

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT CHRISTCHURCH**

ENV-2020-CHC-000033

**I TE KŌTI O AOTEAROA
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IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of an appeal under clause 14(1) of the First Schedule
of the Act in relation to the Proposed Marlborough
Environment Plan

BETWEEN **FRIENDS OF NELSON HAVEN AND
TASMAN BAY INC**

Appellant

AND

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Respondent

**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENCE SOCIETY
INCORPORATED'S WISH TO BECOME A PARTY TO
PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 274 RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

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TO: The Registrar
Environment Court
CHRISTCHURCH

1. The Environmental Defence Society Incorporated (**EDS**) wishes to be party to the appeal by Friends of Nelson Haven and Tasman Bay Inc (**Appellant**) on the Marlborough District Council's decisions on the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan (**PMEP**).
2. EDS made a submission on the PMEPE in respect of matters raised in the appeal.
3. EDS has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than that of the public generally. EDS is a not-for-profit national environmental advocacy group. It was established in 1971 with the objective of bringing together the disciplines of law, science and planning to advocate for better environmental outcomes in resource management matters. It has been active in assessing the effectiveness of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and statutory planning documents in addressing key environmental issues
4. EDS is not a trade competitor for the purposes of s308D of the RMA.
5. EDS is interested in all aspects of the appeal. The relief sought is supported in part and opposed in part.
6. EDS agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution.

Reasons

7. The Appellant seeks changes to:
 - a. Natural character and landscape. EDS supports in part and opposes in part the relief sought by the Appellant. In particular, EDS opposes the relief relating to experiential attributes and nested landscapes. EDS wishes to be involved in any re-consideration of the natural character and landscape methodologies.

- b. Indigenous biodiversity: EDS supports the relief sought by the Appellant. In particular, EDS supports the relief relating to protection of King Shag feeding habitat on the basis that this will give effect to section 6(c) RMA and Policy 11 of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010.

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Cordelia Woodhouse

Signed for and on behalf of the
**ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENCE
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