

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT CHRISTCHURCH**

ENV-2018-CHC - 277

IN THE MATTER

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

BETWEEN

AURORA ENERGY 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 Aurora Energy Limited ("the Appellant") reference **ENV-2018-CHC-277** 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. Amendments to Policy 10.2.3.2 to provide an exemption for large scale substations and network utility structures to remedy and mitigate adverse rather than avoid adverse effects that are more than insignificant due to locational needs within the Outstanding Natural Coastal Character and High Natural Coastal Character overlay zones; and
 - b. any consequential changes arising from or concerning the appeal.
6. The Society opposes the relief sought by the appellant, because if the amendments are made the Plan will not preserve or enhance areas and values of outstanding natural coastal character and high natural character and avoid adverse activities in the Outstanding Natural Coastal Character and High Natural Character overlay zones unless their effects are insignificant. The relief sought is not consistent with the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement. The Appellant's relief seeks to amend or delete provisions Forest and Bird supported in its submissions and/or the provisions appealed overlap with Forest and Bird's own appeal.
7. Forest & Bird agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated 31 January 2019



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