

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

ENV-2018-CHC-000050

IN THE MATTER OF the Resource Management Act 1991 ('the Act')

AND

IN THE MATTER OF Of an appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 to the Act in respect of decisions of the Southland Regional Council on the Proposed Water and Land Plan

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

Appellant

AND **SOUTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Respondent

NOTICE OF PERSON'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS

Section 274 Notice by Rayonier New Zealand Limited

Date: 8 June 2018

AHC-121599-20-204-V1

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Name of party giving notice

1 Rayonier New Zealand Limited (**Rayonier**)

The relevant proceedings

2 An appeal (ENV-2018-CHC-000050) under clause 14(1) of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**the RMA or the Act**) lodged by Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated (**Forest and Bird**) against the decisions of the Southland Regional Council on the Proposed Water and Land Plan.

Status of party giving notice

3 Rayonier is:

(a) a person who made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings.

Trade competition

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

Interest in proceedings

5 Rayonier is interested in part of the proceedings.

6 The part of the proceedings that Rayonier is interested in is:

(a) Rule 25 relating to cultivation

Particular Issues

- 7 Rayonier is particularly interested in issues relating to the definition of 'cultivation' and rules applying to 'cultivation' in so far as they apply to plantation forestry activities.
- 8 In particular Rayonier is interested in Forest and Bird's proposed amendments to rule 25 which seek to:
 - (a) Expand the category of waterways captured by the rule;
 - (b) Increase the cultivation setback distances from waterways based on the slope of the land at;
 - (c) Add further matters that The Southland Regional Council will restrict the exercise of its discretion to

Relief sought

- 9 Rayonier opposes the relief sought by Forest and Bird's appeal on the grounds that the proposed changes:
 - (a) Do not promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources in accordance with section 5 and other relevant matters at sections 6 and 7 of the RMA;
 - (b) Are not supported by an adequate cost/benefit analysis required by section 34 of the RMA;
 - (c) Are inconsistent with the National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry;
 - (d) Would place undue regulatory burden on plantation forestry activities without achieving any corresponding environmental benefit

Dispute resolution

- 10 Rayonier agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

DATED this 8 day of June 2018



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