



ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND

ADVICE TO SUBMITTERS ON DIRECT REFERRALS

The Court has received a direct referral from the Wellington International Airport Limited. The direct referral means that there will be no hearing of the application before the Council; the only hearing will be before the Court at a place and time yet to be decided.

If you wish to participate in any mediation, hearing or other Court process, you will need to become a party to this proceeding under section 274 of the Resource Management Act 1991. If you become a party, you be entitled to give evidence yourself, or call other witnesses, make submissions, and cross examine other parties' witnesses. As a party, you will have to comply with Court directions and timetables. If the issue of costs arises, the Court may order you to pay a contribution to the costs of another party or the Crown. You can find out more about the Court's procedures on the Environment Court's website, <https://environmentcourt.govt.nz/> or you can contact The Wellington Registry. The advice Court staff can give you about how to proceed is limited however, and you should consider seeking professional advice before becoming a party to the proceeding.

If you **do** wish to become a party to this proceeding, please complete and return the attached form (Form 33) by **21 November 2016**, or you can also locate a word copy of the form on our website <http://www.environmentcourt.govt.nz/forms-fees/> Notices received after that date will not be accepted without an application for waiver. There is no filing fee for lodging a party notice.

You may wish to present a joint case with other parties who raise similar issues.

If you do not wish to become a party to this proceeding, the submission you have already lodged with the Council will still be read and considered by the Court. However, you will receive no further communication from the Court, apart from a copy of the final decision.

Please contact Jennifer.Gerritsen@justice.govt.nz, or phone (04) 918 8334 at the Wellington Registry should you have further questions.