

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND
I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA**

ENV-2020-AKL-000092

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of an appeal under clause 14 of Schedule 1
to the Act against the decision of the
Waikato Regional Council on Proposed Plan
Change 1 to the Waikato Regional Plan

BETWEEN **SOUTH WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Appellant

AND **WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Respondent

**NOTICE OF TAUPO DISTRICT COUNCIL'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO
PROCEEDINGS**

Dated 29 September 2020

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1. Taupo District Council (**TDC**) wishes to be a party to these proceedings, being ENV-2020-AKL-000092 *South Waikato District Council v Waikato Regional Council*.
2. TDC made a submission about the subject matter of the Appeal and, as a local authority, has an interest in the Appeal that is greater than the interest that the general public has.
3. TDC is not a trade competitor for the purposes of sections 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**).
4. TDC is interested in those parts of the Appeal relating to:
 - a) Policy 12 - Te Kaupapa 12; and
 - b) Policy 13 – Te Kaupapa Here 13.
5. TDC is interested in the following particular issues:
 - a) Offset and compensation measures; and
 - b) Provision for reasonable mixing.
6. TDC supports the relief sought by the appellant with respect to Policy 12 and Policy 13 for the following reasons:

- a) Policies 12 and 13 do not appropriately provide for the application of a reasonable mixing zone to apply for a discharge to water as is provided for by Policy 3.2.3.8 of the Waikato Regional Plan (**WRP**).
 - b) The Decision on Plan Change 1 (**PC1**) gives no reasons for limiting reasonable mixing as a transitional measure (over the duration of PC1). Removing the ability to have mixing zones downstream from a wastewater treatment plant will mean that the costs for the treatment and discharge of municipal wastewater will significantly increase. Removing this approach from the “toolbox” is likely to result in significant additional costs for the treatment and discharge of municipal wastewater.
7. TDC supports any consequential relief to the extent that it is consistent with the outcomes sought in its appeal.
8. TDC agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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Dated 29 September 2020

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