

**Before the Environment Court
At Wellington
ENV-2018-WLG-000007**

Under Clause 14 of the First Schedule to the Resource
Management Act 1991

Between **St Heliers Capital Limited**

Appellant

And **Kapiti Coast District Council**

Respondent

**Notice of intention of Wellington Regional Council to become a party
pursuant to section 274 of the Resource Management Act 1991**

Date: 16 February 2018



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To The Registrar
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1 Wellington Regional Council (**WRC**) wishes to become a party to the appeal by St Heliers Capital Limited (**St Heliers**) against the decisions made by the Kapiti Coast District Council (**KCDC**) on Chapter 6 - Working Zones, Appendix 6.7 - District Centre Zone Structure Plan and Appendix 6.9 - Centres Design Principles of the proposed Kapiti Coast District Plan (**the Decisions**).

2 WRC is a local authority under the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**) and it made submissions on the subject matter of these proceedings.

3 WRC is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the RMA.

Proceedings

4 WRC is interested in all of the proceedings.

5 In particular, WRC is interested in the following issues:

5.1 The management of stormwater quality and quantity, to reduce adverse effects on development and the environment.

5.2 The need to manage development appropriately in hazard areas, such as flood or stormwater retention areas, including allowing for the effects of climate change.

- 5.3 The retention and enhancement of open space and dune remnants as areas for biodiversity and natural form and function purposes, including for stormwater management, hazard mitigation and to encourage active modes of transport and recreational use of the areas.
- 5.4 Consistency of the provisions in the Decisions with the higher order documents and the RMA.

Position on the relief sought

- 6 WRC opposes the relief sought at paragraph 7 of the notice of appeal for the following reasons:
 - 6.1 Development is already allowed for in the District Centre Zone Structure Plan (Appendix 6.7) to retain the vibrancy and vitality of the Paraparaumu sub-regional centre and the relief sought by the appellant seeks to remove the wetland and stormwater area, stormwater retention area and dune protection area in the District Centre Zone Structure Plan and allow for increased development in those areas through more permissive plan provisions.
 - 6.2 This will not give effect to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management or the Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington Region where there is direction as to the integrated management of stormwater quality and quantity and hazards mitigation, particularly the impacts of flooding from the Wharemauku stream.

6.3 The relief sought will also impact on the functioning of natural processes and the ecological amenity values of the area, which provide for the wellbeing of the community.

Mediation

7 WRC agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution in the proceedings.

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