

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AUCKLAND REGISTRY**

ENV-2021-AKL-000104

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of appeals under Clause 14(1) of the First Schedule of the Act in relation to a decision of Hawkes Bay Regional Council on Proposed Plan Change 7 (Outstanding Water Bodies)

BETWEEN **TE TAIWHENUA O HERETAUNGA, TE RUNANGANUI O HERETAUNGA, TE MANAAKI TAIAO O HERETAUNGA AND NGATI KAHUNGUNU IWI INCORPORATED**

Appellant

AND **HAWKES BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Respondent

**NOTICE OF WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO
SECTION 274 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

To: The Registrar
Environment Court
Auckland

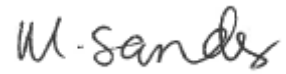
1. Horticulture New Zealand (“**HortNZ**”) wishes to be a party pursuant to section 274 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (“**RMA**”) to the following proceedings:
 - (a) Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga, Te Runanganui o Heretaunga, Te Manaaki Taiao o Heretaunga and Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated v Hawkes Bay Regional Council (**ENV-2021-AKL-000104**) being an appeal against decisions of the Hawkes Bay Regional Council on Proposed Plan Change 7 to the Regional Resource Management Plan.
2. HortNZ made submissions and further submissions on Proposed Plan Change 7 to the Regional Resource Management Plan (submission number 19 and further submission number F110).
3. HortNZ also has an interest in these proceedings that is greater than the general public as it represents interest groups in the community that are likely to be affected by the proposed relief sought by the Appellant.
4. HortNZ is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the RMA.
5. The parts of the decision subject to appeal are those listed in 6(a) to (i) of the appeal notice.
6. HortNZ is interested in all of the of the proceedings.
7. HortNZ has a particular interest in the following issues:

- (a) Relief seeking inclusion of additional waterbodies in Schedule 25, specifically the Heretaunga Plains Aquifer System and Ruataniwha Plains Aquifer System;
- (b) Relief seeking the exclusion of abstractive uses and land use values as outstanding or significant values;
- (c) The policy response and distinction between, new activities and existing activities.

8. HortNZ opposes the relief sought because:

- (a) HortNZ generally supports the decision version of PC7; and
- (b) Support the distinction on the decision version between existing and new activities, in terms of the policy response – while still achieving the requirements of the NPSFM (and NZCPS);
- (c) Do not support exclusion of ‘catchment values’ as outstanding or significant values (should significant values be re-instated Schedule 25).
- (d) Generally support the application of the Outstanding Water Body Identification Screening Criteria.
- (e) Inclusion of the Heretaunga Plains Aquifer System and Ruataniwha Plains Aquifer System, respectively, would significantly increase the area in which restrictions on activities that potentially have an effect on the significant/outstanding values of the water body. Much of the land across the Heretaunga and Ruataniwha Plains is significant for horticultural production and additional restrictions could have a significant and detrimental impact on the horticultural sector.

9. HortNZ agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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