

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND
AUCKLAND REGISTRY**

**I MUA I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
TĀMAKI MAKAURAU ROHE**

ENV-2020-AKL-000088

IN THE MATTER OF the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER OF an appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 of
the Resource Management Act 1991

BETWEEN **IWI OF HAURAKI**
Appellant

AND **WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL**
Respondent

**NOTICE OF WAIKATO RIVER AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 274 OF THE
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

29 SEPTEMBER 2020

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To: The Registrar
The Environment Court
Auckland

1. Waikato River Authority ("**WRA**") wishes to be a party to the appeal proceedings lodged by Iwi of Hauraki ("**the Appellant**") in respect of the decisions on Proposed Plan Change 1 ("**PPC1**") to the Waikato Regional Plan, which were publicly notified on 22 April 2020 ("**the Decisions Version**").
2. The WRA is the statutory body formed under the Waikato-Tainui Raupatu Claims (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010, the Ngati Tuwharetoa, Raukawa, and Te Arawa River Iwi Waikato River Act 2010, and with additional responsibilities arising under the Nga Wai o Maniapoto (Waipa River) Act 2012.
3. As part of its statutory function, WRA sets the primary direction, through the Vision and Strategy / Te Ture Whaimana o Te Awa o Waikato ("**Te Ture Whaimana**"), to achieve the restoration of the health and wellbeing of the Waikato River for future generations. In particular, a key function of WRA is to engage with, and provide advice to, local authorities on amending Resource Management Act 1991 ("**RMA**") planning documents to give effect to Te Ture Whaimana.¹ Accordingly, WRA has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has.
4. WRA is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C and 308CA of the RMA.
5. WRA has filed its own appeal that identifies provisions in the Decisions Version that do not give effect to Te Ture Whaimana, but otherwise is supportive of the Decisions Version as notified.²
6. WRA is interested in all of the proceedings.
7. In respect of the relief sought by the Appellant, subject to the exception below, WRA neither supports nor opposes the relief sought.
8. In respect of the amendments sought by the Appellant to Objective 4, WRA considers the Decisions Version gives better effect to Te Ture Whaimana.

¹ Waikato-Tainui Raupatu Claims (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010, s23(2)(a).

² ENV-2020-AKL-000090.

9. WRA seeks to maintain a watching brief to these proceedings to ensure that any direct, similar or consequential relief arising from this appeal gives effect to the objectives of PPC1, as set out in the Decisions Version, and Te Ture Whaimana.
10. WRA agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

WRA by its solicitors and authorised agents
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AND TO: The Appellant

AND TO: Waikato Regional Council