

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT CHRISTCHURCH**

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

ENV-2024-CHC-26

UNDER

The Resource Management Act
1991 (the **Act**)

IN THE MATTER

of an appeal against decisions on
the non-freshwater planning
instrument related parts of the
Proposed Otago Regional Policy
Statement 2021

BETWEEN

**ROYAL FOREST AND BIRD
PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NEW
ZEALAND INCORPORATED**

Appellant

AND

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Respondent

AND

**MANUHERIKIA CATCHMENT
GROUP INCORPORATED**

s 274 Party

**NOTICE OF WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDING PURSUANT TO
SECTION 274 OF THE ACT**



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To: The Registrar

Environment Court

Christchurch Registry


1. Manuherikia Catchment Group Incorporated (“**MCG**”) wishes to be a party to the following proceeding:
 - (a) *Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc v Otago Regional Council*, ENV-2024-CHC-26.
2. MCG made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings (OS116).
3. MCG is not trade competitor for the purposes of section 308D of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. MCG is interested in part of the proceedings.
5. MCG is interested in the following particular issues:
 - (a) Regionally Significant Infrastructure.
 - (b) Integrated Management.
 - (c) Land and Freshwater.
 - (d) Land and Soils.
 - (e) Energy, Infrastructure and transport.
6. MCG oppose the relief sought because:
 - (a) Established community scale irrigation and stockwater infrastructure is regionally significant in Otago.
 - (b) Removal of established community scale irrigation and stockwater infrastructure from the definition of Regionally Significant Infrastructure will have consequential effects on the

operation of the RPS with respect to irrigation infrastructure that have not been assessed in accordance with the Resource Management Act.

- (c) Amendments proposed to the Definitions, Integrated Management, Land and Freshwater, Land and Soils and Energy and Infrastructure provisions in the appeal will result in the Regional Policy Statement failing to achieve integrated and sustainable management of Otago's natural and physical resources.

- 7. MCG agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Date: 6 June 2024



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