

In the Environment Court of New Zealand
Christchurch Registry

ENV-2025-CHC-000117

I Mua I Te Koti Taiao o Aotearoa
Ōtautahi Rohe

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

In the matter of an appeal under clause 14(1) of the First Schedule to the Act

Between **Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand**
Appellant

And **Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee**
Respondent

Notice of Bathurst Resources Limited and BT Mining Limited's wish to be party to proceedings

Dated: 2 February 2026

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To The Registrar
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1 Bathurst Resources Limited (**'Bathurst'**) and BT Mining Limited (**'BT'**) wish to be a party to an appeal by Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand (**'Appellant'**) in relation to decisions on the Proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan (**'TTPP'**) (Court reference: ENV-2025-CHC-000117).

2 Bathurst and BT:

a Are persons who have an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest of the general public. Bathurst and BT own and operate coal mines within the Buller District. The Stockton Mine is currently operative. Two further mines, the Mt William North and Coalbrookdale mines, are proposed to be developed in the future by Bathurst and BT. The Appellant's relief includes amendments to provisions that relate to the operation and development of these mines.

b Made submissions (number S491) and further submissions (number FS89) about the subject matter of the proceedings.

3 Bathurst and BT are not trade competitors for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Act.

4 Bathurst and BT are interested in all of the proceedings.

5 Bathurst and BT oppose the Appellant's relief insofar as it is inconsistent with the relief sought in their appeal, submissions and further submissions and does not ensure that the TTPP:

a Recognises the significance of existing mining infrastructure and the mining and mineral resources on the West Coast and Buller Plateau to the local, regional, and national economies

b Enables the existing and future coal mining of regionally and nationally significant coal deposits;

c Promotes the sustainable management of the natural and physical resources in the West Coast, or be consistent Part 2 and other provisions of the Act;

- d Meets the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations;
 - e Enables the social, economic and cultural well-being of the people of the West Coast;
 - f Gives effect to the West Coast Regional Policy Statement; and
 - g Is the most appropriate way to achieve the objectives of the TTPP, in terms of section 32 of the Act.
- 6 Bathurst and BT agree to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

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