

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AUCKLAND REGISTRY**

IN THE MATTER

of appeals under Clause 14(1) of the
First Schedule of the Resource
Management Act 1991 and pursuant
to Section 274 of the Act.

AND IN THE MATTER

of the Far North Proposed District Plan

BETWEEN

Meridian Farm Limited

Appellant

AND

Far North District Council

Respondent

**NOTICE OF THE WISH OF HORTICULTURE NEW ZEALAND
TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS**

1 September 2026

To: The Registrar of the Environment Court in Auckland

1. Horticulture New Zealand ("**HortNZ**") wishes to be a party pursuant to section 274 of the Resource Management Act 1991 ("**RMA**") to the following proceedings:

(a) Meridian Farm Limited v Far North District Council.

2. HortNZ made submissions and further submissions on the Far North Proposed District Plan (submission number 159 and further submission number 354).
3. HortNZ also has an interest in these proceedings that is greater than the general public as it represents interest groups in the community that are likely to be affected by the proposed relief sought by the Appellant.
4. HortNZ is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the RMA.
5. HortNZ is interested in part of the proceedings.
6. The parts of the proceedings HortNZ is interested in are:

The Meridian Farm Limited relief:

- (a) That the appeal is allowed and the entire Site is zoned RLZ;
 - (b) Such further consequential or other relief as is necessary to address the issues raised and outcome sought in the appeal.
7. The relief sought is opposed for the reasons described in the Hearings Panel recommendations adopted by the Far North District Council and HortNZ have particular concerns with reverse sensitivity effects at the Horticulture Precinct interface.
 8. HortNZ agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

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