

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT AT  
AT CHRISTCHURCH**

**ENV-2026-CHC-  
000039**

**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** **BRUCE SPEIRS**

Appellant

**AND** **TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Respondent

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

27 May 2026

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**FEDERATED  
FARMERS  
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**TO:** The Registrar of the Environment Court at Christchurch

**AND TO:** Bruce Speirs (**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:

*Speirs v Timaru District Council* ENV-2026-CHC-000039  
(**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 appeal point 13, where the Appellant has requested amendment of rule GRUZ-R1 – Primary production and intensive primary production, not otherwise listed in this chapter – as follows:

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For grazing of stock within 50m of a residential unit under different ownership ~~located in the Māori Purpose Zone~~, permanent ground cover of no less than 90% must be maintained, except during crop renewal or resowing; and ...

5. Federated Farmers oppose the relief sought on the basis that the district-wide application of this requirement could have implications for winter grazing and routine rural land management practices, and those

implications have not been adequately assessed or tested in the context of the wider rural environment.

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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**Advice**

If you have any questions about this notice, contact the Environment Court in Auckland, Wellington, or Christchurch.