

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of an appeal pursuant to clause 14 of the First
Schedule of the Act

BETWEEN **NGATI UENUKUKOPAKO IWI TRUST**
Appellant

AND **BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL COUNCIL**
Respondent

NOTICE OF PERSON'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS
Section 274 Resource Management Act

To: The Registrar
Environment Court
PO Box 7147
Auckland 1141

Federated Farmers of New Zealand Inc ("Federated Farmers") wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:

Ngati Uenukukopako Iwi Trust v Bay of Plenty Regional Council
ENV-2017-AKL-000147

Federated Farmers made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings.

Federated Farmers is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Federated Farmers is interested in all of the proceedings.


Federated Farmers is interested in all of the issues raised by the Appellant and this includes an interest in the following issues:

1. Federated Farmers represents farmers in the Lake Rotorua catchment.
2. Federated Farmers has appealed the whole of the decision on Plan Change 10 to the Bay of Plenty Regional Water and Land Plan (“PC10”). This includes an appeal on the specific provisions relating to increased discharges from the wastewater treatment plant as a result of urban growth that are opposed by the Appellant.
3. Federated Farmers acknowledges the difficulty for the District Council with PC10 where the scope of the plan change appears to be restricted to rural land and this may have unintended or inadvertent consequences for the urban system.
4. In principle, Federated Farmers does not have an issue with reasonable urban growth in order to meet the aspirations of the community while at the same time not compromising Lake water quality.
5. However, Federated Farmers is concerned that PC10 is not a whole of catchment and whole of community solution for achieving the community aspirations for water quality.
6. Federated Farmers considers that its alternative framework would achieve a whole of community solution for water quality. Two key aspects of that framework include:
 - a. An integrated and holistic sub-catchment approach to nutrient management. This includes considering all sources of nutrients (urban and rural) and whole of community solutions.
 - b. Enabling the implementation of the NPS-FM in the Rotorua lakes WMA on the back of a robust science review (and potentially a review of the incentives funding framework). This ought to allow the community to consider the values, objectives, limits and targets for the Rotorua lakes WMA through a collaborative process and to make decisions on robust evidence. Federated Farmers considers that this is the appropriate place to consider and evaluate the concerns raised by the District Council around urban growth.

Federated Farmers conditionally supports the relief sought by Ngati Uenukukopako Iwi Trust:

7. Federated Farmers conditionally supports the deletion of Policy LR P19 and Method LR M5(g) because it considers that PC10 does not achieve a whole of community solution for water quality issues. It considers that urban and rural issues need to be considered in an integrated way through a transparent and informed community process, to give effect to the NPS-FM and RPS.

Federated Farmers agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



Signature of person wishing to be a party

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