BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY

I MUA I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA KI ŌTAUUTAHI

ENV-2018-CHC-0040

UNDER the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER OF on an appeal under clause 14 of

Schedule 1 of the RMA in relation to

Decisions on the Proposed Southland Water and Land Plan

BETWEEN SOUTHLAND FISH AND GAME

COUNCIL

Appellant

AND SOUTHLAND REGIONAL

COUNCIL

Respondent

MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF SOUTHLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL REGARDING WITHDRAWAL OF APPEAL POINTS

Dated this 28th day of June 2021

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MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

- 1. This memorandum is filed on behalf of Southland Fish and Game Council (**Fish and Game**).
- 2. Fish and Game is an appellant regarding provisions on the Proposed Southland Water and Land Plan (**pSWLP**). Fish and Game has attended all Environment Court facilitated mediation on matters within Topic B. Because of discussions between parties and Southland Regional Council, Fish and Game seeks to withdraw its appeal on the following provisions:
 - a. Policy 26A (Infrastructure) Topic B6 (Infrastructure) Issue 6 Should Policy 26A be amended to "enable" rather than "provide for" the effective development, operation, maintenance and upgrading of infrastructure; and
 - b. Rule 74 (Wetlands) Topic B3 (Wetlands and Indigenous Biodiversity) Issue 3 Should commercial peat harvesting in a regionally significant wetland be a non-complying activity.
- 3. Fish and Game respectfully seeks leave to withdraw its interests on the pSWLP as set out above in paragraph 2.
- 4. Fish and Game understands that no party has any issues with the withdrawal of the above appeal points, including as to costs.

Dated this 28th day of June 2021.

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