## BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA

In the matter of the Resource Management Act and of appeals under clause 14 of the First Schedule of the Act

Between

## **Transpower New Zealand Limited (ENV-2018-CHC-26)**

**Appellants** 

And others

and

## **Southland Regional Council**

Respondent

(Abbreviated list of parties)

Memorandum of counsel on behalf of Transpower New Zealand Limited seeking leave to withdraw its interests in Topic A of the Proposed Southland Water and Land Plan

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#### **Full list of parties**

Between

**Transpower New Zealand Limited (ENV-2018-CHC-26)** 

**Appellants** 

and

Fonterra Co-Operative Group Limited (ENV-2018-CHC-27)

and

Horticulture New Zealand (ENV-2018-CHC-28)

and

**Aratiatia Livestock Limited (ENV-2018-CHC-29)** 

and

Wilkins Farming Co (ENV-2018-CHC-30)

and

Gore District Council, Southland District Council and Invercargill City Council (ENV-2018-CHC-31)

and

DairyNZ Limited (ENV-2018-CHC-32)

and

H W Richardson Group Limited (ENV-2018-CHC-33)

and

Beef & Lamb New Zealand (ENV-2018-CHC-34 & 35)

and

**Director-General of Conservation (ENV-2018-CHC-36)** 

and

Southland Fish & Game Council (ENV-2018-CHC-37)

and

Meridian Energy Limited (ENV-2018-CHC-39)

and

Alliance Group Limited (ENV-2018-CHC-39)

and

Federated Farmers of New Zealand (ENV-2018-CHC-40)

and

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (ENV-2018-CHC-41)

and

**Stoney Creek Station Limited (ENV-2018-CHC-42)** 

and

The Terrace Limited (ENV-2018-CHC-43)

and

Campbell's Block Limited (ENV-2018-CHC-44)

and

Robert Grant (ENV-2018-CHC-45)

and

Southwood Export Limited, Southland Plantation Forest Company of NZ, Southwood Export Limited (ENV-2018-CHC-46)

and

Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Hokonui Rūnaka, Waihopai Rūnaka, Te Rūnanga o Awarua & Te Rūnanga o Oraka Aparima (ENV-2018-CHC-47)

and

Peter Chartres (ENV-2018-CHC-48)

and

Rayonier New Zealand Limited (ENV-2018-CHC-49)

and

# Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ Inc (ENV-2018-CHC-50)

and

## **Southland Regional Council**

Respondent

#### MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT

- Transpower filed an appeal against the Southland Regional Council's decision on the Proposed Southland Water and Land Plan (the Proposed Plan). Transpower is also a section 274 party to the following appeals:
  - (a) HW Richardson Group Limited (ENV-2018-CHC-33);
  - (b) Southland Fish and Game Council (ENV-2018-CHC-37);
  - (c) Alliance Group Limited (ENV-2018-CHC-39);
  - (d) Federated Farmers of New Zealand (ENV-2018-CHC-40);
  - (e) Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (ENV-2018-CHC-41);
  - (f) Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Hokonui Rūnaka, Waihopai Rūnaka, Te Rūnanga o Awarua & Te Rūnanga o Oraka Aparima (ENV-2018-CHC-47); and
  - (g) Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand (ENV-2018-CHC-50).
- 2. Transpower's interests in Topic A of the Proposed Plan are limited. Transpower's appeal does not concern any of the provisions being considered in Topic A and Transpower was only interested, as a section 274 party, in appeals on Objectives 9B and 13A and 13B.<sup>1</sup>
- Transpower has reviewed the evidence filed for Topic A and seeks leave to withdraw its interests in this Topic. Transpower remains interested in the remaining Topic B provisions identified in its appeal and s 274 notices.

Being appeals ENV-2018-CHC-40, ENV-2018-CHC-37, ENV-2018-CHC-47 and ENV-2018-CHC-50 on Objective 9B and ENV-2018-CHC-37, ENV-2018-CHC-39, ENV-2018-CHC-41, ENV-2018-CHC-47 and ENV-2018-CHC-50 on Objectives 13A and 13B.

- 4. Counsel submits that withdrawal of Transpower's interests in Topic A is unlikely to cause prejudice to any party.
- 5. Counsel have liaised with other parties to the appeals on the Proposed Plan as to whether they have any issues as to costs, noting that if no response was received from a party by 5pm Thursday 7 March 2019 Counsel would assume that that party had no issues. Southland Regional Council, Dairy Holdings Limited, Gore District Council, Southland District Council and Invercargill City Council, and Meridian Energy Limited confirmed they have no issues as to costs. No responses were received from other parties.

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Dated 8 March 2019