

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT CHRISTCHURCH
I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
KI ŌTAUTAHI**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND appeals under clause 14 of the First
Schedule of the Act

BETWEEN W J CURRIE

(ENV-2025-CHC-100)

(and all other appellants listed in
the Schedule attached)

Appellants

AND TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN
COMMITTEE

Respondent

**MINUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
(7 April 2026)**

Introduction

[1] The court has received a memorandum from the Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society of New Zealand (Forest & Bird) raising a potential issue with the status of appeals and s274 notices filed by the Buller District Council, Grey District Council and Westland District Council (the District Councils) on the Te Tai o Poutini Plan (TTPP).

[2] Forest & Bird is concerned that the appeals and s274 notices may be unlawful, an abuse of process and undermine the integrity of the appeal process.



Forest & Bird signals the possibility that it may wish to apply to strike out the District Councils appeals and s274 notices. However, Forest & Bird has not reached a final view as to whether to make a strike out application and wishes to have the timetable for making strike out applications suspended while it considers the issue.

[3] The District Councils have each filed wide-ranging appeals and are involved in virtually all appeals by other parties by way of s274 notices. The timetable for mediations (with which the Councils will be involved) is currently being arranged. Mediations are proposed to commence 12 May 2026.

Consideration

[4] A challenge to the District Councils involvement in the TTPP process has the potential to be very disruptive to the mediations and wider appeal process and needs to be resolved as a matter of priority.

[5] In these circumstances, I am not prepared to extend the timetable (which has in any event passed) for the filing of strike out applications on an indefinite basis.

Directions

[6] I make the following directions:

- (a) Forest & Bird is to file any strike application, affidavit(s) in support and accompanying memorandum relating to appeals and/or s274 notices filed by the District Councils by **Friday 24 April 2026**;
- (b) parties wishing to oppose any application by Forest & Bird are to file any opposition, accompanying affidavit(s) and memoranda by **Friday 8 May 2026**;
- (c) any opposed application will then be scheduled for a hearing as a matter of priority; and

(d) leave is granted to any party to seek other (or amended) directions.



K G Reid
Environment Judge

Issued: 7 April 2026

SCHEDULE – LIST OF APPELLANTS

ENV-2025-CHC-100	W J Currie
ENV-2025-CHC-101	Chorus New Zealand Limited & others
ENV-2025-CHC-102	Scenic Hotel Group Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-103	Birchfield Coal Mines Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-104	New Zealand Coal and Carbon Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-105	Young
ENV-2025-CHC-107	CMP Kokiri Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-108	Tāiko Critical Minerals Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-110	Federated Farmers of New Zealand
ENV-2025-CHC-111	Director-General of Conservation
ENV-2025-CHC-112	Westland District Council
ENV-2025-CHC-113	Robinson
ENV-2025-CHC-114	Haddock Group Properties Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-115	Tauranga Bay Holdings Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-116	Te Kinga Estates Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-117	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated
ENV-2025-CHC-118	WMS Group (HQ) Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-119	Molloy
ENV-2025-CHC-120	Tranter & others
ENV-2025-CHC-121	Bathurst Resources Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-122	Groundswell New Zealand
ENV-2025-CHC-123	Manawa Energy Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-124	KiwiRail Holdings Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-125	Buller Conservation Group
ENV-2025-CHC-126	Bradley
ENV-2025-CHC-127	Stuart
ENV-2025-CHC-128	McIntosh
ENV-2025-CHC-129	Boyd & Others
ENV-2025-CHC-130	Grey District Council

ENV-2025-CHC-131	Buller District Council
ENV-2025-CHC-133	Westpower Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-134	Te Runanga o Makaawhio & others
ENV-2025-CHC-135	Johnston
ENV-2025-CHC-136	Coates & Others
ENV-2025-CHC-138	Ridgeline 3 Investments Limited
ENV-2025-CHC-139	Transpower New Zealand Limited