

To  
the Registrar  
Environment Court  
Christchurch

The Waiau River Liaison Committee, wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:  
In the matter of the Resource Management Act 1991 and in the matter of an appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 to the Act and of the Proposed Southland Water and Land Plan (pSWLP) between Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc (appellant) and Southland Regional Council (respondent).

The Waiau River Liaison Committee has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than that of the general public as it is a Committee established by the Regional Council, comprised of rate payers adjacent to the Waiau River and its Tributaries.

The Waiau River Liaison Committee is not a trade competitor for the purposes of [section 308C](#) or [308CA](#) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

### **Description of interest in the proceedings**

The Waiau River Liaison Committee is interested in part of the proceedings. The part of the proceedings the Waiau River Liaison Committee is interested in is the provisions relating to the Waiau River, specifically Rules 52 and 52A.

The Waiau River Liaison Committee is interested in the following issues:

- The relief sought by the Appellant to make all water takes from the Waiau River catchment non-complying activities in Rule 52.
- Rule 52A, including the controlled activity status for the renewal of the water take for the Manapouri Power Scheme (MPS).
- The impact of Rules 52 and 52A on the ability of the community to realise their aspirations for freshwater, both in terms of quality and quantity, including, but not exclusively, through the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.
- The extent to which Rule 52A reduce the Regional Council's ability to reconsider, manage and alter the MPS water take and its effects on the environment in the future.
- The impact of Rule 52A on:
  - The Waiau River
  - Te Wae Wae Lagoon and the surrounding coastal marine area
  - Deep Cove.

### **Position on relief sought by Appellant**

The Waiau River Liaison Committee supports the relief sought to Rule 52A. The Waiau River Liaison Committee believes the relief would provide the Regional Council with an increased ability to reconsider the appropriateness of the water take for the MPS and alter the water take in the future as appropriate. The relief sought would enhance the Regional Council's ability to consider and manage the impacts of the MPS on:

- The Waiau River
- Te Wae Wae Lagoon and the surrounding coastal marine area
- Deep Cove
- The ability for the community to realise their aspirations for freshwater, both in terms of quality and quantity.

The relief sought would assist the Regional Council in giving effect to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.

The Waiau River Liaison Committee opposes the relief sought to Rule 52 to make all water takes within the Waiau River catchment non-complying activities, as the Waiau River Liaison Committee believes this would impact on the ability of the community to realise their aspirations for freshwater.

The Waiau River Liaison Committee agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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