

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
AT CHRISTCHURCH**

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

<b>UNDER</b>	<b>ENV-2024-CHC-25</b> The Resource Management Act 1991 (the <b>Act/RMA</b> )
<b>IN THE MATTER</b>	of an appeal against decisions on the non-freshwater planning instrument related parts of the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021 ( <b>PORPS 2021</b> )
<b>BETWEEN</b>	<b>DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL</b> Appellant
<b>AND</b>	<b>OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL</b> Respondent
<b>AND</b>	<b>RAYONIER MATARIKI FORESTS, CITY FORESTS LIMITED, ERNSLAW ONE LIMITED, PORT BLAKELY NZ LIMITED (Forestry Submitters)</b> Section 274 parties

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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) *Dunedin City Council v Otago Regional Council*

2. The Environment Court's reference number for these proceedings is ENV-2024-CHC-25.

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 the 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) Interpretation – Definitions - 'Māori land'

(b) AIR – Air - AIR-P4 – Managing certain discharges

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

(a) The provisions identified are broad, unjustified and inconsistent with the Act and national direction.

(b) The provisions identified are inconsistent with the National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry (**NES-CF**).

(c) Generally, for the reasons identified in the Appellant's notice of appeal.

- (d) Definition of Māori land: for the reasons identified in the DCC notice of appeal and because the definition makes the status of land ownership unclear for neighbouring landowners.
7. The Forestry Submitters agree to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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Date: 7 June 2024

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