

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 regarding Plan Change 7 (Outstanding Waterbodies) to the Hawkes Bay Regional Resource Management Plan:

Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga, Te Runanganui o Heretaunga, Te Manaaki Taiao o Heretaunga and Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated

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 4 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, and seeks further clarification on some appeal points before declaring our opposition, neutrality or support.

Federated Farmers either supports or opposes the specific relief sought:

1. We **oppose** the relief sought to include a definition, and separate table in Schedule 25, for waters/features in the coastal environment classified as "outstanding". We oppose this relief because PC7 is giving effect to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management which only applies to freshwater and not coastal waters.
2. We **oppose** the relief sought in 7d) of the appeal notice to include in Schedule 25 as Outstanding waterbodies: the Heretaunga Plains Aquifer System; the Ruataniwha Plains Aquifer System; the Makaroro River from its source to the confluence with the Waipawa River; the Ngaruroro River below Whanawhana cableway site downstream to and including the Heretaunga Plains Aquifer recharge zone between Maraekakaho and Chesterhope Bridge; Lake Poukawa and Pekapeka Swamp; and the Waitangi Estuary. We oppose the relief because there was insufficient evidence or evidence did not demonstrate outstanding values, for the Hearing Panel to classify these as OWB.
3. We **support** the relief in 7f) of the appeal notice expand Appendix 2, Part 1, Table 1 to include more content and detail on the outstanding cultural/spiritual values. We support the

relief to provide more detail on the nature of the outstanding values identified in the Decisions version of PC7.

4. We **oppose** the relief sought in 7g) of the appeal notice to delete or amend the Outstanding Water Body Identification Screening Criteria. We oppose the relief because the existing criteria are sufficient.
5. We **oppose** the relief sought in 7l) of the appeal notice for more prescriptive regional plan management and full consideration of the cumulative adverse effects of activities. We oppose this relief because the regional plan provisions are sufficient.
6. We **oppose** the relief sought in 7n) of the appeal notice to amend Schedule 25 to include specific descriptions/explanations of cultural and spiritual values and provide for additional cultural and spiritual values to be included in regional plans. We oppose this relief because any further values need to go through the screening criteria process and a further Plan Change before being introduced into the regional plan.
7. We **oppose** the relief sought in 7o) and 7p) to amend Objective LW1.1 and the reasons and explanations. We oppose this relief because water quality is not always an identified outstanding value, and the provision is sufficient as is.
8. We **oppose** the relief sought to amend objectives and policies. We oppose the relief because these provisions are sufficient as is.

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

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