

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

ENV- 2025-CHC-

**I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
ŌTAUTAHU ROHE**

IN THE MATTER

of an appeal under Clause 14 of the
First Schedule of the Resource
Management Act 1991

AND IN THE MATTER

of the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan

BETWEEN

GROUNDSWELL NZ
Appellant

AND

TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN
COMMITTEE
Respondent

**SECTION 274 NOTICE BY THE ROYAL FOREST AND BIRD PROTECTION
SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED**

29 January 2026

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SECTION 274 NOTICE

1. The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated (Forest & Bird or the Society) wishes to be a party to the appeal by Groundswell NZ (Appellant) on the Te Tai Poutini Plan Committee (Respondent) decisions on the Proposed Te Tai Poutini Plan (TTPP).
2. Forest & Bird made a submission and a further submission on the TTPP.
3. Forest & Bird is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308D of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. Forest & Bird has an interest greater than the public generally, as an incorporated society with a well-known role in the protection of indigenous biodiversity.¹
5. Forest & Bird is interested in all of the proceedings.
6. Forest & Bird opposes the relief sought as it does not promote sustainable management.
7. Forest & Bird seeks clarification of the legal identity of the Appellant, as Groundswell NZ does not appear to be a legal entity.

Dated: 29 January 2026



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Zealand Incorporated

¹ See Marlborough District Council v Burkhardt Fisheries Ltd [2018] NZEnvC 26 and [31]