

BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT

I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA

AT CHRISTCHURCH

ENV – 2018 – CHC – 000049

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

Rayonier New Zealand Limited

Appellant

AND

Southland Regional Council

Respondent

NOTICE OF WISH OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CONSERVATION'S

TO BECOME A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS

Section 274 Resource Management Act 1991

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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 Rayonier New Zealand Limited (the appellant), ENV – 2018 – CHC – 000049 (the notice).
2. I made a further submission on the proposed Plan¹, on the definition of cultivation².
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 all of the appeal.
5. My interests are as follows:

Glossary – Definition of ‘cultivation’

- 5.1. In paragraphs 7 – 9 of its notice, the appellant appeals that part of the decision dealing with the definition of ‘cultivation’ and seeks that:
 - 5.1.1. the definition of ‘cultivation’ be amended by removing ‘herbicide spraying’; or
 - 5.1.2. in the alternative, a new definition of ‘crop’ is added to define a crop as specific to agricultural practices excluding forestry.
6. I oppose the relief sought in the notice with respect to the definition of ‘cultivation’. The reasons for opposing the relief sought are as follows:
 - 6.1. I support a broad definition of ‘cultivation’ to manage sedimentation effects of cultivation. Limiting the definition may have potential adverse effects on water quality in the Southland region.
 - 6.2. The relief sought by the appellant:
 - 6.2.1. fails to give effect to the National Policy Statement Freshwater Management 2014 (as amended 2017) as required by section 67(3) of the RMA, in particular: Objective A1 and Objective A2.

¹ Submitter Number 210

² Further submission on Federated Farmers Submission Point 265.112 SAR-04-83-117 Rayonier NZ Limited - proposed Southland Water and Land Plan - s274 joining notice - DOC-5509922

6.2.2. fails to give effect to the Southland Regional Policy Statement 2017 as required by section 67(3) of the RMA in particular: Objective WQUAL.2, Objectives RURAL.1 and RURAL.2 and Policy RURAL.3.

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 Conservation³

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³ A copy of the Instrument of Delegation may be inspected at the Director-General's office at Conservation House
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