# BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY

#### **ENV-2018-CHC**

**IN THE MATTER** Of an appeal pursuant to clause 14

of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991

BETWEEN ROBERT FRANCIS WYBER

**Appellant** 

AND DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL

Respondent

### NOTICE OF APPEAL OF ROBERT FRANCIS WYBER

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**Environment Court** 

Christchurch Registry

- Robert Francis Wyber ("Mr Wyber") appeals against a decision of the Dunedin City Council on the following:
  - (a) Second Generation Dunedin City District Plan (2GP Decision)
- 2. Mr Wyber made a submission regarding the Dunedin City Council Second Generation Plan (OS394).
- 3. Mr Wyber is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308D of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 4. Mr Wyber received notice of the decision on 7 November 2018.
- 5. The decision was made by Dunedin City Council.
- 6. The decision Mr Wyber is appealing is:
  - (a) Decisions related to Strategic Direction 2.6 and 2.7 and their associated Objectives and Policies.
- 7. The reasons for Mr Wyber's appeal are:
  - (a) The changes made to the Objectives and Policies supporting 2.6 Dunedin has Quality Housing Choices and Adequate Urban Land Supply are extensive and significantly change the effect of these provisions.
  - (b) The Council's decisions on Strategic Direction 2.6 attributed to my submission are inconsistent with the relief that my submission sought.
  - (c) The 2GP Decision fails to give effect to the National Policy Statement for Urban Development Capacity, in particular;

- The 2GP Decision effectively precludes the identification of greenfields development to meet demand;
- (ii) The 2GP Decision effectively precludes rezoning of land for different types of development, preventing urban land supply that provides the community with choice.
- (iii) The Decision prioritises other objectives in the 2GP over the obligations in the NPSUDC, such as ":a compact city" over providing choice in locations where there is demonstrated demand that exceeds supply.
- (iv) The 2GP Decision does not enable adequate supply of urban land to be available for the life of the plan. Therefore, the 2GP Decision fails to achieve the NPSUDC or achieve the strategic directions as they relate to urban land supply.
- (v) The 2GP Decision over estimates the capacity that will be made available by the land that has been rezoned in the 2GP Decision. Therefore, there will inevitably be increasing demand for further land during the life of the Plan. The current provisions are prohibitive in this regard.
- (d) The 2GP Decision did not give adequate consideration to the demonstrated demand for greenfields urban land supply within Dunedin.
- (e) The 2GP Decision did not give adequate consideration to the demonstrated demand for rural residential land supply options within Dunedin. This is compounded by the refusal to enable existing undersized rural sites to be utilised for residential purposes.
- (f) Incorporating matters related to a compact city, public transport and public infrastructure into the policy consideration for rural residential land is unnecessary.
- (g) It is inappropriate to utilise infrastructure constraints as a basis for refusing to rezone land when the Council operates a policy of

not planning infrastructure to supply land that is not yet zoned for residential purposes. The Council's approach in this regard is circular.

- 8. Aurora seeks the following relief:
  - (a) Amendments to the 2GP as set out in the Table attached at Appendix 1 to this Appeal.
- 9. The following documents are attached to this notice:
  - (a) A copy of Mr Wyber's original submission.
  - (b) A copy of the relevant parts of the 2GP Decision; and
  - (c) A list of names and addresses of persons to be served with a copy of this notice.

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**DATED** this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of December 2018

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How to Become a Party to Proceedings

You may be a party to the appeal if you made a submission on the matter of this appeal and you lodge a notice of your wish to be a party to the proceedings (in form 33) with the Environment Court, and serve copies on the other parties, within 15 working days after the period for lodging a notice of appeal ends. Your right to be a party to the proceedings in the Court may be limited by the trade competition provisions in section 274(1) and Part 11A of the Resource Management Act 1991.

You may apply to the Environment Court under section 281 of the Resource Management Act 1991 for a waiver of the above timing requirements (see form 38).

How to Obtain Copies of Documents Relating to Appeal

The copy of this notice served on you does not attach a copy of the relevant decision. These documents may be obtained, on request, from the Appellant.

