

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

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

**ENV-2025-CHC-000125**

**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** **BULLER CONSERVATION GROUP**

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:

*Buller Conservation Group 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 1991.

5. BDC is interested in all the proceedings.

6. BDC is interested in the following particular issues:

- 6.1. The extent to which the amendments sought to the provisions appropriately balance enabling appropriate activities with the management of adverse effects; and

- 6.2. The administration of TTPP.

7. BDC opposes the relief sought because:

- 7.1. The amendments introduce more restrictive or discretionary activity status frameworks across multiple chapters without corresponding alignment of objectives, policies and definitions;

- 7.2. The relief sought is not the most appropriate, effective and efficient approach to achieve the objectives;
  - 7.3. The decision version of TPPP appropriately balances the protection of indigenous biodiversity, natural character and coastal values with the continued functioning of established land uses; and
  - 7.4. The relief sought risks inappropriate and unintended outcomes across the Buller District and the wider 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.