

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
AT CHRISTCHURCH**

ENV-2020-CHC-000064

**I TE KŌTI O AOTEAROA  
ŌTAUTAHI ROHE**

**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** **ROYAL FOREST AND BIRD PROTECTION  
SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND**

**Appellant**

**AND**

**MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Respondent**

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**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 Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated (**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 in all aspects of the appeal. It supports the relief sought in so far as it aligns with the relief in its own appeal.
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 Appellant seeks, inter alia, changes to:

- a. Provide a regulatory framework for the mapping and identification of significant vegetation and habitats pursuant to section 6(c) RMA; and to ensure the criteria for assessing ecological significance are accurate.
  - b. Policies providing for the protection for indigenous biodiversity in the region, including the need for appropriate vegetation clearance rules, setbacks and protection of wetlands.
  - c. The process for identifying and assessing outstanding natural landscapes and the requirement to protect both outstanding natural landscapes and outstanding natural features, as well as high amenity landscapes.
9. EDS considers that the changes sought are in accordance with sound resource management practice, appropriately provide for the protection of the natural environment, give effect to national policy instruments are consistent with Part 2 RMA.

**DATED** 8 June2020



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Signed for and on behalf of the  
**ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENCE  
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