

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

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

ENV-2025-CHC-000134

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 **TE RŪNANGA O NGĀTI WAEWAE, TE RŪNANGA O
MAKAAWHIO AND TE RŪNANGA O NGĀI TAHU**

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:

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae and Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu v Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee

2. BDC has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has because BDC:

- 2.1. Is the territorial authority responsible for administering and implementing Te Tai o Poutini Plan (TTPP) within the Buller District; and

- 2.2. 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).

3. BDC is not a trade competitor for the purposes of ss 308C or 308A Resource Management Act 1991.

4. BDC is interested in part of the proceedings.

5. BDC is interested in the following particular issue:

- 5.1. The interpretation and application of district-wide and zone provisions of TTPP; and

- 5.2. Administration of TTPP.

6. BDC is neutral on the relief sought because:

- 6.1. BDC recognises the importance of appropriately identifying, recognising and providing for Māori values and iwi interests in TTPP; and

- 6.2. It is important that TTPP be administratively convenient and effective. As the territorial authority responsible for administering TTPP, provided any changes do not compromise delivery of TTPP on this basis, BDC does not oppose the relief sought.
7. BDC agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated: 2 February 2026



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- a) Posted to the solicitor at Fletcher Vautier Moore, Solicitors, PO Box 90, Nelson 7040; or
- b) Sent by email to both cthomsen@fvm.co.nz and ayardley@fvm.co.nz.

Advice

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