Advice

If you have any questions about this notice, contact the Environment Court in Auckland, Wellington or Christchurch

APPENDIX 1 – Table of Relief Sought				
PROVISION	REASON	RELIEF SOUGHT		
(using provision numbers from the tracked				
version included within the Decisions				
Reports)				
Policy 2.6.1.1	Prefacing development on the need to support	Delete reference to Objective 2.4.4 or Amend		
	public transport fails to recognise that people are	Policy 2.6.1.1 so that supporting Objective 2.2.4 is		
	entitled to choice.	achieved if possible, but it not an absolute		
		requirement.		
Policy 2.6.1.Y	Some Rural Residential zoning should be enabled	Amend Policy 2.6.1.Y to enable rural residential		
	to provide choice in accordance with the	rezoning where appropriate.		
	NPSUDC. The proposed provision simply 'locks			
	in' existing supply.			
Policy 2.6.1.3	It is inconsistent with the NPSUDC to wait until	Amend Policy 2.6.1.Y to:		
	there is a demonstrated shortfall in in rural			
	residential land before new land is zoned for this	a. enable rezoning to ensure capacity is available		
	purpose.	before a shortfall occurs.		
	Rural Residential land does not rely on public	b. allow rural residential zones that do not rely on		
	infrastructure such as waste and storm water.	provision of public infrastructure (bring waste and		
	Development that does not require these services	water services).		
	should be enabled.	water services).		
	It is anomalous to require matters relating to a	c. remove references to a compact city.		
	compact city to apply to rural residential land.			
	People seek out Rural Residential opportunities			
	precisely because they do not have a desire to be			

	within an urban environment.	
Policy 2.6.3.1	The timelines within the 2GP will not ensure that	Make Amendments to achieve the following:
	Adequate Urban Land Supply is available for the	
	life of the plan. The consequence of this is that	<ol> <li>Increase the timeline during which adequate supply must be available for to at least 15</li> </ol>
	within a short timeframe the 2GP will not give	
	effect to the NPSUDC or the Strategic Directions	years.
	within the 2GP. The policy is based on an	2. Deferences to productive moral land should
	incorrect premise which is to meet shortage of	2. References to productive rural land should
	supply. The NPSUDC requires adequate supply to	relate to highly productive land only.
	be available (i.e. so that a shortage does not	Provide for identification of new residential
	exist).	zoned land to enable infrastructure planning to
		take place.
	Longer term signals will also assist the Council	·
	with infrastructure planning. Identification of new	4. Recognise that new development will at time
	land for development inevitably leads to the need	require extension of public transport.
	for new infrastructure. The approach taken in the	
	decision requires the Council to plan infrastructure	
	for land that is not yet zoned. That is counter	
	intuitive.	
	The Policy creates (rather than resolves) a conflict	
	between providing land for urban supply and rural	
	productivity. The provisions provide no guidance	
	as to what constitutes productive land.	
Policy 2.6.3.2	The submission generally supported this Policy but	Reinstate Policy 2.6.3.2 with amendments
	the 2GP Decision has deleted it.	requested in the submission as follows:

Manage the release of new urban land by requiring a Council resolution to allow transition from rural zoned land to the new urban zone when: a. for residential zoning there is a need for new land; b. the Council is satisfied that the amount and location of the land reflects both; i. for residential zoning an appropriate amount of land based on projected land needs for a 15 year period; ii. an appropriate location based on a logical staging of development from the point of infrastructure provision; and c. There is sufficient existing, or planned and approved transport, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure capacity to accommodate industrial development d. The Council are satisfied that the design of the proposed development, as outlined in a

		development plan appropriate for the scale of the
		development will meet the relevant objectives and
		policies of this plan.
Policy 2.7.1.1.	Rezoning and infrastructure planning needs to	Amend Policy 2.7.1.1. to infrastructure planning
	take place in a co-ordinated way. The 2GP does	occurs to assist in providing adequate urban land
	not currently achieve this.	supply.
Appendix 12B – Capacity Methodology	The methodology is unrealistic and unworkable. It	Delete the Appendix
	does not accurately reflect the drivers of demand	
	within Dunedin which produces perverse	
	outcomes.	

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