

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

**ENV-2018-CHC-000036**

**IN THE MATTER** of the Resource Management Act 1991

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of appeals under Clause 14(1) of the First  
Schedule of the Act in relation to the  
proposed Southland Water and Land Plan

**BETWEEN** **Director-General of Conservation**

Appellant

**AND** **Southland Regional Council**

Respondent

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**NOTICE OF WISH TO BE  
PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 274 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

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**To:** The Registrar

Environment Court

Christchurch

1. Horticulture New Zealand ("**HortNZ**") wishes to be a party pursuant to section 274 of the Resource Management Act 1991 ("**RMA**") to the following proceedings:
  - (a) *Director-General of Conservation v Southland Regional Council (ENV-2018-CHC-000036)* being an appeal against decisions of the Southland Council on the proposed Southland Water and Land Plan.
2. HortNZ made submissions and further submissions on the proposed Southland Water and Land Plan (submission number 390. and further submission number 390).
3. HortNZ also has an interest in these proceedings that is greater than the general public as it represents interest groups in the community that are likely to be adversely affected by the proposed relief sought by the Respondent
4. HortNZ is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the RMA.
5. The parts of the proceedings HortNZ is interested in are:
  - (a) Policy 16 Farming activities that affect water quality
6. The particular issues and whether HortNZ supports, opposes or conditionally opposes the relief sought are set out in the attached table.
7. HortNZ agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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**Advice**

If you have any questions about this notice, contact the Environment Court  
in Christchurch.

Provisions appealed by Director General of Conservation	Scope for s274 (HortNZ submission point reference)	Support / Oppose	Reasons
Policy 16 Farming activities that affects water quality	390.13 and FS on 210.55, 572.1, 661.24 and 803.25	Oppose	<p>HNZ supports the decision version of Policy 16 as it is an effects based approach, rather than the more restrictive regime sought by the appellant.</p> <p>The appellant seeks inclusion in Policy 16 a) of 'other intensive farming activities' but does not define what such activities may be. Intensive farming is not defined in the Plan.</p> <p>The plan focuses on the key issues for water quality in Southland. Intensive farming activities were not identified as a key issue. HortNZ considers that the effects from intensive farming activities can be adequately managed through the activity rules in the Plan such as cultivation and discharge of fertiliser and does not need to be specifically included in Policy 16.</p>