

In the Environment Court  
At Auckland

ENV-2024-AKL-000048

I te Kōti Taiao o Aotearoa  
Ki Tāmaki Makaurau

**Under the** Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)

**In the matter** of an appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 of the RMA against proposed Change 6 to the Bay of Plenty Regional Policy Statement

**Between** **Urban Task Force for Tauranga Incorporated**

Appellant

**And** **Bay of Plenty Regional Council**

Respondent

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**NOTICE OF WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS**

**15 April 2024**

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**To:** The Registrar  
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1. Tauranga City Council wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:

*ENV-2024-AKL-000048: Urban Task Force for Tauranga Incorporated v Bay of Plenty Regional Council*

2. Tauranga City Council is a local authority.

3. Tauranga City Council made a submission dated 5 September 2022 on proposed Change 6 to the Bay of Plenty Regional Policy Statement.

4. Tauranga City Council is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the RMA.

5. Tauranga City Council is interested in all of the proceedings, in particular the appellant's requested amendments to remove from paragraph (b) of Policy UG 7A the reference to large scale developments being "5 hectares or more".

6. Tauranga City Council opposes the relief seeking to amend Policy UG 7A(b) because:

(a) Clause 3.8 of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 requires the regional policy statement to include criteria for determining what plan changes will be treated, for the purpose of implementing Policy 8, as adding significantly to development capacity;

(b) The appellant seeks deletion of the words "5 hectares or more" but has not proposed any alternative wording to provide direction as to what constitutes "large scale" development that will add significantly to development capacity; and

(c) If the words “5 hectares or more” are removed from Policy UG 7A(b) without appropriate replacement wording, there will be insufficient direction in the policy as to what constitutes “large scale” development that will add significantly to development capacity.

7. Tauranga City Council agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

**DATED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024



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