

Form 33
Notice of person's wish to be party to proceedings
Section 274, Resource Management Act 1991

To the Registrar
Environment Court
Auckland

We, the Riverlea Environment Society Inc (RESI), wish to be a party to the following proceedings:

ENV-2019-AKL – Appeal to Weston Lea’s land use and subdivision consents to create in Hamilton a residential development known as Amberfield.

BETWEEN	Director General of Conservation Appellant
AND	Hamilton City Council Respondent

We have an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest of the general public because we are a local environmental group that cares for and protects an area of special biodiversity located adjacent to the land that the resource consent applies to.

We made a submission and further submission on the Application.

We are not trade competitors for the purposes of [section 308C](#) or [308CA](#) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

We are directly affected by an effect of the subject of the appeal that adversely affects the environment (the potential local extinction of the long-tailed bat).

We are interested in the part of the proceedings that relates to the potential ecological effects of the development and how these are managed and monitored.

We are most interested in the following particular issues: Ecological effects on long-tailed bats, the conditions relating to the management plan liaison group and ecological management and monitoring.

We support the relief sought by the Director General of Conservation: that the conditions are amended so that the actual and potential effects on the long-tailed bat and other biodiversity issues will be adequately addressed. This is because the long-tailed bat is a species at nationally critical risk of extinction, and the adverse effects of the consented development have the potential to result in significant and irreversible loss of the species. The amendments

sought provide for protection and maintenance of indigenous biodiversity and align with provisions of the Hamilton District Plan and the Waikato Regional Policy Statement.

In particular, we support the contention that the conditions of the consent (a) leave critical issues to be addressed via yet-to-be-developed future management plans; and (b) rely on a management plan liaison group that is likely to be dysfunctional and contains parties with unclear powers. We support the Director-General's suggestion of a Management Plan Expert Panel with a clearly set out specific purpose, role, powers and procedures; a dispute resolution plan; and costs covered by Weston Lea. Such a panel will be less prone to diverse motivations, vested interest and levels of ecological knowledge.

We agree to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



..... (On behalf of Riverlea Environment Society Inc)

Signature of person wishing to be a party

(or person authorised to sign

on behalf of person wishing to be a party)

13.12.19

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Date

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