## Form 33 Notice of person's wish to be party to proceedings Section 274, Resource Management Act 1991

To the Registrar Environment Court Wellington

Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Federated Farmers) wish to be a party to the following proceedings related to Plan Change 7 (Outstanding Waterbodies) to the Hawkes Bay Regional Resource Management Plan:

## Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc v Hawkes Bay Regional Council

Federated Farmers made a submission, further submissions and presented at the hearing in the previous proceedings on Plan Change 7 to the Hawkes Bay Regional Resource Management Plan relating to this appeal.

We received notice of this appeal on 5 August 2021.

Federated Farmers is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Federated Farmers is interested in **all** of the proceedings.

Federated Farmers either supports or opposes the relief sought:

- 1. We oppose relief sought to amend objectives and policies, because we prefer the decisions version.
- 2. We oppose the relief sought that the screening criteria and tests have been applied too high. A high test is required to meet a suitable "outstanding" threshold.
- 3. We oppose the relief sought to reinstate all outstanding waterbodies back into Schedule 25 that were removed by the decision. We oppose this relief because there was insufficient evidence, or the evidence provided did not demonstrate outstanding values, for these waterbodies to be included in Schedule 25.

Federated Farmers agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

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