

under: the Resource Management Act 1991

in the matter of: an appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 to the Act

and: the Proposed Southland Water and Land Plan

between: **Director General of Conservation**
Appellant

and: **Southland Regional Council**
Respondent

Notice of Dairy Holdings Limited's wish to be party to proceedings

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NOTICE OF DAIRY HOLDINGS LIMITED'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS

Section 274, Resource Management Act 1991

To The Registrar
Environment Court
Christchurch

1 Dairy Holdings Limited (*DHL*) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:

1.1 the appeal by the Director General of Conservation (the *Appellant*) to the Environment Court against the decisions of the Southland Regional Council on the Proposed Southland Water and Land Plan (the *Decisions*, the *Council* and the *Proposed Plan*).

2 DHL made a submission and further submission on the Proposed Plan.

3 DHL is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.

4 DHL is interested in all the proceedings.

5 Without limiting the above, DHL is interested in the following particular issues:

Policy 16

5.1 The wording of Policy 16(1)(a) (Farming activities that may affect water) in the decisions version of the Proposed Plan and whether it is adequate and reasonable.

6 DHL opposes the relief sought because:

6.1 DHL utilises an efficient wintering system whereby (typically) 5-40ha of forage crops are planted on their dairy farms to allow cows to be brought off wintering blocks earlier in the season. This model means that intensive winter grazing affects not only DHL's wintering blocks, but also potentially its dairy farms.

6.2 The words "strongly discouraging" are not appropriate for Policy 16. It is not clear what is meant by this phrase if there are to be circumstances where the establishment of new dairy farming or intensive winter grazing activities might be allowed.

- 7 DHL agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Signed for and on behalf of Dairy Holdings Limited by its solicitors and authorised agents Chapman Tripp



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