## IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT

## ENV-2018-CHC-114

**IN THE MATTER** of an appeal under clause 14(1) of

the First Schedule of the Resource

Management Act 1991

AND IN THE MATTER OF the Proposed Queenstown Lakes

District Plan Stage 1

BETWEEN TRANSPOWER NEW ZEALAND

**LIMITED** 

Appellant

AND QUEENSTOWN LAKES

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Respondent

## NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 274 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

To: The Registrar
Environment Court
Christchurch

TAKE NOTICE that Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) gives notice pursuant to s274 of the Resource Management Act 1991 that it wishes to appear as a party to the above proceedings.

This Notice is made upon the following grounds:

- 1. Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) lodged a submission and Further submission to the Proposed District Plan to which this appeal relates and/or has an interest in these proceedings that is greater than the public generally.
- 2. Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308D of the Resource Management Act 1991.

## **Extent of interest**

- 3. Federated Farmers has an interest in all aspects of the proceedings, particularly as they relate to provisions applying to the entirety of the plan, or provisions relating to the location of Transpower's assets in the rural areas of the District. The following reasons are key concerns raised by the Otago membership:
  - a. Federated Farmers is a representative of farmers, some of whom house Transpower assets;
  - b. The location, maintenance, development and (particularly) upgrading of these assets can significantly impact a farming operation, where these assets are located on that farming operation;
  - c. Farms are often geographically isolated, meaning the capacity and reliability of Transpower assets are of importance;
  - d. Federated Farmers, and our members in the Queenstown Lakes District, have an interest in ensuring the implementation of the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission (NPSET) appropriately considers the weighting between the efficient and effective operation of electricity networks, and the potential impacts on adjoining land, landowners and alternative land uses;
  - e. The majority of the appellant's appeal points relate to these concerns.
- 4. Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) agrees to attend mediation and/or dispute resolution in regard to these proceedings.

Dated the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018.

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