

**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** **SOUTHWOOD EXPORT  
LIMITED, SOUTHLAND  
PLANTATION FOREST  
COMPANY OF NZ,  
SOUTHWOOD EXPORT LIMITED**

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 Province) 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 Province) 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 Province) 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 Province) has an interest in all of the appeal, in particular in relation to:

Definition of cultivation

- Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Southland Province) submitted on the definition and sought a number of changes to it.
- Some of our members' businesses include farm forestry. Herbicide spraying is an important aspect of those activities.
- While we have not directly appealed the definition, we continue to have an active interest in the definition insofar as it may be open to change as part of the appeal process and subsequently impact on our members.
- We broadly support the relief sought by the appellant.

Rule 25(a)(iv)

- Federated Farmers supported and further submitted on the rule, and has its own appeal on Rule 25.
- While the appeal does not include matters we've directly appealed on, we broadly agree with the appellant, that as the definition of 'cultivation' includes herbicide spraying, this would require forestry (including farm forestry) to be subject to a restricted discretionary consent to carry out aerial spraying.
- Requiring consent for this activity does not reflect the actual potential level of risk of sediment run-off from the activity, or the likelihood of resulting environmental damage.
- We agree with the appellant that aerial spraying should not be treated the same as other cultivation practices and should be excluded from the rule on that basis.

- We broadly support the relief sought by the appellant.

4. Federated Farmers of New Zealand Inc (Southland Province) agrees to attend mediation and/or dispute resolution in regard to these proceedings.

Dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2018



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