

## FORM 33

### NOTICE OF WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS

Sect 274 Resource Management Act 199

The Registrar  
Environment Court  
PO Box 2069  
Christchurch 8013

The Central Otago Environmental Society Incorporated wishes to be a party to the Appeals on proposed Plan change 6A (Water Quality) to the Regional Water Plan for Otago by the following:

- a. Environmental Defence Society;
- b. Otago Fish & Game Council; and
- c. Dugald Ian MacTavish

The Society made a submission and further submissions on that plan change.

The Central Otago Environmental Society is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308D of the Resource Management Act.

The Society is interested in all of the proceedings and the following particular issues:

- a. Managing land use activities in a manner which will safeguard the life-supporting capacity and eco-system processes provided by fresh water.
- b. The cumulative effects of discharging contaminants into waterways.
- c. Improving the quality of fresh water in water bodies that have been degraded by human activities.
- d. Establishing clear requirements and progressive deadlines for adopting land use practices which recognise and respect limitations by way of climate, topography, soil type, watershed and sensitive environments.
- e. Providing for the expression of community interest and/or public concerns regarding water quality issues.

The Society supports the relief sought by EDS, Fish & Game and Dugald MacTavish as effective improvements to the Plan Change.

The Society opposes the relief sought by some appellants who wish to have the Plan Change cancelled, on the basis that the proposals, whilst flawed, constitute a valuable step towards improving the quality of Otago's fresh water.

The Society agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

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