

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

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

ENV-2025-CHC-000121

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 **BATHURST RESOURCES LIMITED** and **BT MINING LIMITED**

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

Bathurst Resources Limited and BT Mining 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, infrastructure provision, and the management of environmental effects associated with mineral extraction and associated activities.
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 mineral extraction activities, including the operation of the Buller Coalfield Zone, Mineral Extraction Zone, Open Space Zone and General Rural Zone, and the interaction of those zones with district-wide overlays and provisions;
 - 6.2. Administration of TTPP; and

- 6.3. Mapping of existing land use authorisations for mineral extraction and related activities.
7. BDC is neutral on the relief sought because:
 - 7.1. BDC recognise the importance of mineral exploration and extraction to the economic and social fabric of the Buller District and wider West Coast Region and acknowledges that such activities may be appropriate where supported by robust policy direction and environmental safeguards;
 - 7.2. Any relief granted should not result in inconsistencies or unintended consequences across the Plan; and
 - 7.3. It is important that TTPP be administratively convenient and effective. As the territorial authority responsible for administering TTPP in the Buller District, provided any changes do not compromise delivery of TTPP on this basis, BDC would not oppose the relief sought.
8. BDC supports relief sought that seeks to correct mapping errors where existing mining activities associated with Cypress Mine have been incorrectly zoned Open Space or General Rural Zones instead of Buller Coalfield Zone.
9. 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, Nelson; or
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Advice

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