is supportive of the Appellant's stated intent of achieving greater clarity, workability, consistency and integration.
7. HCC agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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