

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT CHRISTCHURCH**

ENV-2020-CHC-000068

**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 **TRANSPower NEW ZEALAND 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 Transpower New Zealand 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 in the following aspects of the appeal:
 - a. Policy 4.2.3
 - b. Policies 6.2.1 – 6.2.3
 - c. Policies 7.2.5 – 7.2.6
 - d. Policy 8.3.3
 - e. Policy 13.1.1
6. EDS conditionally opposes the relief sought and wishes to have input into the relationship between 4.2.3 and the other more directive policies.

7. EDS also interested in any other consequential relief relating to biodiversity, freshwater quality and quantity, natural character and landscape protection.
8. EDS agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution.

Reasons

9. The Appellant seeks to make changes to the PMEP to better provide for infrastructure in the region by ensuring that precedence is given to National Grid activities.
10. EDS acknowledges the importance of clear direction in the PMEP regarding the relationship between infrastructure and the protection of the natural environment. However, EDS is concerned that the relief sought by the Appellant does not reflect the environmental bottom lines contained in Part 2 RMA and the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010.

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Signed for and on behalf of the
**ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENCE
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