

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

Section 274, Resource Management Act 1991

To the Registrar
Environment Court
Christchurch

We, New Zealand Coal and Carbon Ltd, wish to be a party to the following proceedings:

- ENV-2025-CHC-000117, in particular an appeal from The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated (Forest & Bird) on the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan (the Plan).

We have an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has due to operating a number of mineral prospecting, exploration, extraction and ancillary activities within the West Coast affected by the changes sought in the appeal by Forest & Bird.

We also made a submission (Submitter 472) about the subject matter of the proceedings.

We are not a trade competitor for the purposes of [section 308C](#) or [308CA](#) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

The part of the proceedings that we are interested in is:

- a) Relief sought in respect of the definitions of the Plan such as the definition of Area of Significant Indigenous Biodiversity.
- b) Relief sought in respect of the Strategic Directions for Mineral Extraction and Natural Environment.
- c) Relief sought in respect of the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity section of the Plan.
- d) Relief sought in respect of the Natural Features and Landscapes section of the Plan
- e) Relief sought in respect of the provisions of the Plan that relate to mineral prospecting, exploration, extraction and ancillary activities, including but not limited to the General Rural Zone, Open Space Zone, Natural Open Space Zone and the Mineral Extraction Zone including its deletion.
- f) All other relief and any consequential amendment sought that has potential to remove or restrict consenting pathways for mineral prospecting, exploration, extraction and ancillary activities.

We oppose the relief sought because:

- a) It does not achieve the purpose of the Resource Management Act and is not consistent with national direction instruments. It fundamentally fails to recognise use and development within the districts, their people and communities, and their economic and social wellbeing and prosperity.
- b) The relief sought by Forest & Bird will result in blanket protectionism across a range of areas and zones that may not contain significant environmental values. The Plan

already provides for high levels of protection across large areas of the West Coast without the additional relief being sought.

- c) It is appropriate that there are more permissive rules for Special Purpose Zones or areas that have not or do not meet criteria to be deemed significant or hold significant value.
- d) The importance of the mining and extractive industry to the wider West Coast and New Zealand warrants provision for these, including Special Purpose Zones, in the Plan.

We agree to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jill Young', written over a dotted line.

Signature of person wishing to be a party
(or person authorised to sign on behalf of person wishing to be a party)

Dated 28 January 2026

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