

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

ENV-2018-CHC-254

IN THE MATTER

of an appeal against decisions on
Dunedin City Second Generation
District Plan

BETWEEN

**FEDERATED FARMERS OF NEW
ZEALAND INC**

Appellant

AND

DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL

Respondent

SECTION 274 NOTICE: AURORA ENERGY LIMITED

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To: The Registrar
 Environment Court
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1. Aurora Energy Limited (“Aurora”) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:
 - (a) *Federated Farmers of New Zealand Inc* [ENV-2018-CHC-254]
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 in relation to network utilities because:
 - (a) Aurora operates electricity distribution infrastructure which supplies customers within Dunedin City from the National Grid and electricity generation sources within the City.
 - (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 relief sought by the Appellant's that would undermine the recognition of network utilities and management of the relationship between them and other land uses. The relief sought by the Appellant would not give effect to the PRPS with respect to Aurora's significant infrastructure.
 - (e) The lack of national policy guidance with respect to other forms of infrastructure is not determinative of whether it is appropriate for the 2GP to address these issues.
6. Aurora agrees to participate in mediation or alternative dispute resolution.



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