

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
AT AUCKLAND**

**I MUA I TE KŌTI TAIAO  
TĀMAKI MAKAURAU ROHE**

**ENV-2020-AKL-000132**

**UNDER** the Resource Management Act 1991 ("RMA")  
**IN THE MATTER** of an appeal under Clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 of the RMA  
**BETWEEN** **NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT AGENCY**  
Appellant  
**A N D** **WHANGAREI DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
Respondent

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**NOTICE OF FOODSTUFFS NORTH ISLAND LIMITED'S WISH TO BE A  
PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS**

**5 AUGUST 2020**

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**NOTICE OF FOODSTUFFS NORTH ISLAND LIMITED'S WISH TO BE A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS**

**TO:** The Registrar  
Environment Court  
Auckland

Foodstuffs North Island Limited ("**Foodstuffs**") gives notice of its wish to be a party to the appeal ENV-2020-AKL-000132 by New Zealand Transport Agency against parts of the decision of Whangarei District Council on proposed Plan Changes 109 and 148 to the Whangarei District Plan.

1. Foodstuffs made further submission X338 about the subject matter of these proceedings.
2. Foodstuffs is also a person who has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest the general public has on the grounds that it operates a supermarket (New World Regent) which falls within the 100m "buffer" area to which the relief sought by the Appellant would apply. The relief sought by the Appellant may have implications for future changes to existing activities as well as any new activities established at the site.
3. Foodstuffs is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991 ("**RMA**"). In any event, Foodstuffs is directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the appeal that:
  - 3.1 Adversely affects the environment; and
  - 3.2 Does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.
4. While Foodstuffs is interested in all aspects of the proceedings, it has a particular interest in the relief sought to the extent that it applies to grocery stores, commercial activities, office facilities or retail activities.
5. Foodstuffs opposes the relief sought on the basis that:
  - 5.1 While Foodstuffs considers it to be unlikely that the Appellant intends for the noise attenuation requirements sought to apply to grocery stores, commercial activities, office facilities or retail

activities, the current definition of 'Noise Sensitive Activities' does not make this clear.

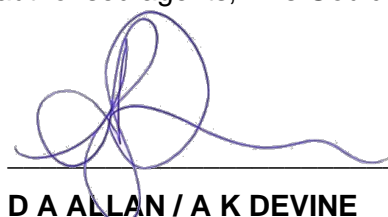
5.2 The relief sought would create additional complexities and increased development costs for development or redevelopment. Despite this, the Appellant has failed to provide justification for applying such requirements to grocery stores, commercial activities, office facilities or retail activities.

5.3 Applying acoustic attenuation requirements to grocery stores, commercial activities, office facilities or retail activities is not the most efficient or effective approach to managing potential interface issues, places an onerous burden on landowners without an equivalent burden on the Appellant, is not justified in s32 terms and will not achieve the purpose of the RMA.

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

**DATED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020

**FOODSTUFFS NORTH ISLAND LIMITED** by its solicitors and duly authorised agents, Ellis Gould



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**And To:** Whangarei District Council  
**And To:** Section 274 parties