

**In the Environment Court  
At Wellington**

**I te Kōti Taiao o Aotearoa  
Ki te Whanganui-a-tara**

ENV-2024-WLG-

**Between** **Wellington International Airport Limited**  
Appellant

**And** **Greater Wellington Regional Council**  
Respondent

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**Notice of intention by Wellington City  
Council to be party to proceeding**

9 December 2024

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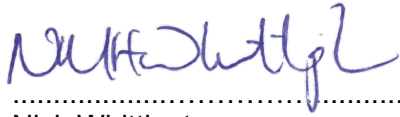
# Notice of intention by Wellington City Council to be party to proceeding

To the Registrar  
Environment Court  
Wellington

- 1 The Wellington City Council (**WCC**) wishes to be a party to Wellington International Airport Limited's (**WIAL**) appeal against parts of proposed change 1 to the Wellington Regional Policy Statement (**PC1 RPS**).
- 2 WCC is a territorial authority affected by PC1 RPS. WCC has various functions under the RMA, including the responsibility for establishing, implementing and reviewing its District Plan. The relief sought by Wellington International Airport Limited has a direct consequence on WCC's functions under the RMA and as a local authority. As such WCC is interested in all of the proceeding.
- 3 WCC is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the RMA.
- 4 WCC has appealed decisions on PC1 RPS. The reasons for WCC's appeal are that it has concerns about the timing and balancing of national direction, undue confusion between the relative responsibilities of the Council and the Greater Wellington Regional Council, and the practicability and workability of the RPS for territorial authorities.
- 5 WCC supports the relief sought by WIAL that is consistent with its own appeal against parts of PC1 RPS, and opposes any relief that is inconsistent with that appeal.
- 6 WCC opposes the relief sought by WIAL to Policy UD.3. A direction to 'avoid' potential reverse sensitivity effects, when determining whether a plan change will be treated as adding significant development capacity, is inconsistent with the responsive planning direction of Policy 8 and clause 3.8 of the NPS-UD.
- 7 WCC also supports relief that it considers to be consistent with the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB) and opposes relief that it considers is inconsistent with that document.

8 The Council agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceeding.

Date: 9 December 2024



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