

FORM 33

Notice of person's wish to be party to proceedings

Section 274, Resource Management Act 1991

To: The Registrar, Environment Court, Auckland

Person wishing to be a party: Puketona-Waitangi Catchment Protection Society Incorporated
50254269

Proceeding: ENV-2026-AKL-000155 – Bellingham Quarries Limited v Far North District Council, an appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 concerning provisions of the Proposed Far North District Plan Decisions Version.

Basis for becoming a party

The Society is a person with an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has.

- The Society represents residents, landowners and community interests within the Puketona-Waitangi catchment, including people living immediately adjacent to or near the Puketona Quarry and Lot 1 DP 164802 (RT NA97B/387).
- The Society has been actively involved in issues arising from the Proposed Far North District Plan mineral extraction provisions and the proposed expansion of the Puketona Quarry, including the environmental, residential amenity, water catchment, ecological, cultural and archaeological effects of mineral extraction activities.
- The appeal concerns MEZ-R4, MEZ-R5 and MEZ-R7, being rules that may apply to mineral extraction activities within Mineral Extraction Zones. Ventia NZ Operations Limited, operator of the Puketona Quarry, has joined this appeal as a section 274 party and has identified the Puketona Quarry in support of the relief sought.
- Accordingly, the outcome of this appeal may have direct and particular implications for the Society's members and the Puketona-Waitangi catchment, beyond those of the public generally.

Trade competition: The Society is not a trade competitor for the purposes of sections 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Part of the proceedings in which the Society is interested

The Society is interested in the parts of the appeal concerning MEZ-R4 (Expansion of existing mineral extraction activity), MEZ-R5 (New mineral extraction activity), MEZ-R7 (Activities not otherwise provided for), and any consequential amendments sought in relation to those provisions.

Particular issues

- The proposal to change MEZ-R4 from Restricted Discretionary to Controlled activity status.
- The proposed deletion of the 10% cap on increased extraction volume in MEZ-R4.
- The proposed deletion of the 10 metre boundary setback in MEZ-R4.
- The proposal to change MEZ-R5 from Discretionary to Controlled activity status.
- The proposal to change MEZ-R7 from Non-Complying to Discretionary activity status.
- Whether the relief sought would provide sufficient ability to assess, avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects on adjoining residential properties, rural amenity, ecological values, wetlands and water catchments, cultural and archaeological values, and cumulative effects.
- The implications of any more permissive Mineral Extraction Zone provisions for the Puketona Quarry and for land at or adjoining Lot 1 DP 164802, including the area referred to in the Proposed District Plan process as 'Area 5'.

Position on the appeal

The Society opposes the relief sought by Bellingham Quarries Limited to the extent that it would reduce the activity status, safeguards, setbacks, limits, assessment scope, or decision-making discretion applying to expansion of existing mineral extraction, new mineral extraction, or other activities within the Mineral Extraction Zone.

The Society supports retention of the relevant Decisions Version provisions, or alternatively such amendments within the scope of the appeal as ensure that potentially significant adverse effects remain subject to appropriate assessment, conditions and, where warranted, the ability for consent to be declined.

Reasons

- The relief sought would materially reduce regulatory safeguards applying to mineral extraction activities within Mineral Extraction Zones.
- Changing activities to Controlled status may substantially constrain the Council's ability to decline consent, despite potentially significant site-specific effects.
- Removing the 10% extraction-volume cap and 10 metre boundary setback may increase the scale and proximity of quarrying effects on neighbouring properties and sensitive environments.
- The Puketona context includes nearby residential properties, wetlands and waterways within the Waitangi catchment, indigenous biodiversity, and known or potential cultural and archaeological values.

- Ventia NZ Operations Limited has joined the appeal and has expressly identified the Puketona Quarry in connection with the relief sought, demonstrating a direct practical connection between the appeal and the Society's area of interest.
- The Society considers that the Decisions Version provisions should not be made more permissive without adequate safeguards to ensure adverse effects are appropriately assessed and managed.

Alternative dispute resolution: The Society agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Signed for and on behalf of Puketona-Waitangi Catchment Protection Society Incorporated:



Jeff Archer, Secretary

Date: 28 September, 2026

Address for service

Postal / physical address	PO Box 457, Paihia, Northland
Email	protectpuketona@gmail.com
Telephone	0275228101
Contact person	Jeff Archer
Capacity	Secretary