

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT CHRISTCHURCH**

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

ENV-2024-CHC-38

UNDER 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 **NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT AGENCY
WAKA KOTAHI**
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

**NOTICE OF FORESTRY SUBMITTERS WISH TO BE PARTY TO
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) *New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi v Otago Regional Council.*

2. The Environment Court's reference number for these proceedings is ENV-2024-CHC-38.

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) EIT – Energy, infrastructure and transport: EIT-INF-P13 – Locating and managing *effects of infrastructure, nationally significant infrastructure and regionally significant infrastructure* outside the coastal environment

(b) IM – Integrated management: IM-O3 – Sustainable impact

(c) APP2 – Criteria for identifying areas that qualify as *indigenous natural areas* (SNAs); and APP3 – Principles for biodiversity offsetting

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

- (a) Generally for the reasons identified and for consistency with Part 2 of the Act;
 - (b) Where it gives effect to the National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management 2020 (**NPSFM**) and the National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity 2023 (**NPSIB**).
 - (c) Where it is consistent with the National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry (**NESCF**);
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.