

**Before the Environment Court
at Christchurch**

ENV-2024-CHC-27

**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 **RAYONIER MATARIKI FORESTS, CITY
FORESTS LIMITED, ERNSLAW ONE LIMITED,
PORT BLAKELY NZ LIMITED**

Appellants

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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1. Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited (**OceanaGold**) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:
Rayonier Matariki Forests, City Forests Limited, Ernslaw One Limited and Port Blakely NZ Limited v Otago Regional Council (ENV-2024-CHC-27).
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. SRMR – I10;
 - b. ECO-P2 – Identifying significant natural areas and taoka;
 - c. ECO-P3 – Protecting significant natural areas and taoka; and
 - d. ECO – M2 – Identification of significant natural areas.
5. OceanaGold supports the relief sought in respect of SRMR-I10 because OceanaGold agrees that the effects of all forms of primary production are overstated.
6. OceanaGold supports the relief sought for ECO-P2 and ECO-M2 because OceanaGold agrees that it is important that mapped values are verified and not just based on aerial imagery. Given the significant policy implications for land which is identified as a

significant natural area, it not reasonable that only aerial imagery is used. For example the aerial imagery may be outdated or unclear.

7. OceanaGold does not object to amendments to ECO-P3 to make the provisions subject to the National Environmental Standard for Commercial Forestry, provided any such changes do not result in ECO-P3 not giving effect to the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity.
8. 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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