

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT CHRISTCHURCH**

ENV-2018-CHC - 249

IN THE MATTER

of an appeal pursuant to clause 14
of the First Schedule of the
Resource Management Act 1991

BETWEEN

TRANSPower NEW ZEALAND LTD
Appellant

AND

DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL
Respondent

**NOTICE OF THE ROYAL FOREST AND BIRD PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NEW
ZEALAND INCORPORATED'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS**
31 January 2019

To: The Registrar
Environment Court
Christchurch

1. The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated ('Forest & Bird') wishes to be a party to the appeal by Transpower New Zealand Limited ("the Appellant") reference **ENV-2018-CHC-249** against decisions of the Dunedin City Council ("the Respondent") on the Proposed Dunedin City District Plan.
2. Forest and Bird is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C of the Resource Management Act 1991.
3. Forest and Bird submitted on the subject matter of the proceedings.
4. Forest and Bird is interested in part of the proceeding.
5. The particular issues the Society is interested in are:
 - a. New Objective 5.2.X and Policy 5.2.x.1 which aim to facilitate the ongoing operation, maintenance, development and upgrading of the national grid while managing adverse environmental impacts by an optional hierarchy of avoid, and if not practicable remedying or mitigating the adverse effects on the values of a narrowly specified list of scheduled areas and overlay zones; and
 - b. any consequential changes arising from or concerning the appeal.
6. The Society opposes in part the relief sought by the appellant, because Forest & Bird seeks provisions to control indigenous vegetation clearance in order to protect areas of Significant Biodiversity Values and maintain indigenous biodiversity. The proposed policy lacks certainty and does not give effect to the proposed 2GP policies aimed at protecting and maintaining biodiversity and giving effect to the NZ Coastal Policy.
7. Forest & Bird agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated 31 January 2019



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