

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

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

**ENV-2025-CHC-000114**

**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** **HADDOCK GROUP PROPERTIES LIMITED**

Appellant

**AND**

**TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN COMMITTEE**

Respondent

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**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:

*Haddock Group Properties Limited 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 responsibilities for integrated land use planning and for managing the effects of land use activities on ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity, including the interpretation and application of vegetation clearance provisions within the District.
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 the proceedings.
6. BDC is interested in the following particular issue:
  - 6.1. ECO-R1, including the scope of permitted indigenous vegetation clearance and how that rule applies to vegetation clearance within plantation forestry areas.
7. BDC supports the relief sought because:
  - 7.1. The amendments sought would provide greater clarity and certainty as to the intended scope of ECO-R1, reducing the risk of unintended resource consent requirements for

vegetation clearance activities that are unlikely to result in adverse effects; and

- 7.2. The relief sought represents a more effective and efficient way to achieve the objectives of TTPP.
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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*Advice*

If you have any questions about this notice, contact the Environment Court in Auckland, Wellington, or Christchurch.