

IN THE MATTER of an appeal under clause 14(1) of
the First Schedule of the Resource
Management Act 1991

AND IN THE MATTER OF the Proposed Southland Water
and Land Plan

BETWEEN **GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL,
SOUTHLAND DISTRICT
COUNCIL AND INVERCARGILL
CITY COUNCIL (TERRITORIAL
AUTHORITIES)**

Appellant

AND **SOUTHLAND REGIONAL
COUNCIL**

Respondent

**NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 274
OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

To: The Registrar
Environment Court
Christchurch

TAKE NOTICE that Federated Farmers of New Zealand Inc (Southland) gives notice pursuant to s274 of the Resource Management Act 1991 that it wishes to appear as a party to the above proceedings.

This Notice is made upon the following grounds:

- 1 Federated Farmers of New Zealand Inc (Southland) lodged a submission and Further submission to the Proposed Southland Water and Land Plan to which this appeal relates and/or has an interest in these proceedings that is greater than the public generally.
- 2 Federated Farmers of New Zealand Inc (Southland) is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308D of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 3 Federated Farmers of New Zealand Inc (Southland) has an interest in the following aspect of the appeal:

Rule 33A – Community Sewerage Schemes (discharge to water)

- Federated Farmers lodged a Further Submission on what is now covered by this Rule;
 - We do not consider it appropriate for treated effluent directly entering a waterway from a community sewerage scheme to be considered as a discretionary activity.
 - While there is a distinction between the effects on the environment between treated and untreated effluent, we do not consider the bar should be lowered to this extent.
 - There is a clear anomaly between the relief sought here and the reality for rural landowners dealing with animal effluent.
 - We consider the high threshold of a non-complying activity status is appropriate given the potential for environmental damage.
 - We oppose the relief sought by the appellant.
4. Federated Farmers of New Zealand Inc (Southland) agrees to attend mediation and/or dispute resolution in regard to these proceedings.

Dated the 22nd day of June 2018



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