

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT CHRISTCHURCH
I MUA I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
ŌTAUTAHI ROHE**

ENV-2024-CHC-46

UNDER the Resource Management Act 1991

IN THE MATTER of an appeal under clause 14(1) of the First
Schedule to the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of Decisions on the proposed Timaru District Plan

BETWEEN **THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CONSERVATION**

Appellant

AND **TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Respondent

**NOTICE OF JET BOATING NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED'S INTENTION
TO BECOME A SECTION 274 PARTY
21 May 2026**

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TO: The Registrar
Environment Court
Christchurch

1. Jet Boating New Zealand Incorporated (**JBNZ**) wishes to be a party to the following proceeding:

The Director-General of Conservation v Timaru District Council

2. JBNZ made a submission to about the subject matter of the proceedings.
3. JBNZ is not a trade competitor for the purposes of ss 308A or 308C Resource Management Act 1991.
4. JBNZ is interested in all the proceedings.
5. JBNZ opposes the relief sought because:
 - (a) The operation of motorised craft for recreational purposes on the surface of water is generally appropriate.
 - (b) Restrictions on the use of motorised craft for recreational purposes can be appropriate where adverse or other effects can be shown to make those restrictions necessary to achieve the objectives of a plan or policy statement.
 - (c) The Decision Report correctly identified the core breeding season for avifauna present on the Ōrari River, Ōpihi River and Pureora / Paeora River as September – December annually.
 - (d) The Decision Report correctly found that, along with the minimum flow, a temporal restriction on the use of motorised craft in rules ASW-R4, ASW-R5 and ASW-R6 during the core breeding season was appropriate to manage potential adverse effects on significant habitat of threatened bird species.

- (e) The Decisions-version of ASW-R4, ASW-R5 and ASW-R6 are the most appropriate way to achieve the objectives of the Plan and implement its policies.
 - (f) The relief sought to enlarge the temporal restriction on the permitted use of motorised craft for recreational purposes on the Ōrari River, Ōpihi River and Pureora / Paeora River is unduly conservative and seeks to impose restrictions on boating that go beyond what is required to achieve the objectives.
6. JBNZ agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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Jet Boating New Zealand Incorporated
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This notice was filed by **CHRISTOPHER PAUL THOMSEN**, solicitor for the party of the firm Fletcher Vautier Moore. The address for service of the above-named party is at the offices of Fletcher Vautier Moore, Solicitors, Level 1, 201 Queen Street, Richmond, Nelson.

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- (a) Sent by email to both cthomsen@fvm.co.nz and ayardley@fvm.co.nz;
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- (b) Posted to the solicitor at Fletcher Vautier Moore, Solicitors, P O Box 90, Nelson 7040.

Advice

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