In the Environment Court of New Zealand **Christchurch Registry**

I Te Kooti Taiao O Aotearoa **Ōtautahi Rohe**

ENV-2024-CHC-

Under	the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act)
In the matter of	an appeal under clause 14(1) of the First Schedule of the Act
and in the matter of	decisions by Otago Regional Council in respect of the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021
Between	Transpower New Zealand Limited Appellant
And	Otago Regional Council Respondent

Notice of New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi wish to be party to proceedings

Dated 5 June 2024



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The Registrar Environment Court Christchurch

- New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi ('NZTA') wishes to be a party to an appeal by Transpower New Zealand Limited (Appellant) against the decisions of the Otago Regional Council on the Proposed Regional Policy Statement 2021 (non-freshwater parts) ('PORPS').
- 2 NZTA:
 - a Is a person who has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has. Under the Land Transport Management Act 2003, NZTA must undertake its functions in a way that contributes to an effective, efficient and safe land transport system in the public interest. The Appellant's relief in relation to Significant resource management issues for the region is relevant to NZTA's functions under the Land Transport Management Act 2003. In addition, NZTA witnesses took part in expert witness conferencing of these provisions during the hearing of submissions; and
 - Made a submission (number 305) and further submission (number 305) on the PORPS. NZTA's submission sought relief in relation to IM-P1.
- 3 NZTA is not a trade competitor for the purposes of sections 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 4 NZTA is interested in part of the proceedings, being those aspects of the appeal that are set out below at paragraph 5 of this notice.
- 5 NZTA is interested in the following issues:
 - a Amendments sought to SRMR Significant resource management issues for the region; and
 - b Amendments sought to IM-P1.
- 6 NZTA has set out its position in relation to the above provisions and the reasons for those in **Appendix A** to this notice.

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

Dated 5 June 2024

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Appendix A Table of PORPS provisions of interest

TABLE OF PORPS PROVISIONS OF INTEREST		
PROVISION	POSITION	REASON
SRMR – Significant resource management issues for the region	Support	The Appellant is seeking to include a new infrastructure-related issue in the SRMR chapter that addresses the need to operate, maintain, develop and upgrade the National Grid and other important infrastructure. As an infrastructure provider, NZTA is interested in this provision.
IM-P1	Interested	The Appellant is seeking to delete or amend IM-P1 so that it does not apply to irreconcilable conflicts between provisions of the RPS and provisions of an NPS. NZTA is interested to ensure that any deletion or clarification of IM-P1 does not shift the emphasis of the PORPS.