

BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT

I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA

AT CHRISTCHURCH

ENV – 2018 – CHC – 000048

IN THE MATTER

of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an appeal under clause 14(1) of the First Schedule of the Act in relation to the Proposed Southland Water and Land Plan

BETWEEN

Peter Donald Chartres

Te Anau Downs Station

Appellant

AND

Southland Regional Council

Respondent

NOTICE OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CONSERVATION'S

WISH TO BECOME A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS

Section 274 Resource Management Act 1991

Department of Conservation

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To: The Registrar
 Environment Court
 Christchurch

1. I, Lou Sanson, Director-General of Conservation (the Director-General) wish to be a party to an appeal against part of the decision of the Southland Regional Council on the Proposed Southland Water and Land Plan (the proposed Plan) by Peter Donald Chartres (the appellant), ENV – 2018 – CHC – 000048 (the notice).
2. I made a submission on the proposed Plan¹, in particular on Appendix A – Regionally Significant Wetlands².
3. I am not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or section 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).
4. I am interested in part of the appeal.
5. My interests are as follows:

Appendix A – Regionally Significant Wetlands and Sensitive Water Bodies in Southland

- 5.1. In paragraphs 10 and 12 of his notice, the appellant appeals the decision dealing with Appendix A and seeks that three wetlands on or adjacent to the appellant's property be excluded from Appendix A.
- 5.2. The appellant seeks to amend Appendix A by removing Bog Lake and Adjacent Wetland, Retford Stream Wetland and Te Anau Downs Wetland.
6. I oppose the relief sought in the notice with respect to Appendix A – Regionally Significant Wetland and Sensitive Water Bodies in Southland. The reasons for opposing the relief sought are as follows:
 - 6.1. In my submission³ I sought the inclusion in Appendix A of the three wetlands listed in the notice, as I consider these are significant wetlands in the Southland Region.
 - 6.2. The relief sought by the appellant is:

¹ Submitter Number 210

² Submission Point 210.97

³ Submission Point 210.97

- 6.2.1. contrary to Part 2 of the RMA by not achieving the sustainable management purpose in section 5 and failing to recognise and provide for the matters of national importance including: section 6(a) by failing to preserve the natural character of wetlands and lakes and their margins from inappropriate use and section 6(c) the protect areas of significant indigenous vegetation and potentially significant habitats of indigenous fauna.
 - 6.2.2. fails to give effect to National Policy Statement Freshwater Management 2014 (as amended 2017) as required by section 67(3) of the RMA, in particular: Objective A2.
 - 6.2.3. fails to give effect to the Southland Regional Policy Statement 2017 as required by section 67(3) of the RMA, in particular: Policies WQUAL.3, BIO.1, BIO.2 and BIO.4.
7. I agree to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated the 22nd of June 2018



Aaron Fleming, Director Operations, Southern South Island Region
Pursuant to delegated authority from the Director-General of Conservation⁴

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⁴ A copy of the Instrument of Delegation may be inspected at the Director-General's office at Conservation House Whare Kaupapa Atawhai, 18-32 Manners Street, Wellington 6011

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