

In the Environment Court

ENV-2009-AKL-000336

between

**Thumb Point Station Limited, Man O'War Farm Limited,
Huruhe Station Limited, Man O'War Station Limited and
South Coast Station Limited**

Appellants

and

Auckland City Council

Respondent

**Notice of person's wish to be party to proceedings under
section 274 of the Resource Management Act 1991**

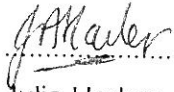
TO: The Registrar
Environment Court
Auckland

1. The Environmental Defence Society Incorporated (**EDS**) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:

Thumb Point Station Limited, Man O'War Farm Limited, Huruhe Station Limited, Man O'War Station Limited and South Coast Station Limited v Auckland City Council ENV-2009-AKL-000336

2. This is an appeal against the Auckland City Council's (**Council**) decision on Proposed Auckland City District Plan Hauraki Gulf Islands Section (the **Plan**):
3. EDS made submissions on the Plan.
4. EDS is interested in the appeal in its entirety, and in particular, those parts that relate to residential activities in Landforms 1 and 2, the activity status of activities not specifically provided for in the Plan, and subdivision standards for Landforms 4 and 5.
5. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 4, EDS **opposes** the relief sought by the Appellants on the grounds that:
 - (a) Providing for residential activities in Landforms 1 and 2 as a restricted discretionary activity would seriously compromise the high natural character, visual amenity and high ecological values of those Landforms;
 - (b) It is appropriate for activities which are not specifically provided for in the Plan to have a Non-Complying activity status, as the potential adverse effects of such activities have not been addressed in the Plan and therefore the additional gateway test of section 104D should be applied;
 - (c) Any reduction in the minimum site area requirement of 25 hectares for Landforms 4 and 5 has the potential to compromise the natural character and open landscape qualities of the land units; and
 - (d) The relief sought in respect of Landforms 1 and 2 is inconsistent with the preservation of the natural character of the coastal environment from inappropriate use and development under section 6 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

6. EDS agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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