

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

**I MUA I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA  
KI ŌTAUTAHI**

**ENV-2025-CHC-000120**

**IN THE MATTER** of the Resource Management Act 1991

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of an appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 to the Act

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of s 274 of the Act

**BETWEEN** **STEPHEN MAURICE TRANTER and PAULINE  
ELIZABETH TRANTER**

Appellant

**AND**

**TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN COMMITTEE**

Respondent

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**BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL'S WISH TO BE A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS**  
2 February 2026

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**TO:** The Registrar  
Environment Court  
Christchurch

1. Buller District Council (**BDC**) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:

*Stephen Maurice Tranter and Pauline Elizabeth Tranter v Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee*

2. BDC has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has because BDC:

- 2.1. Is the territorial authority responsible for administering and implementing Te Tai o Poutini Plan (**TTPP**) within the Buller District; and

- 2.2. Has statutory responsibility for the functions set out at s 31 RMA (excluding any functions that have been transferred to Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee).

3. BDC is not a trade competitor for the purposes of ss 308C or 308A Resource Management Act 1991.

4. BDC is interested in all the proceedings.

5. BDC is interested in the following particular issues:

- 5.1. Coastal hazard mapping applied to the subject land, including the extent of coastal erosion and inundation hazard overlays as shown in the decision version of the Plan.

6. BDC opposes the relief sought because:

- 6.1. The coastal hazard mapping is based on district-wide technical assessment and provides an important and consistent framework for managing coastal hazard risk across the Buller District;

- 6.2. The relief sought does not give effect to or implement higher-order planning documents;
  - 6.3. There is no, or insufficient, evidence that the relief sought is the most appropriate, effective and efficient approach to achieve the objectives; and
  - 6.4. The relief sought would undermine the integrity and effectiveness of the coastal hazard mapping regime by removing or reducing mapped hazard areas without equivalent technical evidence, potentially increasing exposure to coastal hazard risk and creating inconsistency in Plan implementation.
7. BDC agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

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.