

In the Environment Court of New Zealand
Christchurch Registry

I Mua I Te Kōti Taiao O Aotearoa
Ōtautahi Rohe

ENV-2025-CHC-000133

Under	the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)
In the matter of	an appeal under clause 14(1) of the First Schedule of the RMA
Between	Westpower Limited
	Appellant
	Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee
	Respondent

Notice of Buller Electricity Limited's wish to be party to proceedings

29 January 2026

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Notice of Buller Electricity Limited's wish to be party to proceedings

Section 274, Resource Management Act 1991

To: The Registrar
Environment Court
Christchurch

- 1 Buller Electricity Limited (**BEL**) wishes to be a party to Westpower Limited's (**Westpower**) appeal against the decision of the Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee (**TTPP Committee**) on the Proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan (**TTPP**) (**the Appeal**). The Environment Court reference number is ENV-2025-CHC-000133.
- 2 BEL is a person who made a submission (#451) and further submission (FS#138) about the subject matter of the proceedings.
- 3 BEL is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**).
- 4 BEL is interested in part of the proceedings. The part of the proceedings BEL is interested in is:
 - (a) Part 1 – Introduction and General Provisions.
 - (b) Part 2 – Energy, Infrastructure and Transport (specifically, the Energy provisions).
 - (c) Consequential amendments to other parts of the TTPP as a result of the relief sought to the above chapters relating to electricity generation and distribution activities.
- 5 BEL is interested in the following particular issues:
 - (a) The amendments proposed to Part 1 – Introduction and General Provisions to better recognise the importance of energy infrastructure and to ensure that the definition of "maintenance" includes appropriate upgrading work.
 - (b) The amendments proposed to the overview, objectives, policies and rules in the Energy Chapter to:
 - (i) Ensure consistency and appropriateness of terminology in relation to electricity generation and distribution activities;
 - (ii) Better enable the operation, maintenance, upgrade and development of existing and new electricity generation and distribution activities;

- (iii) Better protect existing and new electricity generation and distribution activities; and
- (iv) Give effect to the West Coast Regional Policy Statement (in relation to energy activities) and the recently amended National Policy Statements for Electricity Networks and Renewable Electricity Generation.

6 BEL supports the relief sought because:

- (a) Specifically, BEL considers that the relief sought will ensure that the TTPP:
 - (i) Provides a robust and efficient framework for the operation, maintenance, upgrade and development of existing and new electricity generation and distribution activities;
 - (ii) Avoids unnecessary delays and costs associated with the operation, maintenance, upgrade and development of electricity generation and distribution activities;
 - (iii) Protects electricity generation and distribution activities from adverse effects, including reverse sensitivity effects, arising from the establishment of incompatible surrounding land uses; and
 - (iv) Recognises the importance of safe, resilient and efficient electricity generation and distribution for the social, cultural and economic well-being of the West Coast communities.
- (b) At a general level, BEL considers that the relief sought will ensure that:
 - (i) The objectives and provisions of the TTPP meet the requirements of sections 32 and 32AA of the RMA;
 - (ii) The TTPP accords with and enables the West Coast Councils to achieve their functions under section 31 of the RMA;
 - (iii) The TTPP is clear, workable and enforceable for future plan users and administrators;
 - (iv) The TTPP gives effect to the West Coast Regional Policy Statement and relevant national direction, including as recently amended (National Policy Statement for Electricity Networks 2008 (Amended 2025) and National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation 2011 (Amended 2025)); and

(v) The TTPP promotes the sustainable management of natural and physical resources, in accordance with Part 2 of the RMA.

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

Dated 29 January 2026



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