

Otago Regional Council meeting 10 December 2014

Attached is the agenda for the next meeting of the Otago Regional Council, which is to be held on Wednesday 10 December commencing at 1.30 pm. The venue is the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Copies of attachments are available from the Committee Secretary (see contact details below) or online at

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OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Agenda for an Ordinary meeting of the Council to be held in the
Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday
10 December 2014 commencing at 1.30 pm**

Membership:

- Cr Stephen Woodhead (Chairperson)
- Cr Gretchen Robertson (Deputy Chairperson)
- Cr Graeme Bell
- Cr Doug Brown
- Cr Louise Croot MNZM
- Cr Michael Deaker
- Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
- Cr Gary Kelliher
- Cr Trevor Kempton
- Cr Sam Neill
- Cr Bryan Scott
- Cr David Shepherd

Apologies:

Leave of Absence:

In attendance:

Please note that there is an embargo on agenda items until 8.30 am on Monday 8 December.

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That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the meeting.

The general subject of the matters to be discussed while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

	General subjects to be considered	Reason under LGOIMA for passing this resolution	Grounds under S.48 for the passing of this resolution
Item 13	Port Otago Ltd Annual Shareholders Meeting	To protect the privacy of natural persons (S7(2)(a))	S.48(1)(a)(i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as shown above with respect to each item.

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Council held in the
Central Otago District Council Chamber, 1 Dunorling Street,
Alexandra on Thursday 30 October 2014 commencing at 9.00 am**

Present:

Cr Stephen Woodhead (Chairperson)
Cr Gretchen Robertson (Deputy Chairperson)
Cr Graeme Bell
Cr Doug Brown
Cr Louise Croot MNZM
Cr Michael Deaker
Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Trevor Kempton
Cr Sam Neill
Cr Bryan Scott
Cr David Shepherd

In attendance:

Peter Bodeker
Wayne Scott
Jeff Donaldson
Jane Leahy
Fraser McRae
Gavin Palmer
Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of

(a) the meeting held on 17 September 2014, and

(b) the additional meeting held on 15 October 2014

having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Deaker and Croot.

Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PART A – REPORTS FROM CHAIRPERSON AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Item 1

2014/1666 **Chairperson’s report.** Chair, 22/10/14

The report provided an overview of the Chairperson’s activities for the period to 22 October 2014.

Cr Woodhead highlighted the following points:

- National Council
 - The third LGNZ stakeholder and communications survey showed a marked improvement from the 2012 survey.
 - Colmar Brunton were commissioned to run the first LGNZ reputation survey. National Council governance and senior staff members were to visit all councils to discuss the results of the survey.
- Zones 5/6 meeting held 24 October in Christchurch. Agenda items included: NZTA update; update from Bruce Robertson, Office of the Auditor General - changes in legislation; Bill Bayfield - Health and Safety; professional development.
- Mr Bodeker noted collaborative work in the lower South Island including joint Otago/Environment Southland RTC meetings, and collaborative work on Stock Truck Effluent Disposal.
- Petition on Corstorphine passenger transport services – received from Ms Judith Hewitt and Dr Lynley Hood. Ms Hewitt and Dr Hood were not able to present the petition to the Council meeting in Alexandra, so it was presented to the Chairperson and Chief Executive. Cr Woodhead had responded by letter, advising that most of the concerns had been met in the RPTP update.

Reference was made to courses offered on topics such as Standing Orders, conflict of interest, and Making Good Decisions, and concern was expressed at the cost of the courses and associated travel and accommodation. Cr Woodhead advised that National Council had discussed this matter and was looking at efficiency in providing the courses.

Item 2

2014/1670 **Chief Executive’s Report.** CE, 22/10/14

The Chief Executive’s report provided an overview of his activities for the period to 22 October 2014.

Strategic Plan

Mr Bodeker advised that after its adoption by Council, the Strategic Plan was presented to Council managers. The Plan was well received and there was useful feedback in relation to the delivery section. The four quadrants (facilitation, investment, information, certainty) had been picked up as part of the LTP process.

Wilding Conifer Management Strategy

The government discussion document “NZ Wilding Conifer Management Strategy 2015-30” was noted, and Mr Bodeker noted a concern that this strategy could commit the Council to a funding model. He noted that the government document was discussed at the workshop with CODC the previous day. Concern about the document was expressed at the recent Regional Council Executives meeting, and Mr Bodeker was sponsoring a review of the document, with Mr Donaldson as the ORC representative on the group.

