

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

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

**ENV-2025-CHC-000112**

**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** **WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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:

*Westland 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 responsibilities for integrated land use planning, including ensuring that district-wide objectives, policies and rules operate coherently and consistently across districts within TTPP framework.
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 issue:
  - 6.1. The permitted activity standards for stormwater applying to buildings, accessways and hardstand areas within the General Rural Zone and Rural Lifestyle Zone.
7. BDC is neutral on the relief sought because:
  - 7.1. The appeal raises questions about the inclusion of stormwater permitted activity standards for buildings, accessways and hardstand areas in the General Rural Zone and Rural Lifestyle Zone, and BDC has an interest in ensuring that any

requirements appropriately manage stormwater effects while remaining proportionate to the typically lower-density nature of development in those zones; and

- 7.2. BDC wishes to assist the Court to determine whether more flexible or alternative mechanisms to mandatory compliance with NZS 4404:2010 would better achieve the objectives of the TTPP, while still providing for effective and workable stormwater management outcomes across the Region.
8. BDC agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated: 2 February 2026



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*Advice*

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