

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

**I MUA I TE KOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
OTAUTAHI ROHE**

ENV-2020-CHC-000035

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of an appeal under clause 14 of Schedule 1 of the Act

BETWEEN **Nelson-Marlborough Fish and Game Council**

Appellant

AND **Marlborough District Council**

Respondent

**NOTICE OF AWATERE WATER USERS GROUP INCORPORATED'S WISH TO BE PARTY
TO PROCEEDINGS**

Dated 8 June 2020

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To The Registrar
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Christchurch

Name of Person who wishes to be Party

- 1 The Awatere Water Users Group Inc (**AWUG**) wish to be a party to the following proceedings: ENV-2020-CHC-000035, an appeal by Nelson Marlborough Fish and Game Council against the decision of the Marlborough District Council on the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan (**PMEP**).
- 2 AWUG is:
 - (a) a person who has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has being a body representing the collective interests of primary producers in the Awatere subregion of Marlborough; and
 - (b) a person who made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings.

Trade competition

- 3 AWUG is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.

The Proceedings

- 4 AWUG is interested in part of the proceedings.
- 5 The part of the proceedings AWUG is interested in is those parts relating to:
 - (a) Volume 1, Chapter 5– Allocation of Freshwater Resources; and
 - (b) Volume 3, Appendix 6 – Environmental Flows and Levels.

Particular Issues

- 6 AWUG is interested in the following issues:
 - (a) Policy 5.2.3;
 - (b) Policy 5.2.4;
 - (c) Policy 5.2.5;
 - (d) Policy 5.2.6;
 - (e) Policy 5.2.7;
 - (f) Policy 5.2.8;

- (g) Policy 5.2.13;
- (h) Policy 5.2.14;
- (i) Policy 5.2.15;
- (j) Policy 5.2.17
- (k) Policy 5.2.22
- (l) Policy 5.2.23
- (m) Policy 5.2.25;
- (n) Policy 5.2.26
- (o) Policy 5.3.9
- (p) Policy 5.3.10;
- (q) Policy 5.4.1;
- (r) Policy 5.4.2;
- (s) Policy 5.4.4;
- (t) Policy 5.4.5;
- (u) Objective 5.5;
- (v) Objective 5.7;
- (w) Objective 5.8;
- (x) Method 5.M.1;
- (y) Method 5.M.2 and
- (z) Appendix 6.

Relief sought

- 7 AWUG opposes the relief sought because:
- (a) It lacks clarity and does not accord with best resource management practices;
 - (b) It will unduly restrict access to, and the reliability of, irrigation water for Awatere water users;
 - (c) The current provisions of the PMEP sufficiently provide for environmental and recreational values;
 - (d) Any environmental benefit from the proposed relief is unclear;
 - (e) It does not promote the efficient use and development of natural and physical resources; and

- (f) It does not promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.

Dispute resolution

- 8 AWUG agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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Advice

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