

**In the Environment Court
at Christchurch**

ENV-2026-CHC-007

**I Te Kōti Taiao o Aotearoa
Ōtautahi Rohe**

**In the Matter
And**

of the Resource Management Act 1991

In the Matter

of an appeal under Clause 14(1),
Schedule 1 of the Act on the Proposed
Gore District Plan

Between

**FEDERATED FARMERS OF NEW
ZEALAND INCORPORATED**

Appellant

And

GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Respondent

Notice of Hokonui Rūnanga wish to be Party to Proceedings

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To: The Registrar
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1. Hokonui Rūnanga Incorporated (**Hokonui Rūnanga**) wishes to be party to the following appeal on the Proposed Gore District Plan (**PDP**):

Federated Farmers of New Zealand Incorporated v Gore District Council (ENV-2026-CHC-007) (Appeal).

Nature of Interest

2. Hokonui Rūnanga made a submission on the subject matter of the Appeal.
3. Hokonui Rūnanga also has an interest in the Appeal that is greater than that of the general public as the points raised within the Appeal relate to areas within the takiwā of Hokonui Rūnanga.
4. Hokonui Rūnanga is the mandated representative of those who are mana whenua within the Hokonui Rūnanga Region of the Ngāi Tahu takiwā and is one of the 18 papatipu Rūnanga who collectively form Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (**Ngāi Tahu**).
5. Hokonui Rūnanga is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**Act**).

Extent of Interest

6. Hokonui Rūnanga is interested in all aspects of the Appeal.
7. Without limiting the generality of the interest of Hokonui Rūnanga, Hokonui Rūnanga is interested in the following particular issues:
 - (a) the extent to which cultural values are considered across a broad range of activities in the PDP;
 - (b) the identification of specific cultural values where the PDP requires consideration of the “impacts on Ngāi Tahu cultural values”;
 - (c) appropriate engagement with Hokonui Rūnanga where activities may affect cultural values, and the role of Hokonui Rūnanga in representing mana whenua interests; and
 - (d) the requirement in section 6(e) of the RMA to recognise and provide for the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, wāhi tapu and other taonga.

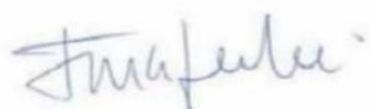
Relief Sought

8. Hokonui Rūnanga seeks that the Appeal be **declined** for the following reasons:
- (a) The identification of specific cultural values for the purpose of resource management decision-making carries a risk of diminishing the scope of the cultural values to be considered. Such an approach fails to recognise the interconnected nature of cultural values and may undermine the broader intent that Ngāi Tahu cultural values be given full and proper consideration in the resource consenting process;
 - (b) The relief sought in the Appeal may affect the process for engagement with mana whenua;
 - (c) The relief sought in the Appeal is not the most appropriate way to achieve the purpose of the Act;
 - (d) The relief sought in the Appeal is inconsistent with section 6(e) of the Act; being the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites and wāhi tapu and other taonga;
 - (e) The relief sought in the Appeal fails to have particular regard to kaitiakitanga and is therefore inconsistent with section 7(a) of the Act;
 - (f) The relief sought in the Appeal fails to take into account the principles of Te Tiriti and is therefore inconsistent with section 8 of the Act; and
 - (g) The Appeal fails to achieve the purpose of the Act.

Mediation

9. Hokonui Rūnanga agrees to participate in mediation or other dispute resolution of the Appeal.

Dated this 14th day of April 2026



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