

**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** **WESTPOWER LTD**

Appellant

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

Respondent

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**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:** Westpower 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:

*Westpower 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 all of the proceedings. The appeal is extensive and covers many provisions in the Te Tai o Poutini Plan of interest to Federated Farmers. This includes provisions related to Strategic Direction, Natural Hazards, Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori, Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity, Natural Character, Natural Features and Landscapes, Subdivision, the Coastal Environment, Earthworks and Light.
6. Federated Farmers conditionally oppose the relief sought because:
  - (a) the appeal is extensive in scope and structure, and is drafted in such a manner that the relief sought cannot be readily understood

or assessed without detailed cross-referencing to the Appellant's submission and further submission; and

(b) depending on its scope, the relief sought may affect provisions that apply to and provide for farming activities and may introduce uncertainty in the interpretation and application of those provisions for rural land use.

7. Federated Farmers reserves 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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**Dated:** 2 February 2026

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**Advice**

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