

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT CHRISTCHURCH**

ENV-2020-CHC-000050

**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 **TRUSTPOWER LIMITED**

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 Trustpower Ltd (**Appellant**) on the Marlborough District Council's decisions on the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan (**PMEP**).
2. EDS made a submission on the PMEP 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, and conditionally opposes, the aspects of the appeal listed below:
 - a. Policy 3.1.3
 - b. Proposed Chapter 4.1 New Policy
 - c. Policy 7.2.6
 - d. Objective 8.1
 - e. Policy 8.1.1
 - f. Policy 8.2.10
 - g. Policy 8.3.2

- h. Policy 8.3.6
 - i. Method 8.M.1
 - j. Proposed New Permitted Activity Rules: vegetation clearance and work or activity associated with renewable energy generation
 - k. Permitted Activity Standards 3.3.12.2 and 19.3.3.2
6. EDS also interested in any other consequential relief relating to biodiversity, freshwater quality and quantity, natural character and landscape protection.
7. EDS agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution.

Reasons

8. The relief sought by the Appellant will not result in adequate protection of the region's indigenous biodiversity and does not reflect the requirement to maintain and improve the mauri of water as required by the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2017.
9. EDS is concerned that the relief sought does not reflect the protective environmental bottom lines contained in Part 2 RMA and in other national policy instruments.

DATED 8 June 2020



Cordelia Woodhouse

Signed for and on behalf of the
**ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENCE
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duly authorised agent

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