Glenorchy Waste Water Proposal

The Chair and Chief Executive attended two meetings in Glenorchy, one with business owners and one with the public. The meetings discussed the proposed community waste disposal and treatment system proposed by QLDC, which would cost about the same per household as individual septic tanks, and the Chair and CE supported buy-in to this system.

Rabobank Sheep and Beef Seminar

Mr Bodeker spoke on Plan Change 6A at a recent Rabobank seminar in Oamaru. He was impressed with how well farmers understood and accepted the principles of the approach.

A question was raised about health and safety issues in relation to volunteers working on for example nassella tussock and wilding tree removal projects. Mr Bodeker explained that a health and safety review was under way and covered offices, record keeping, and reporting of health and safety matters, and visited the Alexandra, Balclutha, and Taieri offices/depots. He would report back to council when the review was complete, and he noted that the law would come into force on 1 April 2015. . Health and Safety Officers were to be appointed, and he considered that he and the directors should fill this role. Training would be carried out, and appropriate processes would be put in place. The need to understand the nature and extent of councilor involvement in health and safety matters was noted. It was noted that the Audit and Risk Subcommittee had a responsibility to review the Council’s adherence to its Health and Safety Policy.

A query was raised about the timetable for the development of the South Island pest management plan. Mr Bodeker understood that by mid 2015 there would be an indication of the timeframe for the plan, but this did not preclude work being carried out earlier on individual issues.

Cr Deaker moved

Cr Kempton seconded

That the Chair’s and Chief Executive’s reports be received.

Motion carried

PART B – ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 3

2014/1677 **Financial Report.** DCS, 24/10/14

The report provided information in respect of overall Council finances for the three months to 30 September 2014.

Cr Shepherd moved
Cr Croot seconded

That the report be received.

Motion carried

Item 4 **Reports from Councillors**

Cr Deaker – recent Tertiary Precinct Planning Group meeting

- Cr Deaker had provided an update on the Leith Flood Protection Scheme and the proposed next stage.
- DCC representatives spoke about Gigatown and sought feedback on how best make use of the capacity should the Dunedin bid be successful.
- Marian Pore, SDHB, encouraged the city and regional councils to study and make submissions on the Board's planning consultation documents, noting that the consultation process ran from 14 October to 21 November. She commented that SDHB was aware of the ORC's air plan, and of the difficulty in implementing targets.

PART C – MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Item 5 **Recommendations of the Communications Committee meeting** held on 15 October 2014, for adoption

Cr Kempton moved
Cr Bell seconded

That the recommendations of the Communications Committee meeting held on 15 October 2014 be adopted.

Motion carried

- Item 6 **Recommendations of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting** held on 15 October 2014, for adoption

Cr Shepherd moved
Cr Croot seconded

That the recommendations of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting held on 15 October 2014 be adopted.

Motion carried

- Item 7 **Recommendations of the Policy Committee meeting** held on 15 October 2014, for adoption

It was noted that the meeting start time should be 12.10 pm, not 11.10 am. With this correction,

Cr Deaker moved
Cr Neill seconded

That the recommendations of the Policy Committee meeting held on 15 October 2014 be adopted.

Motion carried

- Item 8 **Recommendations of the Regulatory Committee meeting** held on 15 October 2014, for adoption

Cr Neill moved
Cr Eckhoff seconded

That the recommendations of the Regulatory Committee meeting held on 15 October 2014 be adopted.

Motion carried

- Item 9 **Recommendations of the Technical Committee meeting** held on 15 October 2014, for adoption

Cr Scott moved
Cr Shepherd seconded

That the recommendations of the Technical Committee meeting held on 15 October 2014 be adopted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 9.35 am.

Chairperson

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a Special Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 26 November 2014 commencing at 2.10 pm

Present:

Cr Stephen Woodhead (Chairperson)
Cr Gretchen Robertson (Deputy Chairperson)
Cr Graeme Bell
Cr Doug Brown
Cr Louise Croot MNZM
Cr Michael Deaker
Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Trevor Kempton
Cr Bryan Scott
Cr David Shepherd

Apologies:

Cr Sam Neill
 The apology was accepted on the motion of Crs
 Woodhead and Kelliher.

