

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT AT
AT CHRISTCHURCH**

ENV-2025-CHC-000110

**I TE KOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
KI ŌTAUTAHI**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of an appeal under clause 14(1) of the First Schedule of
the Act and pursuant to Section 274 of the Act

BETWEEN **GROUNDSWELL NZ**

Appellant

AND **THE TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN COMMITTEE**

Respondent

**NOTICE OF FEDERATED FARMERS OF NEW ZEALAND
INCORPORATED'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS**

2 February 2026



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TO: The Registrar of the Environment Court at Christchurch

AND TO: Groundswell NZ (**Appellant**); and
the Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee (**Respondent**).

1. Federated Farmers of New Zealand Incorporated (**Federated Farmers**) gives notice pursuant to section 274 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**) that it wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:

Groundswell NZ v Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee ENV-2025-CHC-000110 (**Appeal**).

2. Federated Farmers made a submission (submitter number S524) about the subject matter of the proceedings.
3. Federated Farmers has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has. The subject matter of the proceedings directly impact what farmers can do with their land. Federated Farmers is a primary sector organisation that represents the interests of farmers and rural communities.
4. Federated Farmers is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the RMA.
5. Federated Farmers is interested in all of the proceedings, which relate to all provisions that arise from, or relate to, section 6 of the RMA.
6. Federated Farmers conditionally oppose the relief sought because:
 - (a) The Appellant has not clearly identified the specific provisions of the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan (**the Plan**) that are subject to appeal.
 - (b) The Appellant has not provided detail of any proposed wording that would give relief to their appeal.

- (c) Depending on its scope, the relief sought may have significant implications for the rural land management framework, which cannot be properly evaluated in the absence of greater specificity.
7. Federated Farmers reserve the right to refine their position as the scope of the appeal and the relief sought is clarified.
 8. Federated Farmers agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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Advice

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