

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

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

**ENV-2025-CHC-000123**

**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** **MANAWA ENERGY 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:

*Manawa Energy 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 energy generation activities and associated infrastructure within its 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 part of the proceedings.

6. BDC is interested in the following particular issue:

- 6.1. The interpretation and application of provisions relating to renewable electricity generation activities that apply district-wide; and

- 6.2. Administration of TTPP.

7. BDC is neutral on the relief sought because:

- 7.1. Manawa Energy does not have any electricity generation facilities in the Buller District but the relief sought may affect district-wide provisions.

- 7.2. BDC's primary concern is to ensure that any amendments do not result in unintended or inconsistent outcomes elsewhere in TTPP, including inconsistencies in the application of those provisions across the Te 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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*Advice*

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