In attendance:

Peter Bodeker
Wayne Scott
Jeff Donaldson
Jane Leahy
Fraser McRae
Gavin Palmer
Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

PART A - RECOMMENDATIONS

2014/1842 **Regional Public Transport Plan Otago 2014.** DCS, 14/11/14

The report explained that the Finance and Corporate Committee recommendations in relation to the Regional Public Transport Plan Otago 2014 required adoption by the Council.

Cr Woodhead explained that the Plan was presented to this Special Council meeting because it was required by legislation to be approved by a Council meeting, and also so that the new routes could be put out to tender as soon as possible. Mr Scott noted that the Plan would come into effect on 23 December 2014.

Cr Shepherd moved
Cr Deaker seconded

That the recommendations of the Finance and Corporate committee meeting of 26 November 2014, as they relate to the Regional Public Transport Plan Otago 2014, be adopted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 2.12 pm.

Chairperson

REPORT

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Report Number: 2014/2001

Prepared For: Council

Prepared By: Chairperson

Date: 4 December 2014

Subject: **Chairperson's Report to Council - December 2014**

1. Mayoral Forum

The forum confirmed and recommended to councils the Performance Improvement Framework that CEs have been working on over the last year. This gives a consistent framework to compare performance amongst Otago councils which will encourage improvement and give ratepayers a method of comparison. The recommendations include that all councils approve the framework and include the PIF in their LTP.

An update from the Otago Rural Fire Authority showed they had attended 117 incidents and processed 800 permits in the first quarter, and had set up a training and maintenance centre at Clyde.

A presentation from representatives from Education NZ and District representatives led by DCC employee, Sarah Gauthier, discussed the importance of international students to the region. There are around 5,700 international students in Otago who bring in over \$200M annually. They were asking for councils' support for a "Study Otago" organisation to assist coordination of the various schools and organisations involved to ensure Otago was speaking with one voice.

Greg Lindstrum, Industry and Communications Manager for Chorus, updated us on high speed broadband roll out. Good progress had been made in rural areas with 4,000 boxes having been upgraded. 50,000 houses nationally have connected to fibre. Momentum is gaining pace as service providers promote improved services. We could encourage via newsletters etc for ratepayers to check if improved broadband was available in their area.

An update was received from the Southern Building Control Group on the National Building Consent System.

2. Civil Defence Emergency Management

CDEM coordinator, Charles Hakkaart updated the Group on work the various committees had underway. He attended a national exercise meeting; the next national exercise is in 2016 with a Tsunami hitting the New Zealand coast which will provide an opportunity to test the soon to be developed Otago Tsunami Response Plan.

As part of the Otago Lifelines project, a Vulnerability and Interdependence Assessment report has been done. Lisa Roberts, the project manager, had considerable support from ORC Hazards staff. There are nine hotspots identified where several sectors' infrastructure is located within a hazard zone, e.g. South Dunedin, Kawarau Gorge, Lindis Pass, Taieri Plain etc.

Pinch points where single sector critical infrastructure is located in a hazard zone include Port Otago bulk fuel supply, Benmore electricity hub, Waitaki and Clutha river crossings etc.

Roads and electricity are the two most critical services for other services in the region to function. The report recommends that Lifelines organisation representatives present the report to their executive teams and a working group is convened to work on appropriate ways to progress a number of projects identified in the report.

3. Te Roopu Taiao

We are working towards having the updated Charter which outlines the group's objectives and relationship modernised with a Karakia and some Te Reo. Progress has been slow, but it is intended to have it ready for signing at the next meeting in February.

Edward Ellison and Mayor Cull reported on a very successful inaugural trip for Mana Whenua supporting DCC on a recent sister city visit to Shanghai.

Updates on LG/KTKO work programmes were circulated. The working relationship has improved immensely with clear expectations and support from Councils.

4. RSG

Cr Robertson to report.

