

IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND  
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY

I MUA | TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA  
ŌTAUTAHI ROHE

<b>UNDER THE</b>	Resource Management Act 1991
<b>IN THE MATTER</b>	of an appeal under Clause 14 of the Resource Management Act 1991 <b>ENV-2024-CHC-26</b>
<b>AND IN THE MATTER</b>	of the non-freshwater parts of the Proposed Regional Policy Statement 2021
<b>AND</b>	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated <b>(Appellant)</b>
<b>AND</b>	Otago Regional Council <b>(Respondent)</b>

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NOTICE OF QUEENSTOWN AIRPORT CORPORATION LIMITED'S WISH TO BE A PARTY TO  
PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 274 OF  
THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT

7 June 2024

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## Form 33 - Notice of person's wish to be party to proceedings

*Section 274, Resource Management Act 1991*

To  
the Registrar  
Environment Court  
Christchurch

Queenstown Airport Corporation Limited (**QAC**), wish to be a party to the following proceedings:

- The appeal dated 14 May 2024 by Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated (**Forest and Bird**) against decisions of Otago Regional Council (**Respondent**) in relation to the non-freshwater parts of the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021 (**PORPS**). (**Appeal**).

QAC is a person who made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings.

QAC is a person who has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest the general public has. QAC owns and operates the nationally and regionally significant Queenstown Airport. It manages the regionally significant Wanaka Airport and provides grounds maintenance services and airstrip management at Glenorchy Airstrip on QLDC's behalf.

QAC is a council-controlled trading organisation for the purposes of the Local Government Act 2002. QAC is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.

QAC is interested in the Appeal in its entirety.

Without derogating from the generality of the above, QAC is interested in the following particular issues and parts of the proceedings:

- The relief sought for the definition of **regionally significant infrastructure**.

QAC generally neither supports nor opposes the relief sought, but has an interest given its role in the operation of regionally significant infrastructure.

- The relief sought to reinstate the definition of **highly valued natural features and landscapes**.

QAC generally neither supports nor opposes the relief sought, but has an interest given its role in the operation of regionally significant infrastructure.

- The relief sought for **ECO-M2** to require ecological assessments with applications for resource consent, plan changes and notices of requirement, as well as ongoing identification of SNAs.

QAC **oppose** this relief as the NPS-IB has established a process for identifying and mapping SNAs. The changes promoted by the Forest and Bird are not justified.

- Relief sought for **EIT-INF-O4** which seeks to reinstate the term ‘*within environmental limits*’ in the objective.

QAC **oppose** this relief as the reinstatement of this term is inconsistent with relief sought in its own submissions.

- Relief sought for **EIT-INF-O5** which relates to the management of the development of infrastructure to minimise adverse effects on the environment. The relief seeks to specify narrow the scope of this objective from ‘infrastructure’ to ‘nationally significant infrastructure and regionally significant infrastructure’.

QAC **oppose** this relief as it is inconsistent with relief sought in its own submissions.

- Relief sought for **EIT-INF-P12** relating to upgrades and development of infrastructure, nationally significant infrastructure and regionally significant infrastructure.

QAC **oppose** this relief as these matters are dealt with through **EIT-INF-P13**.

- Relief sought for **EIT-INF-P13** which relates to managing the effects of infrastructure, nationally significant infrastructure and regionally significant infrastructure.

QAC **oppose** this relief as the reinstatement of subclauses 1(e) and 1(h) is contrary to relief sought in its own submissions.

QAC notes the overlap of these issues with the issues raised in its own appeal, and has an interest given QAC’s role in the operation of nationally and regionally significant infrastructure, and the outcome of provisions in the PORPS that affect these operations.

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

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2024



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