

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
AUCKLAND**

**I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA  
I TE TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU ROHE**

**ENV-2024-AKL-000045**

**UNDER** the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act)

**IN THE MATTER** of an appeal under Clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 of the Act

**BETWEEN** **BELL ROAD PARTNERSHIP LIMITED**  
Appellant

**AND** **BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
Respondent

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**NOTICE OF WISH TO BE A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 274 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

**Dated: 17 April 2024**

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**NOTICE OF PERSON'S WISH TO BE A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS**  
**Section 274, Resource Management Act 1991**

**To:** the Registrar  
Environment Court  
Auckland

1. Western Bay of Plenty District Council (**Council**) wishes to be a party to the appeal by Bell Road Partnership Limited to decisions made by Bay of Plenty Regional Council on Proposed Change 6 to the Bay of Plenty Regional Policy Statement (**PC6**).
2. Council is a local authority and made a submission on PC6.
3. Council is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. Council is interested in all of the proceedings. Council is interested in policies relating to urban development and growth, particularly those that apply within its district.
5. Council opposes the relief sought in the appeal because:
  - (a) Through initiatives such as SmartGrowth, Council works collaboratively with Bay of Plenty Regional Council and other territorial authorities, tāngata whenua, and central government to manage urban development within the Western Bay of Plenty. Council supports PC6 on the basis that it aligns with this work.
  - (b) As a territorial authority Council is required to give effect to the provisions of the Regional Policy Statement.<sup>1</sup> Council has an interest in the PC6 provisions which were proposed in response to the National Policy Statement for Urban Development 2020.
6. Council agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

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<sup>1</sup> Including within the District Plan (s 73(4) the Act) and to have regard to the RPS under s 104(b)(v) the Act.



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