

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
AT CHRISTCHURCH**

**I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA  
ŌTAUTAHI ROHE**

**ENV-2024-CHC-39**

**IN THE MATTER**

**of an appeal under Clause  
14 of Schedule 1 of the  
Resource Management Act  
1991**

**AND IN THE MATTER**

**of the non-freshwater parts  
of the Proposed Otago  
Regional Policy Statement  
2021**

**BETWEEN**

**Environmental Defence  
Society Incorporated  
Appellant**

**AND**

**Otago Regional Council  
Respondent**

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION BY THE ROYAL FOREST AND**

**BIRD PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED**

Dated 5 June 2024

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**To:** The Registrar  
Environment Court  
Christchurch

1. The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated (**Forest & Bird**) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:
  - a. ENV-2024-CHC-39 *Environmental Defence Society Inc v Otago Regional Council*
2. Forest & Bird made a submission and further submission on the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement.
3. Forest & Bird is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. Forest & Bird has an interest greater than the public generally as an incorporated society with a well-known role in the protection of indigenous biodiversity.<sup>1</sup>
5. Forest & Bird is interested in all of the proceedings.
6. Forest & Bird **supports** the relief sought in relation to all parts of the appeal. Forest & Bird agrees the changes sought by the Appellant are necessary for the PORPS to, *inter alia*:
  - a. Safeguard the life-supporting capacity of air, water, soil, and ecosystems;
  - b. Accord with the provisions of Part 2;
  - c. Give effect to relevant national policy statements; and
  - d. Achieve the objectives of the PORPS and/or purpose of the RMA as required by section 32 of the RMA.
7. Forest & Bird agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceeding.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Marlborough District Council v Burkhart Fisheries Ltd* [2018] NZEnvC 26 at [31].

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