### ENV-2020-CHC-50

## IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT

**IN THE MATTER** of an appeal under clause 14(1) of

the First Schedule of the Resource

Management Act 1991

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** the Marlborough Environmental

Plan

BETWEEN Trustpower Limited

Appellant

AND Marlborough District Council

Respondent

NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 274
OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

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To:
The Registrar
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Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) gives notice pursuant to s274 of the Resource Management Act 1991 that it wishes to appear as a party to the above proceedings.

This Notice is made upon the following grounds:

- 1. Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) lodged a submission and Further submission to the Plan to which this appeal relates and/or has an interest in these proceedings that is greater than the public generally.
- 2. Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308D of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act).

#### **Extent of interest**

3. Federated Farmers has an interest in the following aspect of the appeal:

# a. New Policy Chapter 4.1

- We support the appellants relief for a new policy.
- By having regard to any offset or compensation measures, the decision maker is able to consider a full suite of management options that are relevant to the proposal.

### b. **Policy 5.3.1**

- We support the appellant's relief to delete this policy.
- Te Mana o te Wai is a process in managing freshwater, and not something that can be allocated water.
- We agree that any new resource consent application for water within those allocation blocks in Appendix 6 would need to be on a first in, first served basis.

## c. <u>Policy 8.3.6</u>

- We support the appellant's relief for this objective, and the phrasing proposed within the policy.
- Federated Farmers supports both offset and compensation measures being provided for as distinct effects management tools.

• We agree any biodiversity offset should be volunteered by the applicant rather than promoted by Council or stakeholders.

## d. New Permitted Activity Rule Chapter 2 and Rule 2.7.8

- We oppose in part the appellant's relief sought.
- Whilst we accept the permitted activity rule framework may be appropriate
  for the maintenance, minor upgrading and replacement of electrical
  infrastructure, Federated Farmers seek an advisory note that any
  permitted activity rule does not preclude the need to secure an access
  arrangement with the private landowner.

### e. Definition of Maori Cultural Values

- We support in part the relief sought by the appellant.
- Federated Farmers does not oppose the recognition of Maori cultural values, but considers economic values should be removed from the definition. Retaining economic values may result in perverse outcomes or issues of trade competition favouring Maori interests over other New Zealanders.
- 4. Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) agrees to attend mediation and/or dispute resolution in regard to these proceedings.

Dated the 4th of June 2020

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