

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT AT
AT CHRISTCHURCH**

**ENV-2026-CHC-
000043**

**I TE KOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
KI ŌTAUTAHI**

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 **KIWIRAIL HOLDINGS LIMITED**

Appellant

AND **TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Respondent

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

27 May 2026



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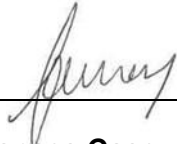
TO: The Registrar of the Environment Court at Christchurch

AND TO: KiwiRail Holdings Limited (**Appellant**), and Timaru District Council (**Respondent**).

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:

KiwiRail Holdings Limited v Timaru District Council ENV-2026-CHC-000043 (**Appeal**).

2. Federated Farmers has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has. The subject matter of the proceedings directly impacts the ability of farmers to use their land. Federated Farmers is a primary sector organisation that represents the interests of farmers and rural communities.
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 the part of the proceedings relating to the proposed inclusion of standards requiring new and altered buildings and structures to be set back 5 meters from the rail corridor designation boundary in all zones adjacent to the rail corridor.
5. Federated Farmers conditionally oppose the relief sought insofar as the proposed 5 meter setback standard would apply in the General Rural Zone to all structures. The proposed standard is overly broad, as it would capture fences, irrigators, and other ancillary rural structures that do not give rise to the same safety risks identified in support of the relief sought.
6. Federated Farmers agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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Dated: 27 May 2026

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