

**Before the Environment Court  
At Auckland**

**I Mua I Te Kōti Taiao  
Tāmaki Makaurau Rohe**

ENV-2026-AKL-000148

**Under** the Resource Management Act 1991 ("RMA")

**In the matter** of an appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 of the RMA

**And in the matter** of the Proposed Far North District Plan

**Between** **Federated Farmers of New Zealand Incorporated  
Appellant**

**And** **Far North District Council  
Respondent**

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**Notice of Ironwood Trustee Limited's wish  
to be a party to proceedings**

Dated: 1 September 2026

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**TO:** The Registrar  
Environment Court  
Auckland

**AND:** Far North District Council

**AND:** The Appellant

1. Ironwood Trustee Limited (**Ironwood**) wishes to be a party under s 274 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**) to the following proceedings:

The appeal by Federated Farmers of New Zealand Incorporated (**the Appellant**) against the decision of the Far North District Council in respect of the Proposed Far North District Plan (**PDP**), ENV-2026-AKL-000148 (**the Appeal**).

2. Ironwood is a person who has an interest in the proceeding that is greater than the interest that the general public has in terms of s 274(1)(d) of the RMA having lodged submissions (No. S492 and No. 332) and an appeal (ENV-2026-AKL-000142) on the PDP.
3. Ironwood is a person who has made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings in terms of s 274(e) of the RMA having lodged a submission on the PDP.
4. Ironwood is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C of the RMA.
5. Ironwood is interested in the parts of the proceeding that relate to the relief sought in the Appeal identified in **Schedule One**. Ironwood supports the relief sought as set out in Schedule One.
6. Ironwood supports the relief sought by the Appellant on the grounds that it:
  - (a) Will promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources and is otherwise consistent with the purpose and principles of the RMA.
  - (b) Will not generate significant adverse effects on the environment.
  - (c) Is appropriate in terms of the requirements of s 32 of the RMA and the relevant provisions of applicable planning instruments.

7. Ironwood agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution.

**Dated:** 1 September 2026

**IRONWOOD TRUSTEE LIMITED** by its solicitors and duly authorised agents  
Beresford Law

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "JL Beresford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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**JL Beresford**

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### Schedule One: Relevant Parts of Relief Sought in Appeal

| Appellant                                            | Provision                                  | Relief Sought in Appeal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Support/Oppose |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Federated Farmers of New Zealand Incorporated</b> | Public Access - Overview                   | <p>Federated Farmers seeks that the overview to the public Access chapter is amended to address the issue of public access across private property and the need for permission to be obtained from the landowner before access is provided, as follows (or with wording that has similar effect):</p> <p><u><i>For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this chapter creates a right of access to private land. Any access to sites or areas on private land is to occur with the agreement of the landowner, except where access is provided for through a legal mechanism.</i></u></p> | Support        |
|                                                      | Public Access – Objectives – New objective | <p>Federated Farmers seeks the inclusion of a new objective as follows (or with wording that has similar intent):</p> <p><u><i><b>PA-XX</b> Practical and safe public access to and along the margins of lakes and rivers and the coastal environment is provided in a way that respects private property and does not result in adverse effects on natural character, landscape, indigenous biodiversity, historical heritage, or cultural values.</i></u></p>                                                                                                                        | Support        |
|                                                      | Public Access – Policies – New policy      | <p>Federated Farmers seeks the inclusion of a new objective as follows (or with wording that has similar intent):</p> <p><u><i><b>PA-P6</b> To provide information and education to the public regarding where public access is available, and that access over private land is only by the permission of the landowner.</i></u></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Support        |