

**Before the Environment Court
At Wellington
ENV-2018-WLG-000010**

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

Between **Coastal Ratepayers United Incorporated**
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
Environment Court
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1 Wellington Regional Council (**WRC**) wishes to become a party to the appeal by Coastal Ratepayers United Incorporated against the decisions made by the Kapiti Coast District Council (**KCDC**) on Chapter 4 – Coastal Environment 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 development in the coastal environment and the definition of the extent of the coastal environment.

5.2 The need to preserve natural character in the coastal environment including the need to protect areas of outstanding natural character and high natural character from inappropriate subdivision, use and development including by avoiding the adverse effects of activities.

- 5.3 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 in the notice of appeal for the following reasons:

6.1 The New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement (**NZCPS**) identifies the characteristics of the coastal environment and the Regional Policy Statement (**RPS**) requires district plans to identify the landward extent of the coastal environment in order to manage the values of the coastal environment. In the Kapiti District there are coastal values to be considered in a wide coastal plain not only adjacent to the coast. The concept of a dominant coastal environment with stronger provisions and a policy response requiring assessment of the values which may be present for the wider extent of the coastal environment is an effective way of managing those values.

6.2 A method of providing for the protection of high and outstanding natural character from the adverse effects of activities, as asked for in the NZCPS and the RPS, is to identify these areas and apply a regulatory framework. The effect of deleting references to ‘areas of outstanding natural character and high natural character’ and the relevant rules as requested by the appellant needs to be assessed appropriately to ensure the intent of the higher order documents and the RMA are achieved.

Mediation

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

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