

In the Environment Court of New Zealand
Christchurch Registry

I Mua I Te Kōti Taiao O Aotearoa
Ōtautahi Rohe

ENV-2025-CHC-

Under the Resource Management Act 1991 (**Act**)

In the matter of an appeal under clause 14(1) of the First Schedule of the Act
on a decision on the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan

Between **Haddock Group Properties Limited**

Appellant

And **Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee**

Respondent

Notice of Appeal

8 December 2025

To: The Registrar
Environment Court
Christchurch

- 1 Haddock Group Properties Limited (the **Appellant**) appeals against part of a decision (**Decision**) of the Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee (**Committee**) on the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan (**TTPP**).
- 2 The Appellant made a submission on the TTPP (S417).
- 3 The Appellant is not a trade competitor for the purpose of section 308D of the Act.
- 4 The Appellant received notice of the decision on or about 10 October 2025.
- 5 The Decision was made by the Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee.
- 6 The part of the Decision the Appellant is appealing includes Natural Environment Values (ECO - Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity) and the vegetation clearance rules.

General reasons for the appeal

- 7 The Appellant seeks changes to the vegetation clearance rules to ensure that indigenous vegetation that is cleared within a plantation forestry area is a permitted activity, as it previously was in the Grey District Plan and the Westland District Plan.
- 8 The exclusion that has been included within ECO-R1 unintentionally catches vegetation that is not planted for the purpose of harvesting forestry but is growing within plantation forestry areas, and therefore a resource consent is required. Obtaining a resource consent is impracticable and unreasonable given the context of the rule application and the low likelihood of any adverse effects arising.
- 9 Common practice on the West Coast is to use the harvest/replant window to extract mineral resources before replanting. Under the current drafting a vegetation clearance consent will be needed for any undergrowth vegetation that was not cleared during harvest.
- 10 The TTPP in its current form fails to meet the requirements of section 32 of the Act, in that policies and rules are neither the most appropriate nor the most efficient and effective. It also does not promote the sustainable management purpose or accord with Part 2 of the Act.

Relief Sought

- 11 The Appellant is seeking that ECO-R1 in the TTPP is specifically amended as follows:

[...]

For all clauses in this rule, the indigenous vegetation clearance is ~~of vegetation planted and managed:~~

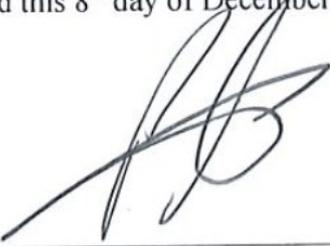
~~As~~ part of a domestic or public garden for amenity purposes; or

~~As~~ part of a shelterbelt; or

within a plantation forestry area. ~~For the purpose of harvesting plantation forestry.~~

- 12 The Appellant also seeks any such additional, alternative or consequential relief necessary or appropriate to address the concern in this appeal, in the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity Chapter or other Chapters.
- 13 The Appellant attaches the following documents to this notice:
 - (a) A copy of the submission.
 - (b) A copy of the relevant parts of the Decision.
 - (c) A list of names and addresses of persons to be served with a copy of this notice.
- 14 The Appellant is willing to attend mediation on this appeal.

Dated this 8th day of December 2025



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