

**In the Environment Court
At Wellington**

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

ENV-2024-WLG-

Between **Upper Hutt City Council**
Appellant

And **Greater Wellington Regional Council**
Respondent

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

9 December 2024



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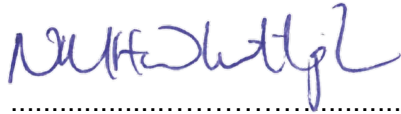
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To the Registrar
Environment Court
Wellington

- 1 The Wellington City Council (**WCC**) wishes to be a party to Upper Hutt City Council's 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 UHCC 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 WCC and the Greater Wellington Regional Council, and the practicability and workability of the RPS for territorial authorities.
- 5 WCC supports the relief sought by UHCC that is consistent with its own appeal against parts of PC1 RPS, and opposes any relief that is inconsistent with that appeal.
- 6 Additionally, WCC has recently undertaken hearings on its proposed district plan in respect of provisions managing indigenous biodiversity. The NPS-IB and proposed RPS-PC1 were considered in that process. Council decisions will be made in mid-2025 on proposed district plan indigenous biodiversity provisions. The direction of these documents will be relevant to the Council's decision. As such the Council is interested in proceedings on all those provisions that interpret, refine and implement the NPS-IB.

7 WCC agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceeding.

Date: 9 December 2024



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