

BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT

ENV-2025-CHC-000131

AT CHRISTCHURCH

I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO

IN THE MATTER

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

BETWEEN

Buller District Council

Appellant

AND

**Te Tai o Poutini Plan
Committee**

Respondent

**NOTICE OF WISH TO BE A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS BY THE
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CONSERVATION**

Dated: 27 January 2026

Department of Conservation

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Notice of person's wish to be a party to proceedings

Section 274 Resource Management Act 1991

To: The Registrar
Environment Court
CHRISTCHURCH

1. The Director-General of Conservation ("Director General") wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:
 - 1.1. Buller District Council v Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee (TTPP Committee)
2. The Director General made submissions and appeared at the hearing on the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan (the Plan).
3. The Director General is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).
4. The Director General has an interest greater than the interest the general public has, specifically regarding conservation values and the implementation of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement (NZCPS).
5. The Director General is interested in all of the proceedings, but has a particular interest in parts of the appeal relating to:
 - 5.1. Changes to provisions in the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter that reduce environmental protection compared to the TTPP Committee's decision (including the deletion of ECO-R1.1(iii) and consequential amendments);
 - 5.2. Changes to provisions in the Coastal Environment chapter (including the deletion of ECO-R1.1(iii) and consequential amendments) that reduce environmental protection compared to the TTPP Committee's decision and the proposed reduction of the Coastal Environment Overlay;
 - 5.3. Changes to provisions in the Natural Hazards chapter that reduce

environmental protection compared to the TTPP Committee's decision (including NH-R4); and

- 5.4. Changes to provisions in the Light chapter that reduce environmental protection compared to the TTPP Committee's decision (including Light R5).

6. The Director General **opposes** the relief sought.

Relief opposed

7. The Director General opposes the relief sought in relation to the matters listed because the changes sought by the Appellant will reduce environmental protections compared to the TTPP Committee's decision and are not consistent with the provisions of the NZCPS.
8. The Director General agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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