

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
AT WELLINGTON  
TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA**

**ENV-2025-CHC-000102**

**IN THE MATTER**

the Resource Management Act 1991

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

An appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 of  
the Resource Management Act 1991

**BETWEEN**

**Birchfield Coal Mines Limited**

Appellant

**AND**

**TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN COMMITTEE**

Respondent

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO BE A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS UNDER  
SECTION 274**

29 January 2026

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To The Registrar  
Environment Court  
Christchurch

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO BE A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS  
UNDER SECTION 274 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT  
1991**

1. The New Zealand Minerals Council (**NZMC**) (formerly Straterra) wishes to be a party to the appeal by Birchfield Coal Mines Ltd on the proposed Te Tai O Poutini Plan (**Plan**) (ENV-2025-000102) (**Appeal**) pursuant to section 274 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the **Act**)
2. NZMC made submission 536 about the subject matter of the Appeal.
3. NZMC has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has because it is the industry body that represents the minerals and extractives industry throughout New Zealand. A number of NZMC members have made independent submissions on the Plan and are concerned that the provisions of the Plan as notified will significantly impact on their current and future operations.
4. NZMC is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Act.
5. NZMC is interested in all of the proceedings.
6. NZMC supports the relief sought because –
  - a. It recognises the importance of mineral prospecting, exploration and extraction to the social, cultural and economic wellbeing of the people and communities of the West Coast.

- b. The importance of the mining and extractives industry to the wider West Coast and New Zealand warrants the special purpose zones contained in the Plan.
  - c. It is considered 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 values.
  - d. It is considered important to ensure that the Plan provisions do not give rise to unintended consequences for the mining and extractives industry.
  - e. It will assist the Councils in carrying out their statutory functions under the Act, gives effect to the higher order documents and meets the requirements of section 32 and 32AA of the Act (in that the relief is a more appropriate method for achieving the Act's purpose and a more efficient and effective means for achieving the objectives).
  - f. It promotes the sustainable management purpose and accords with Part 2 of the Act.
7. NZMC 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.