

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

**I MUA I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
KI ŌTAUTAHI**

ENV-2025-CHC-000110

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of an appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 to the Act

AND

IN THE MATTER of s 274 of the Act

BETWEEN **FEDERATED FARMERS OF NEW ZEALAND
INCORPORATED**

Appellant

AND

TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN COMMITTEE

Respondent

BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL'S WISH TO BE A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS
2 February 2026

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TO: The Registrar
Environment Court
Christchurch

1. Buller District Council (**BDC**) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:

Federated Farmers of New Zealand Incorporated v Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee

2. BDC made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings.
3. BDC has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has because BDC:
 - 3.1. Is the territorial authority responsible for administering and implementing the Te Tai o Poutini Plan (**TTPP**) within the Buller District; and
 - 3.2. Has statutory responsibility for the functions set out at s 31 RMA (excluding any functions that have been transferred to Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee).
4. BDC is not a trade competitor for the purposes of ss 308C or 308A Resource Management Act 1991.
5. BDC is interested in all of the proceedings.
6. BDC is interested in the following particular issues:
 - 6.1. The extent to which the amendments sought to objectives, policies, rules and zones appropriately balance enabling rural land uses and associated activities with the management of adverse effects on ecosystems, natural character, landscapes, the coastal environment, and amenity values; and
 - 6.2. The administration of the TTPP.
7. Subject to paragraph 8 below, BDC opposes the relief sought because:

- 7.1. BDC recognise the importance of agricultural, pastoral and horticultural activities to the economic and social fabric of the Buller District and wider West Coast Region;
 - 7.2. However, the decision version generally achieves an appropriate balance between enabling farming and rural land use activities and ensuring the TTPP outcomes with respect to environmental protection; and
 - 7.3. The relief sought is not the most appropriate, effective and efficient approach to achieve the objectives.
8. BDC conditionally supports the relief sought for rule LIGHT-R4 because:
 - 8.1. Of the reasons pleaded in the Appeal; but
 - 8.2. Subject to the drafting of any amendments to TTPP being clear, workable, and capable of being implemented efficiently in practice.
 9. BDC agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated: 2 February 2026



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- a) Posted to the solicitor at Fletcher Vautier Moore, Solicitors, PO Box 90, Nelson 7040; or
- b) Sent by email to both cthomsen@fvm.co.nz and ayardley@fvm.co.nz.

Advice

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