

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

**I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
ŌTAUTAHI ROHE**

ENV-2020-CHC-33

IN THE MATTER of an appeal pursuant to Clause 14 of Schedule 1 of the
Resource Management Act 1991

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

Appellant

AND **MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Respondent

**NOTICE OF BELEVE LIMITED, RJ DAVIDSON FAMILY TRUST AND TREBLE TREE
HOLDINGS LIMITED TO BECOME PARTIES TO THE APPEAL**
Dated this 8th day of June 2020

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To The Registrar
Environment Court
Christchurch

Name of Person who wishes to be Party

- 1 Beleve Limited (“Beleve”), RJ Davidson Trust (“RJ Davidson”) and Treble Tree Holdings Limited (“Treble Tree”) wish to be parties to the following proceedings: ENV-2020-CHC-33, an appeal by Friends of Nelson Haven and Tasman Bay Incorporated (“Friends”) against parts of the Marlborough District Council's decision on the proposed Marlborough Environment Plan (“proposed Plan”).
- 2 Beleve, RJ Davidson and Treble Tree have an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has (as marine farmers in the region). Beleve, RJ Davidson and Treble Tree made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings.

Trade competition

- 3 Beleve, RJ Davidson and Treble Tree are not trade competitors for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991 (“the Act”).

The Proceedings

- 4 Beleve, RJ Davidson and Treble Tree are interested in parts of the proceedings.
- 5 The parts of the proceedings that Beleve, RJ Davidson and Treble Tree are interested in are:¹
 - (a) Coastal Natural Character maps, Volume 4;
 - (b) Outstanding Natural Landscape maps, Volume 4;
 - (c) Appendix 2;
 - (d) Policy 6.2.3;
 - (e) Policy 6.2.4;
 - (f) Policy 6.2.6;

¹ Provision numbers correspond to those in the Decisions Version of the proposed Plan.

- (g) Policy 6.2.9;
- (h) Anticipated Environmental Result 6AER.2;
- (i) Appendix 1;
- (j) Introduction of Chapter 8, Volume 1;
- (k) Policy 8.3.5;
- (l) Policy 8.3.8;
- (m) Addition of a new map showing the Marlborough Sounds Important Bird Area;
- (n) Ecologically Significant Marine Sites maps in Volume 4;
- (o) Appendix 3;
- (p) Appendix 27;
- (q) Rule 16.6.6;
- (r) Rule 16.7.6;
- (s) Consequential changes to the natural character policies in Chapter 6 of Volume 1, the landscape policies in Chapter 7 of Volume 1, and the indigenous biodiversity policies in Chapter 8 of Volume 1 arising from the criticism of the methodology in the proposed Plan;
- (t) Other appeal points relevant to landscape, natural character, indigenous biodiversity (where relevant to the coastal marine area), Ecologically Significant Marine Sites and king shag;
- (u) The procedural approach taken to amending the Notified Version of the proposed Plan as it relates to landscape and natural character, and in relation to deferring notification of the aquaculture provisions of the proposed Plan;
- (v) The interrelationship between natural features, natural landscapes, natural character and aquaculture; and
- (w) The relief sought at paragraphs [31] to [35] of Appendix 1 of the Notice of Appeal.

Relief sought

- 6 Beleve, RJ Davidson and Treble Tree oppose the relief sought in respect of indigenous biodiversity because it is inconsistent with:
- (a) The Friends' submission on the Notified Version of the proposed Plan;
 - (b) The Act;
 - (c) The New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010 ("NZCPS");
 - (d) The requirement to plan strategically in NZCPS policy 7, and with the requirement to provide for aquaculture in appropriate places in terms of NZCPS policy 8; and
 - (e) The best available scientific information.
- 7 In relation to natural character and landscape, Beleve, RJ Davidson and Treble Tree:
- (a) Oppose the wide-ranging scope of the review sought;
 - (b) Oppose the relief sought in respect of and the disproportionate focus on aquaculture; and
 - (c) Conditionally support the relief sought so far as it says that the schedule of values in Appendices 1 and 2 of the proposed Plan must provide guidance to Plan users
- because it is inconsistent with the Act, the NZCPS, the approach taken in coastal plans in other regions, the requirement to plan strategically in NZCPS policy 7, the requirement to provide for aquaculture in terms of NZCPS policy 8, and recent case law.
- 8 Where relevant, the relief sought by the MFA and AQNZ in appeal ENV-2020-CHC-74 and/or by Beleve, RJ Davidson and Treble Tree in appeal ENV-2020-CHC-44 should be preferred.

Dispute resolution

9 Beleve, RJ Davidson and Treble Tree agree to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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Date: 8th June 2020

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Note to person wishing to be a party

You must lodge the original and 1 copy of this notice with the Environment Court within 15 working days after–

- the period for lodging a notice of appeal ends, if the proceedings are an appeal; or
- the decision to hold an inquiry, if the proceedings are an inquiry; or
- the proceedings are commenced, in any other case.

Your right to be a party to the proceedings in the Court may be limited by the trade competition provisions in section 274(1) and Part 11A of the Resource Management Act 1991. The notice must be signed by you or on your behalf.

You must serve a copy of this notice on the relevant local authority and the person who commenced the proceedings within the same 15 working day period and serve copies of this notice on all other parties within 5 working days after that period ends.

However, you may apply to the Environment Court under section 281 of the Resource Management Act 1991 for a waiver of the above timing or service requirements (*see form 38*).

Advice

If you have any questions about this notice, contact the Environment Court in Auckland, Wellington, or Christchurch.