

BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
WELLINGTON

ENV-2018-WLG-021

IN THE MATTER

of an appeal under  
Clause 14 of the First  
Schedule of the  
Resource Management  
Act 1991

BETWEEN

Royal Forest and Bird  
Protection Society of  
New Zealand  
Incorporated  
*Appellant*

AND

Kapiti Coast District  
Council  
*Respondent*

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NOTICE OF INTENTION BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF  
CONSERVATION TO BE A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS  
Dated: 16 February 2018

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**Notice of person's wish to be party to proceedings**  
**Section 274, Resource Management Act 1991**

To       The Registrar  
          Environment Court  
          P O Box 5027  
          Wellington 6145

1. I, Lewis Sanson, Director-General, Department of Conservation, wish to be a party to the following proceedings:

ENV-2018-WLG-021 dated 25 January 2018 being an appeal by **Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated** on the decisions of Kapiti Coast District Council in relation to the proposed Kapiti Coast District Plan.

2. I am a person who made a submission in the previous proceedings on the same matter.
3. I am not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. I am interested in part of the proceedings.
5. I am interested in the following particular issues:
- 5.1. Policies 3.1 & 3.12.
6. I support the relief sought for the following reasons:
- 6.1. Having a policy regarding ecosystem services provides specific incentive for plan users and decision makers to consider potential adverse effects in a more balanced manner. Ecosystem service valuations and benefit transfer are becoming more common tools in environmental management. If this policy is not reinstated no policies in the plan refer to ecosystem services.
- 6.2. Ensuring policies relating to section 6 matters are worded so that indigenous biodiversity will be protected from the adverse effects of subdivision, use and development helps to ensure that the Council can achieve its function to maintain indigenous biological diversity under s31(1)(b)(iii) of the RMA.
- 6.3. Reference to linkages between sites of significance referenced in the policy framework of the plan provides an opportunity for this to be considered through resource consent applications despite there being not a rule framework around this. The maintenance of linkages between reserves is a focus of the Department of Conservation including through the Wellington Conservation Management Strategy 1995-2005 (current).
7. I agree to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

  
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Reg Kemper  
Director, Lower North Island

Acting pursuant to delegated authority on behalf of the Director-General of Conservation

16 February 2017

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