

**In the Environment Court of New Zealand  
Christchurch Registry**

**I Te Kooti Taiao O Aotearoa  
Ōtautahi Rohe**

**ENV-2018-CHC-53**

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Under the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act)

In the matter of an appeal under clause 14(1) of the First Schedule of the Act

Between **Federated Farmers of New Zealand Incorporated**  
Appellant

And **Queenstown Lakes District Council**  
Respondent

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**Notice of Transpower New Zealand Limited's wish to be party to  
proceedings**

Dated 10 July 2018

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To the Registrar  
Environment Court  
Christchurch

- 1 Transpower New Zealand Limited (**'Transpower'**) wishes to be a party to an appeal by Federated Farmers of New Zealand Incorporated (**'Federated Farmers'**) against the decisions of the Queenstown Lakes District Council (**'Council'**) on Stage 1 of the Proposed Queenstown Lakes District Plan (**'Proposed Plan'**) (Court reference ENV-2018-CHC-53).
- 2 Transpower:
  - a made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings; and
  - b as the State Owned Enterprise that plans, builds, maintains, and operates the National Grid, has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the general public has, and stands to be affected by the amendments sought in the appeal if those amendments are granted.
- 3 Transpower is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 4 Transpower is interested in part of the proceedings, being those aspects of the appeal that are set out below at paragraph 5 of this notice.
- 5 Transpower is interested in the following particular issues:
  - a The amendment sought to Policy 6.3.12<sup>1</sup> of the Proposed Plan, which seeks a more enabling policy for development; and
  - b The amendment sought to Policy 6.3.26<sup>2</sup> of the Proposed Plan, which seeks to remove the application of a landscape overlay in the policy.
- 6 Transpower conditionally supports the relief sought by Federated Farmers for the reasons set out below:
  - a Transpower conditionally supports the amendments sought to Policies 6.3.12 and 6.3.26 insofar as they go some way towards better managing the landscape and visual effects of activities (but also conditionally opposes this relief insofar as it would not be sufficient to give effect to the National Policy

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<sup>1</sup> Policy 6.3.1.3 in the notified version of the Proposed Plan.

<sup>2</sup> Policy 6.3.5.2 in the notified version of the Proposed Plan.

Statement on Electricity Transmission). Transpower seeks additional changes to these policies to address the matters set out in its appeal.<sup>3</sup>

- 7 Transpower agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

**Dated** 10 July 2018



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<sup>3</sup> As directed by the Environment Court Transpower will lodge further particulars of its appeal including drafting by 27 July 2018.