IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT CHRISTCHURCH

I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
KI ŌTAUTAHI

Decision No. [2026] NZEnvC 310

IN THE MATTER	of the Resource Management Act 1991
AND	an appeal under clause 14 of the First Schedule to the Act
BETWEEN	NORTH CANTERBURY CLAY TARGET ASSOCIATION
	(ENV-2025-CHC-50)
	Appellant
AND	WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL
	Respondent

Environment Judge K G Reid – sitting alone under s279 of the Act

In Chambers at Christchurch

Date of Consent Order: 5 November 2026

CONSENT ORDER

A: Under s279(1)(b) RMA,[1] the Environment Court, by consent, orders that:

(1) the appeal is allowed to the extent that Waimakariri District Council is to amend the Partially Operative Waimakariri District Plan provisions in accordance with Appendix 1, attached to and forming

[1] Resource Management Act 1991.

part of this order; and

(2) the appeal is otherwise dismissed.

B: Under s285 RMA, there is no order as to costs.

REASONS

Introduction

[1] This proceeding concerns an appeal by North Canterbury Clay Target Association (appellant) against the decision by Waimakariri District Council (WDC) on the Partially Operative Waimakariri District Plan (PODP).

[2] The appeal sought to include a permitted activity rule in the PODP to permit the appellant's clay target shooting activities at its Boundary Road site and include a 'Sport Facility' overlay on the land owned by the appellant to recognise the appellant's activities.

[3] No person has given notice of an intention to join the appeal pursuant to s274 RMA.

Background

[4] The appellant lodged a submission on the PODP seeking the relief now sought on appeal.

[5] WDC accepted the Hearing Panel's recommendations to reject the appellant's submission. The appellant received notice of WDC's decision on 12 July 2025 and filed its appeal on 19 August 2025.

Agreement reached

[6] The parties engaged in court-assisted mediation on 22 April 2026. Following mediation and subsequent discussions, the parties have reached an

agreement that subject to the court's approval, will resolve the appeal in its entirety.

[7] The parties have agreed on the following amendments to the PODP:

(a) a new bespoke permitted activity noise rule (NOISE-R13) for the appellant;
(b) insertion of the North Canterbury Clay Target Association Overlay into the planning maps;
(c) a consequential amendment to GRUZ-R38 to clarify that GRUZ-R38 does not apply to clay target shooting using shotguns within the North Canterbury Clay Target Association Overlay at 269 Boundary Road;
(d) minor consequential amendments, including:
    (i) consequential renumbering of all existing noise rules, being NOISE-R13 to NOISE-R25, to NOISE-R14 to NOISE-R26 respectively, and consequential changes to all cross-references to those noise rules; and
    (ii) amending the title of existing noise rule NOISE-R19 (consequentially renumbered to NOISE-R20) to cross-reference the correct rule.

Other relevant matters

[8] The affidavits of Jessica Manhire,[2] planner for WDC, and Stuart Camp,[3] acoustic consultant for WDC, are provided in support of the parties' agreed amendments.

[9] In summary, the affidavit of Ms Manhire sets out the background to the proceedings and confirms that the relief sought on appeal is consistent with the

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2 Affirmed 2 November 2026.
3 Sworn 29 October 2026.

appellant's submission on the PODP.

[10] Ms Manhire deposed that the agreed amendments have been assessed under the relevant requirements under the RMA, including s32AA. She considered the agreed amendments are the most appropriate way to achieve the relevant PODP objectives and provides an appropriate outcome under the RMA.

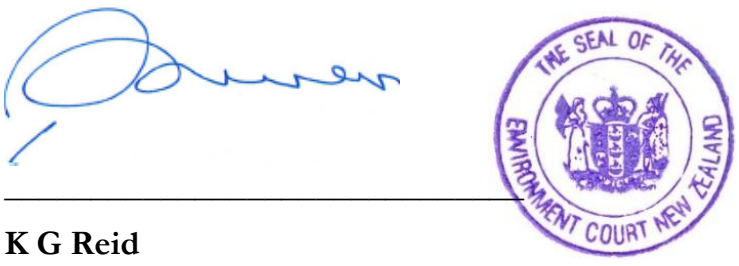
[11] In summary, the affidavit of Mr Camp records his satisfaction that the agreed amendments will provide a more appropriate control for noise effects from the appellant's operations than the general noise rules of the PODP, whilst allowing the appellant some flexibility and certainty for its operations.

[12] The parties advise that all matters proposed for the court's endorsement fall within the court's jurisdiction and conform to the relevant requirements and objectives of the Act including, in particular, Pt 2.

[13] The parties confirm there are no outstanding issues, including as to costs.

Outcome

[14] All parties to the proceeding have executed the memorandum requesting the orders. On the information provided to the court, I am satisfied that the orders will promote the purpose of the Act so I will make the orders sought.



K G Reid
Environment Judge

Appendix 1

The additional text to be inserted into the PODP is shown in **bold red underline text**

Part 2 – District-wide matters

NOISE – Te orooro – Noise

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<tr><td colspan="3">Activity Rules</td></tr>
<tr><td>NOISE-R13</td><td colspan="2">Noise from clay target shooting using shotguns at 269 Boundary Road</td></tr>
<tr><td>North Canterbury Clay Target Association Overlay</td><td>Activity status: PER

Where:
1. shooting at 269 Boundary Road:
a. is limited to the use of shotguns for clay target shooting within the North Canterbury Clay Target Association Overlay; and
b. only occurs between 9:00am and 7:00pm, except shooting may extend to 9:00pm on a maximum of eight days per calendar year only when required to determine a winner of a national or international shooting event; and
c. is limited to a maximum of 128 days in any calendar year; and
d. except for up to 50 days per calendar year, is limited to a total duration of 6.5 hours per day with:
i. any single shooting period limited to a maximum duration of five hours; and
ii. a minimum of two hours of no shooting between shooting periods; and
iii. for the purpose of this rule a "shooting period" is a period of shooting (from first shot to last shot) where any gaps between shots is less than two hours; and
e. does not occur at all on the following days:
i. Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays;
ii. public holidays, including Canterbury Anniversary Day, or on long weekends attached to a public holiday, except for two occasions per calendar year for a national or international shooting event; and
f. is limited to a maximum of six shooting fields.</td><td>Activity status when compliance with NOISE-R13 (1)(a) to (1)(f) not achieved: DIS</td></tr>
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Part 3 – Area specific matters

GRUZ – General Rural Zone

Activity Rules	
GRUZ-R38 Sport shooting facility ***This rule does not apply to clay target shooting using shotguns within the North Canterbury Clay Target Association Overlay at 269 Boundary Road***	
Activity Status: DIS	**Activity status when compliance not achieved: N/A**

Consequential amendments as follows:

1. Consequential renumbering of all existing noise rules NOISE-R13 to NOISE-R25, to NOISE-R14 to NOISE-R26 respectively, and consequential changes to all cross-references to those noise rules; and

Amend the title of existing noise rule NOISE-R19 (consequentially renumbered as NOISE-R20) to cross reference the correct rules (i.e. NOISE-R1 to NOISE-R14).

Amendments to PODP Planning Maps

Insert the North Canterbury Clay Target Association Overlay in any colour (shown as yellow in the image below):


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