IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT AT CHRISTCHURCH

I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA KI ŌTAUTAHI

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 OFNEW **ZEALAND INCORPORATED**

Appellant

AND **OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Respondent

AND WAITAKI IRRIGATORS

COLLECTIVE LIMITED

s 274 Party

SECTION 274 NOTICE ON BEHALF OF WAITAKI IRRIGATORS COLLECTIVE LIMITED



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SECTION 274 NOTICE

To: The Registrar

Environment Court

Christchurch Registry

- Waitaki Irrigators Collective Limited (WIC) wishes to be a party to the following proceeding:
 - (a) Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc v Otago Regional Council.
- 2. WIC made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings (OS116).
- WIC is not trade competitor for the purposes of section 308D of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 4. WIC is interested in part of the proceedings.
- 5. WIC 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. WIC 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. I agree to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Date: 5 June 2024

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