

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

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

ENV-2025-CHC-000130

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 **GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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

Grey District Council 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 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.
5. BDC is interested in all the proceedings.
6. BDC is interested in the following particular issues:
 - 6.1. Definition of 'Site Coverage'; and
 - 6.2. The district-wide controls relating to artificial outdoor lighting, earthworks, land disturbance, natural hazard mitigation works and noise, including the extent and operation of Light-R5, EW-R4, NH-R4, NOISE-R3.2 and GRUZ-R11 and associated thresholds, buffers and activity status frameworks.
7. BDC supports the relief sought because:

- 7.1. The relief sought represents a more effective and efficient way to achieve the objectives of TTPP; and
 - 7.2. The relief sought would reduce the risk of unintended or disproportionate regulatory outcomes in plan implementation across the Tai o Poutini region.
8. BDC agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated: 2 February 2026



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This notice was filed by **CHRISTOPHER PAUL THOMSEN**, solicitor for the party of the firm Fletcher Vautier Moore. The address for service of the above-named party is at the offices of Fletcher Vautier Moore, Solicitors, Level 1, 201 Queen Street, Richmond, Nelson.

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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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