

In the Environment Court
At Christchurch

ENV-2025-CHC-101

I te Kōti Taiao o Aotearoa
Ki Ōtautahi

Under the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)

In the matter of an appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 and section 274 of the RMA

Between **CHORUS NEW ZEALAND LIMITED AND SPARK NEW ZEALAND TRADING LIMITED**

Appellant

And **TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN COMMITTEE**

Respondent

**NOTICE OF TE RŪNANGA O NGĀTI WAEWAE, TE RŪNANGA O MAKAAWHIO AND
TE RŪNANGA O NGĀI TAHU WHO WISH TO BECOME A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS**

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Introduction

- 1.** Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae and Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio (collectively referred to as **Poutini Ngāi Tahu**) and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (**TRoNT**) wish to be a party to an appeal made by Chorus New Zealand Limited and Spark New Zealand Trading Limited (**Appellant**) against parts of the Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee (**TTPP Committee**) decision on the Proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan (**TTPP**).
- 2.** Poutini Ngāi Tahu and TRoNT made a submission about the subject matter of the proceeding. Poutini Ngāi Tahu and TRoNT either made a submission on the relevant provisions appealed, or the appeal points concern the same subject matter and issues that are prevalent throughout its submissions.
- 3.** Poutini Ngāi Tahu and TRoNT also have an interest that is greater than the interest of the general public, as mana whenua of the land that is subject to the TTPP and for the reasons set out in its Notice of Appeal, ENV-2025-CHC-134, at [6] to [12].
- 4.** Poutini Ngāi Tahu and TRoNT are not trade competitors for the purposes of 308C or 308CA of the RMA.

Interest in proceedings

- 5.** Poutini Ngāi Tahu and TRoNT are interested in parts of the proceedings, being the aspects that relate to Objective 3 of the Natural Character and the Margins of Waterbodies chapter (NC-O3).
- 6.** Poutini Ngāi Tahu and TRoNT opposes the relief sought by the Appellant because:
 - (a)** NC-P2 provides for functional or operational need within riparian margins for renewable energy and regionally significant infrastructure. NC-P3,

which applies to new and upgrades to buildings and structures, only refers to functional need for their location;

- (b) The objective under appeal, NC-O3, is not specific to renewable energy and regionally significant infrastructure, it applies to all activities. Adding 'or operational need' for all activities loosens the restriction and therefore the protection of these areas;
- (c) Will not promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources, and will not achieve the purpose of the RMA, in that it:
 - (i) fails to sustain the potential of natural and physical resources to meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations;
 - (ii) does not safeguard the life-supporting capacity of air, water, soil, and ecosystems; and
 - (iii) fails to appropriately avoid, remedy, or mitigate adverse effects of activities on the environment;
- (d) Is contrary to Part 2 of the RMA, including sections 6(e), 7 and 8;
- (e) Is not the most appropriate way to achieve the purpose of the RMA, as required under section 32 of the RMA; and
- (f) Does not properly give effect to direction in relevant national instruments.

7. Poutini Ngāi Tahu and TRoNT agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

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