

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AUCKLAND REGISTRY**

ENV-2020-AKL-000090

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

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of 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 **WAIKATO RIVER AUTHORITY**

Appellant

AND **WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Respondent

**NOTICE BY HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL TO BECOME A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS
UNDER SECTION 274 OF THE ACT**

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TO: The Registrar
Environment Court
Auckland

1. **HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL** (“HCC”) gives notice under s 274 of the Act that it wishes to be a party to these proceedings, being *Waikato River Authority v Waikato Regional Council* (ENV-2020-AKL-000090).
2. The Appeal challenges the decision by the Respondent on Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 - Waikato and Waipā River Catchments (“PC1”), “the Decision”.
3. HCC is a local authority and a person who made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings.
4. HCC is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Act.
5. HCC’s interests, positions and reasons in relation to the appeal are set out in Table 1 below.
6. HCC agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

DATED at Hamilton 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 WRC.PC1appeals@justice.govt.nz and served on:

The Council at: PC1Appeals@waikatoregion.govt.nz

The Appellant at: paul.beverley@buddlefindlay.com

Advice

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

Table 1: Details of HCC’s section 274 party interests

Provision	Relief sought by Appellant	HCC’s position	Reasons
Method 3.11.3.1	Method 3.11.3.1 is amended to include appropriate provision for the implementation of short-term water quality targets for lakes (as identified in the amendments to Table 3.11.1(d))	Oppose	Lake processes are complex and not fully understood. Achieving water quality improvement in Lakes is expected to be challenging and very expensive. A focus on setting short-term water quality targets for lakes should be postponed until the next Regional Plan review to allow time for collection of the necessary data, development of the science and formulation of a lake management plan for each lake, including the identification of the best practicable option for management of each lake.
Table 3.11-1 (d)	Table 3.11.1(d) is amended to include appropriate short-term water quality targets for lakes	Oppose	Lake processes are complex and not fully understood. Achieving water quality improvement in Lakes is expected to be challenging and very expensive. A focus on setting short-term water quality targets for lakes should be postponed until the next Regional Plan review to allow time for collection of the necessary data, development of the science, and formulation of a lake management plan for each lake, including the identification of the best practicable option for management of each lake.