under: the Resource Management Act 1991

in the matter of: an appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 to the Act

and: the Proposed Southland Water and Land Plan

between: DairyNZ Limited

Appellant

and: Southland Regional Council

Respondent

Notice of Dairy Holdings Limited's wish to be party to proceedings

Dated: 7 June 2018

REFERENCE: Ben. Williams (ben.williams@chapmantripp.com)

NOTICE OF DAIRY HOLDINGS LIMITED'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS

Section 274, Resource Management Act 1991

- **To** The Registrar Environment Court Christchurch
- Dairy Holdings Limited (*DHL*) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:
 - 1.1 the appeal by DairyNZ Limited (the *Appellant*) to the Environment Court against the decisions of the Southland Regional Council on the Proposed Southland Water and Land Plan (the *Decisions*, the *Council* and the *Proposed Plan*).
- 2 DHL made a submission and further submission on the Proposed Plan.
- 3 DHL is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 4 DHL is interested in all the proceedings.
- Without limiting the above, DHL is interested in the following particular issues:

Rule 20

5.1 The provision for intensive winter grazing in the decisions version of the Proposed Plan without unnecessary restriction in Rule 20 - Farming.

Rule 35A

- 5.2 The provision for feed pads/lots as a permitted activity in the decisions version of the Proposed Plan without unnecessary restriction in Rule 35A Feed pads/Lots.
- 6 DHL supports the relief sought because:
 - 6.1 DHL utilises an efficient wintering system whereby (typically) 5-40ha of forage crops are planted on their dairy farms to allow cows to be brought off wintering blocks earlier in the season. This model means that intensive winter grazing affects not only DHL's wintering blocks, but also potentially its dairy farms.

- 6.2 The change to Rule 20 sought by the Appellant is intended to provide for more appropriate conditions for intensive winter grazing as a permitted activity.
- 6.3 It is noted that DHL did not specifically submit on Rule 35A but supports the relief on the basis that it is consistent with and within the scope of DHL's wider submissions on wintering and dairy farming.
- 7 DHL agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Signed for and on behalf of Dairy Holdings Limited by its solicitors and authorised agents Chapman Tripp

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