

**Before the Environment Court
at Christchurch**

ENV-2024-CHC-35

**I Mua I Te Kōti Taiao o Aoteroa
Ōtautahi Rohe**

UNDER the Resource Management Act 1991

IN THE MATTER of appeals under clause 14(1) of the First
Schedule of the Act in relation to the non-
freshwater planning instrument parts of the
proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement
(PORPS)

BETWEEN **TRANSPOWER NEW ZEALAND LIMITED**
Appellant

AND **OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**
Respondent

**Notice of Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited's wish to be a party to
proceedings pursuant to section 274 RMA**

Dated 5 June 2024

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TO: THE REGISTRAR

Environment Court

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1. Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited (**OceanaGold**) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:
Transpower New Zealand Limited v Otago Regional Council (ENV-2024-CHC-35).
2. OceanaGold made a submission on the subject matter of the proceedings.
3. OceanaGold is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Act.
4. OceanaGold is interested in the parts of the proceeding which relate to the following particular issues:
 - a. Effects management hierarchy (in relation to indigenous biodiversity)
 - b. IM-P1 Integrated approach to decision-making
 - c. ECO-P4 – Provision for new activities;
 - d. ECO-P5 – Existing activities in significant natural areas; and
 - e. ECO-P6 – Maintaining indigenous biodiversity.
5. OceanaGold supports the relief sought because;
 - a. OceanaGold agrees that the PORPS needs to give effect to a National Policy Statement and if this requires amendment to the definition of effects management hierarchy (in relation to indigenous biodiversity), or amending the ECO provisions then these amendments should be made.

- b. It is in appropriate, and contrary to the Act for IM-P1 to put the regional policy statement on par with national policy statements.
- 6. OceanaGold agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated this 5th day of June 2024

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The address for service of the appellant is 22 Maclaggan Street, Dunedin.

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(a) posted to the party at 22 Maclaggan Street, Dunedin or

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