

IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT AT
AT WELLINGTON

ENV-2025-WLG-000036

I TE KOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
WHANGANUI-A-TARA ROHE

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of an appeal under clause 14(1) of the First Schedule of
the Act and pursuant to Section 274 of the Act

BETWEEN **TRANSPower NEW ZEALAND LIMITED**

Appellant

AND **CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL, MASTERTON
DISTRICT COUNCIL AND SOUTH WAIRARAPA
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Respondents

**NOTICE OF FEDERATED FARMERS OF NEW ZEALAND
INCORPORATED'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS**

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TO: The Registrar of the Environment Court at Wellington

AND TO: Transpower New Zealand Limited (**Appellant**), the Carterton District Council, Masterton District Council and South Wairarapa District Council.

1. Federated Farmers of New Zealand Incorporated (**Federated Farmers**) gives notice pursuant to section 274 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**) that it wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:
 - (a) *Transpower New Zealand Limited v Carterton District Council and Others* ENV-2025-WLG-000036 (**Appeal**).
2. Federated Farmers made a submission (submitter number S214) about the subject matter of the proceedings.
3. Federated Farmers is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the RMA.
4. Federated Farmers is interested in all of the proceedings.
5. Without limiting the generality of the above, Federated Farmers' position on the relief sought by the Appellant is set out in Appendix 1.
6. Federated Farmers agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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

Appendix 1: Federated Farmers' position

Provision appealed	Relief sought by Appellant	Federated Farmers' position	Reasons
Definition of 'reverse sensitivity'	<p>Amend the definition by deleting the second paragraph:</p> <p><i>Means the potential for the development, upgrading, operation and maintenance of an existing lawfully established activity to be compromised, constrained or curtailed by the more recent establishment or alteration of another activity which may be sensitive to the actual, potential or perceived environmental effects generated by an existing activity.</i></p> <p><i>'Development' and 'upgrading' of an existing activity in this definition are limited to where the effects are the same or similar in character, intensity, and scale to those which existed before the development or upgrade.</i></p>	Support	<p>The Proposed Plan was notified without any definition of 'reverse sensitivity'. Federated Farmers' original submission sought a definition of reverse sensitivity be included in the Proposed Plan to recognise the vulnerability of farming activities to complaints from sensitive activities that are increasingly encroaching into rural areas. If farming and its ancillary activities cannot occur in the appropriate rural zone, this will affect the efficient use of the rural land resource.</p>
Definition of 'significant natural area'	<p>Amend the definition by deleting clause (b):</p> <p><i>a. an area considered significant due to ecological attributes as Identified areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitat of indigenous fauna as set out in SCHED5 – Schedule of Significant Natural Areas.; or</i></p> <p><i>b. areas that have been assessed through resource consent processes as an area of significant indigenous vegetation or significant habitat of indigenous fauna using the significance criteria in the Wellington Regional Policy Statement.</i></p>	Support	<p>Federated Farmers' original submission did not cover the definition for 'significant natural area', but the definition has been changed significantly in the decisions version of the Proposed Plan with the insertion of a new clause (b).</p> <p>Federated Farmers did submit on and appealed ECO-P3, which is related and incorporates the definition of 'significant natural area'.</p>
ECO-P3	<p>Delete ECO-P3.</p> <p>Alternatively, amend ECO-P3 as follows (or alternative wording to achieve the intent):</p>	Support in part	<p>Federated Farmers is interested in and supports the relief sought to the extent that it aligns with the relief sought in the Federated Farmers appeal for ECO-P3.</p>

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	<p><i>Identify with tangata whenua and landowners those areas that are habitats comprising significant indigenous vegetation and or significant habitats of indigenous fauna in the Wairarapa, including through resource consent processes using the significance criteria in the Wellington Regional Policy Statement.</i></p>		
ECO-P4	<p>Amend ECO-P4 as follows (or alternative wording to achieve the intent):</p> <p><i>Protect those areas that are habitats comprising significant indigenous vegetation or significant habitats of indigenous fauna in the Wairarapa from inappropriate subdivision, land use, and development by:</i></p> <p><i>a. only providing for activities that demonstrate an operational need or functional need to be located in this area;</i></p> <p><i>b. ensuring areas are not removed in whole or part;</i></p> <p><i>c. requiring activities within or directly adjacent to these areas to manage their adverse effects in accordance with ECO-P6 and ECO-P13 avoid, remedy, or mitigate the adverse effects on the values of the area; and</i></p> <p><i>d. managing effects of vegetation modification within the margins of any natural inland wetlands and rely upon Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020 in all other cases</i></p> <p><u>Alternatively</u>, amend ECO-P4 to exempt electricity transmission activities from clauses (a) and (b).</p>	Conditionally oppose	<p>Federated Farmers submitted on ECO-P4 and has an appeal on this policy. Federated Farmers is interested in the outcome of this appeal point because amendments to the Proposed Plan made through this proceeding impacts in a consequential way on Federated Farmer's own appeal relief.</p>
ECO-P8	<p>Amend ECO-P8 as follows (or alternative wording to achieve the intent):</p> <p><i>Manage the modification of indigenous vegetation outside of habitats comprising significant indigenous vegetation or significant habitats of indigenous fauna to ensure any adverse effects on the biological</i></p>	Conditionally oppose	<p>Federated Farmers is interested in this appeal point to the extent that it relates to the relief sought in the Federated Farmers appeal for ECO-P8.</p>

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	<p><i>diversity of indigenous species and habitats indigenous biodiversity are avoided, remedied, or mitigated, considering:</i></p> <p>a.</p> <p>e. <i>to require adverse effects of activities other than renewable electricity generation and electricity transmission activities on biological diversity of indigenous species and habitats to be managed as follows:...</i></p>		<p>Federated Farmers' appeal seeks deletion of ECO-P8, or alternatively, amendment by adding a new limb to provide for primary production activities.</p>