

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

ENV-2018-CHC-287

**IN THE MATTER** of an appeal against decisions on  
Dunedin City Second Generation  
District Plan

**BETWEEN** **ROYAL FOREST AND BIRD  
PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NEW  
ZEALAND INCORPORATED**

Appellant

**AND** **DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL**

Respondent

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**SECTION 274 NOTICE: AURORA ENERGY LIMITED**

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To: The Registrar  
Environment Court  
Christchurch

1. Aurora Energy Limited (“Aurora”) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:
  - (a) *Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated* [ENV-2018-CHC-287]
2. Aurora made a submission and a further submission about the subject matter of the proceeding (original submission 457 and further submission 2375) and has an interest in the proceedings greater than the public generally. Aurora owns and operates the Electricity Distribution Network within Dunedin City.
3. Aurora is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. Aurora is interested in parts of the appeal which is the subject of this proceeding.
5. Aurora has an interest in the relief sought because:
  - (a) Aurora operates electricity distribution infrastructure which supplies customers within Dunedin City from the National Grid.
  - (b) Aurora’s network is strategic infrastructure and will be subject to the network utility provisions of the 2GP.
  - (c) Aurora seeks to give effect to the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement which recognises and protects Aurora’s Electricity Sub-transmission Infrastructure and Significant Electricity Distribution Infrastructure including managing reverse sensitivity effects on its operations and network.

- (d) Aurora opposes the amendments sought to the definitions of vegetation clearance, and 'no net loss'
  - (e) The relief sought by the Appellant has the potential to prevent the establishment of network utilities that may have a functional need to locate in areas populated by indigenous vegetation, wetlands, the coastal environment or the margins of waterways.
  - (f) Aurora seeks to ensure that relief sought by the Appellant does not give rise to unintended consequences for the management of Aurora's infrastructure under the 2GP provisions.
6. Aurora agrees to participate in mediation or alternative dispute resolution.



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