

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT CHRISTCHURCH**

**I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
KI ŌTAUTAHI**

UNDER	ENV-2024-CHC-35 The Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act/RMA)
IN THE MATTER	of an appeal against decisions on the non-freshwater planning instrument related parts of the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021 (Decisions Version)
BETWEEN	TRANSPower NEW ZEALAND LIMITED Appellant
AND	OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL Respondent
AND	RAYONIER MATARIKI FORESTS, CITY FORESTS LIMITED, ERNSLAW ONE LIMITED, PORT BLAKELY NZ LIMITED (FORESTRY SUBMITTERS) Section 274 Parties

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PROCEEDINGS**



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To: The Registrar

Environment Court

Christchurch Registry

1. We, Rayonier Matariki Forests Limited, City Forests Limited, Ernslaw One Limited and Port Blakely NZ Limited (together the **Forestry Submitters**), wish to be a party to the following proceeding:

(a) *Transpower New Zealand Limited v Otago Regional Council*.

2. The Environment Court's reference number for these proceedings is ENV-2024-CHC-35.

3. The Forestry Submitters made original and further submissions on Otago Regional Council's Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021 (**Decisions Version**), which is the subject of these proceedings.

4. The Forestry Submitters are not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Act.

5. The Forestry Submitters are interested in all the proceedings. Without limiting the generality of the Forestry Submitters' interest, they are interested in the following particular issues:

(a) IM – Integrated Management: IM-P1 – Integrated approach to decision-making; IM-P2 – Decision priorities; and IM-P14 – Sustaining Resource Potential

(b) CE – Coastal Environment: CE-O5 – Activities in the coastal environment

6. The Forestry Submitters *support* the relief sought because:

(a) The relevant provisions are inconsistent with the Act, the National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry (**NESCF**) and *Port Otago v Environmental Defence Society* [2023] NZSC 112.

(b) The provisions are broad and unjustified.

- (c) CE-O5: some forestry activities have an operational need to locate in the coastal environment.
7. The Forestry Submitters agree to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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If you have any questions about this notice, contact the Environment Court in Auckland, Wellington, or Christchurch.