

IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT

ENV-2018-CHC-114

IN THE MATTER

of an appeal under clause 14(1) of
the First Schedule of the Resource
Management Act 1991

AND IN THE MATTER OF

the Proposed Queenstown Lakes
District Plan Stage 1

BETWEEN

**DEPARTMENT OF
CONSERVATION**

Appellant

AND

**QUEENSTOWN LAKES
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Respondent

**NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 274
OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

To: The Registrar
Environment Court
Christchurch

TAKE NOTICE that Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) gives notice pursuant to s274 of the Resource Management Act 1991 that it wishes to appear as a party to the above proceedings.

This Notice is made upon the following grounds:

1. Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) lodged a submission and Further submission to the Proposed District Plan to which this appeal relates and/or has an interest in these proceedings that is greater than the public generally.
2. Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308D of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Extent of interest

3. Federated Farmers has an interest in all aspects of the proceedings, particularly as they relate to provisions applying to indigenous vegetation clearance in the rural areas of the District, for the following reasons;
 - a. Federated Farmers is a representative of a number of farmers in the Queenstown Lakes District;
 - b. These farms incorporate a large proportion of the District's biodiversity, vegetation, fauna and habitat addressed through the appellant's appeals on the decisions version;
 - c. The matters under appeal and the relief sought have the potential to materially and significantly impact the viability of farming in the District;
 - d. We consider the decisions version of the provisions under appeal significantly more workable from a plan user's perspective, particularly as they relate to farming land which may be subject to regrowth in pasture;
 - e. We oppose the appellant's relief sought, particularly where that relief is that the notified versions of these rules be retained, as these were too restrictive and do not appropriately consider the workability of the rules from a farming perspective.
4. Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) agrees to attend mediation and/or dispute resolution in regard to these proceedings.

Dated the 10th day of July 2018.



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