

BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT AUCKLAND

ENV-2016-AKL-000243

IN THE MATTER

of an appeal under section 156 of
the Local Government (Auckland
Transitional Provisions) Act
2010

BETWEEN

K Vernon

Appellant

AND

Auckland Council

Respondent

**NOTICE OF WISH TO BE A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS BY THE
MINISTER OF CONSERVATION**

Dated: 6 October 2016

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Notice of Person's wish to be a Party to Proceedings

Section 274 Resource Management Act 1991

To: The Registrar
Environment Court
AUCKLAND

1. I, Margaret Barry, Minister of Conservation wish to be a party to the following proceedings:

1.1. K Vernon v Auckland Council, ENV-2016-AKL-000243.

2. I am a person who made a further submission about the subject matter of the proceedings.

3. I am not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

4. I am interested in part of the proceedings. The part of the proceedings I am interested in is K Vernon's appeal against a decision of the Auckland Council on the proposed Auckland Unitary Plan in relation to Topic 041, Earthworks and Minerals – Kauri dieback (refer paragraphs 99-103 of K Vernon Notice of Appeal).

5. I am interested in the following particular issues:

5.1. The appropriateness of addressing kauri dieback disease in a district plan.

5.2. The specific provisions in the proposed Auckland Unitary Plan that control earthworks to prevent the spread of kauri dieback disease.

5.3. The most efficient and effective means of preventing the spread of kauri dieback disease.

6. I oppose the relief sought for the following reasons:

6.1. The provisions in the proposed Auckland Unitary Plan sought to be deleted maintain indigenous biodiversity by controlling earthworks to prevent the spread of kauri dieback disease.

6.2. Removing the kauri dieback controls will not:

- a) Recognise and provide for the protection of areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitat of indigenous fauna;
 - b) Give effect to the Regional Policy Statement; and
 - c) Promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.
7. I agree to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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6 October 2016

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