

**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 **WMS GROUP (HQ) LTD**

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: WMS Group (HQ) Ltd (**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:

WMS Group (HQ) Ltd 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 the following parts of the proceedings:
 - (a) Strategic direction for the Natural Environment (objectives NENV-O1 to NENV-O4, and policy NENV-P1);
 - (b) matters relating to Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity (ECO) of the Te Tai o Poutini Plan (**the Plan**) (which includes all provisions within the ECO chapter; Appendices 13, 14 and 15);
 - (c) matters relating to the Coastal Environment (policies CE-P2 to CE-P8, and rule CE-R4); and

(d) Rural Zone objective RURZ-O1.

6. Federated Farmers conditionally oppose the relief sought because it affects provisions that apply to and provide for farming activities, and it may introduce uncertainty in the interpretation and application of those provisions for rural land use.
7. 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.