

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

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

ENV-2020-CHC-000067

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 **Environmental Defence Society Incorporated**
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
Environment Court
Christchurch

Name of Person who wishes to be Party

- 1 The Awatere Water Users Group Incorporated (**AWUG**) wish to be a party to the following proceedings: ENV-2020-CHC-000067, an appeal by the Environmental Defence Society Incorporated against the decision of the Marlborough District Council on the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan.
- 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:
 - (a) Volume 1, Chapter 5 – Allocation of Freshwater Resources.

Particular Issues

- 6 AWUG is interested in the following particular issues:
 - (a) Policy 5.2.1
 - (b) Policy 5.2.2
 - (c) Policy 5.2.3
 - (d) Policy 5.2.4
 - (e) Policy 5.2.7
 - (f) Policy 5.2.8

- (g) Method 5.M.1
- (h) Method 5.M.2
- (i) Policy 5.3.5
- (j) Policy 5.4.5
- (k) Policy 5.5.5
- (l) Policy 5.8.1

Relief sought

- 7 AWUG opposes the relief sought because:
- (a) It will significantly and unjustifiably impact on authorised riverbed users;
 - (b) It is not supported by evidence;
 - (c) It lacks clarity and does not accord with best resource management practices;
 - (d) It will unduly restrict access to irrigation water for Awatere water users;
 - (e) Any environmental benefit from the proposed relief is unclear;
 - (f) It does not promote the efficient use and development of natural and physical resources; and
 - (g) 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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