

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT CHRISTCHURCH**

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

ENV-2024-CHC-30

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

IN THE MATTER of an appeal pursuant to clause 14 of
Schedule 1 of the Act

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

Appellant

AND **OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Respondent

AND **OTAGO WATER RESOURCE USER
GROUP INCORPORATED**

Section 274 Party

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

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To: Registrar

Environment Court

Christchurch

1. Otago Water Resource User Group Incorporated (**OWRUG**) wish to be a party to the following proceeding: *Royal Forest and Bird Society of New Zealand Incorporated v Otago Regional Council*, ENV-2024-CHC-26.

2.

OWRUG made submissions and further submissions in relation to the non-freshwater part of the PORPS, which is the subject of this proceeding (OS00235 and FS00235).

3.

OWRUG is not a trade competitor for the purposes of 308D of the Resource Management Act 1991.

4.

OWRUG are interested in part of the proceedings.

5.

OWRUG has a particular interest in a certain aspect of the proceedings:

(a) Regionally Significant Infrastructure.

(b) Integrated Management.

(c) Land and Freshwater.

(d) Land and Soils.

(e) Energy, Infrastructure, and transport.

6.

OWRUG opposes the relief sought because:

(a) Community-scale irrigation and stockwater infrastructure is essential to the Otago region.

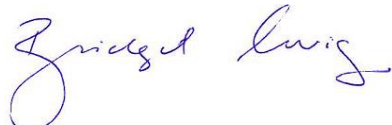
(b) Removal of established community-scale irrigation and stockwater infrastructure from the definition of Regionally Significant Infrastructure will have consequential effects on the

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

- (c) Replacing/remove “to the greatest extent practicable” or “where practicable” with “where possible” in all references will not achieve the result sought by the Appellant. ‘Practicable’ provides a clear yard stick against which activities can be measured that is more effective than the amendments proposed in the appeal.
- (d) The amendments sought to the integrated management provisions will not achieve sustainable management.

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

Date: 6 June 2024



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