ENV-2020-AKL-000095

BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT AUCKLAND REGISTRY

I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA TĀMAKI MAKAURAU ROHE

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act)

AND

- IN THE MATTERof an appeal under clause 14 of Schedule 1 of the Act
against the decision of the Waikato Regional Council on
Proposed Plan Change 1 to the Waikato Regional Plan
- BETWEEN MERCURY NZ LIMITED

Appellant

AND WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Respondent

NOTICE BY SOUTH WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL TO BECOME A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 274 OF THE ACT

Dated 28th September 2020



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- TO: The Registrar Environment Court Auckland
- SOUTH WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL ("SWDC") gives notice under s 274 of the Resource Management Act 1991 ("the Act") that it wishes to be a party to these proceedings, being *Mercury NZ Limited v Waikato Regional Council* ENV-2020-AKL-000095 ("the Appeal").
- The Appeal challenges the decision by the Respondent on Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 - Waikato and Waipā River Catchments to the Waikato Regional Plan as amended by Variation 1 ("PC1").
- 3. SWDC is a local authority and a person who made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings (Policy 11).
- SWDC is not a trade competitor for the purposes of sections 308C or 308CA of the Act.
- 5. SWDC is interested in those parts of the Appeal relating to Policy 11.
- 6. The appeal to Policy 11 seeks to amend PC1 to provide strong direction to enable the development, operation and upgrade of Regionally Significant Infrastructure ("RSI") and avoid a policy hierarchy that undermines strong policy support for RSI.
- SWDC supports the relief sought by the Appellant for the same reasons stated in the Notice of Appeal.
- SWDC agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

DATED this 28th day of September 2020

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In accordance with the Environment Court Decision No. [2020] NZEnvC 063 this notice is lodged with the Environment Court at <u>WRC.PC1appeals@justice.govt.nz</u> and served on:

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Advice

If you have any questions about this notice, contact the Environment Court in Auckland, Wellington, or Christchurch.