

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT AUCKLAND**

Lodgement: ENV-2016-AKL-001

**Topic: Proposed Private Plan Change
372 to the Auckland Council District
Plan: Isthmus Section 1999**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management
Act 1991 ("the Act")

AND

IN THE MATTER of an appeal pursuant to
clause 14(1) of the First
Schedule of the Act

BETWEEN **SOUTH EPSOM PLANNING
GROUP INCORPORATED**

First Appellant

A N D **THREE KINGS UNITED
GROUP INCORPORATED**

Second Appellant

A N D **AUCKLAND COUNCIL**

Respondent

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO BECOME AN INTERESTED PARTY PURSUANT TO
SECTION 274 OF THE ACT**

TO: The Registrar
Environment Court
AUCKLAND

1. I, **MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**, give notice under section 274 of the Resource Management Act 1991 ("the Act") that I wish to be a party to these proceedings, being *South Epsom Planning Group Incorporated and Three Kings United Group Incorporated v Auckland Council* (ENV-AKL-2016-001) (the "Appeal").

2. The Appeal is in respect of the decision of Auckland Council (the "**Council**") on Private Plan Change 372 (the "**Plan Change**") to the Auckland Council District Plan: Isthmus Section 1999 (the "**Decision**").
3. I am not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Act.
4. I am interested in the Appeal in its entirety. In particular, but without limiting the generality of the above statement, I have a particular interest in the wider implications of promulgating planning provisions which constrain housing supply and affordability within the Auckland region.
5. I oppose the relief sought in the Appeal because:
 - (a) If the relief sought in the Appeal is granted, and the Plan Change is disallowed or modified as sought in the Appeal, the Decision will be:
 - (i) Contrary to the sustainable management of natural and physical resources and otherwise inconsistent with Part 2 of the Act; and
 - (ii) Will in those circumstances impact significantly and adversely on the ability of people and communities to provide for their social, economic and cultural wellbeing by (but not limited to) reducing housing supply in the Auckland region, thereby adversely affecting housing affordability.
6. I agree to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

DATED at Auckland this 1st day of February 2016



Honourable Dr Nick Smith
Minister for the Environment

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