5. NZ River Awards

Cr Robertson and I attended the Morgan Foundation run NZ River Awards. This year's judging criteria was Dissolved Reactive Phosphorus (DRP). The Foundation gets two expert judges, *Dr Roger Young (Cawthron Institute)* and *Dr Clive Howard-Williams (NIWA Ltd)*, to screen data on the LAWA site to identify rivers with the greatest percentage improvement over the last decade. Dunstan Creek, a tributary of the Manuherikia, had a 14.5% annual improvement which is the fourth most improved and was awarded the Otago Regional prize. This is a significant achievement for a high country catchment and reinforces positive action by landholders does achieve results. First place was the Waimakariri River South Branch in Canterbury with a 37.8% improvement. A large point source discharge was recently removed from the river.

Dunedin teachers Andrew Innes and Simon McMillan were finalists in the NZ River Story Award for their work with Otago University scientists to produce rigorous water testing procedures for school students. The judges cited their work as a "great example" of young "citizen scientists" being nurtured and developed. As teachers from Kaikorai College and John McGlashan, they have over a long period of time integrated their science teaching with field work, and have done much to improve community understanding of Dunedin's streams and the Otago harbour.

Another successful night for Otago at the NZ River awards.

6. Otago Conservation Board

On the invitation of Board Chair Pat Garden, I attended a meeting of the Board to discuss water quality, and in particular Plan Change 6A. Concern over the lack of direction or compulsion for landowners with a permitted activity based policy was identified. Following 60 minutes discussion, Board members have a much better understanding of current water

quality, the effects based approach, what prohibited activities are, and the compliance process under the RMA.

7. Central Otago Visit:

I take this opportunity to thank Councillors and staff for a very successful trip to Central Otago. Time spent with fellow councillors from Central Otago District Council was valuable to improve the understanding of the various topics each Council was working on, and build closer relationships.

8. Other Meetings

- Mr Bodeker and I have met with Bruce Robertson and Jonathan Keate from the Office of the Auditor-General, and Brett Tomkins and Heidi Rautjoki, our auditors from Deloitte, to discuss progress and key topics for the LTP.
- Mr Bodeker, Cr Robertson and I met with Chris Pascoe and Phil Murray from the Central Otago Wilding Control Group. They updated us on positive feedback they had received since the launch of their Strategy and their Group's intentions over the next year.
- I attended and laid a wreath at the Armistice Day celebrations at the Cenotaph in Queen's Gardens.
- West Taieri and Lower Clutha Liaison Group meetings.

Stephen Woodhead
Chairperson

RSG Meeting – Wellington Regional Council, Friday 28 November 2014

Gretchen Robertson

Laurence Yule gave an outline of their initial meetings with the new Government. LGNZ have been given the strong message that the key priorities for this term are affordable housing and poverty issues.

LGNZ feels this Government is in a very energized and engaged space and the relationship with local Government is gearing up to be more collaborative.

3 Waters

Malcolm Alexander and Laurence Yule spoke on the enormity of the task ahead to meet drinking water and NPS freshwater standards.

They promoted a need for a 30-year infrastructure planning process so that councils can realistically face funding issues regionally. We need to have quality water data and realistic information on funding required.

Malcolm Alexander said he gave frank feedback to the rural sector meeting on the need for better data moving forward.

Reputation Index

The recent Local Government reputation index was discussed in detail. This is based on opinion rather than a reflection of actual service delivery. Nevertheless it does provide useful and comprehensive information about how we are viewed by the general population, business, our own collective staff and Councillors.

The overall reputation index for LG was calculated as 29/100.

LGNZ's response has been a communications focus group looking at the way in which Local Government engages with its communities. It is thought that many councils would benefit from a more contemporary shorter sharper style of publication etc. LGNZ felt it useful to engage expertise outside the sector.

Saachi and Saachi have been working with the group and have developed a number of marketing suggestions for the sector. LGNZ will be visiting each region next year and urged all councillors and senior staff to attend.

There was a push for each council to look at its own communications. A communications Sector Interest Group (SIG) may develop.

Biodiversity

Mike McCartney spoke about a sector review on biodiversity requirements. Under the 2006 amendment what LG must do is already substantive.

There is a planned review of the 'National Biodiversity Strategy' likely to occur soon through the Department of Conservation and the Ministry for the Environment.

Overseer

There have been some ongoing talks about reviewing whether Overseer is fit for purpose and around ownership of the tool.

LAWA

This week the coastal element of the database will be uploaded and will go live 18th December.

There was talk about the mixed response to LAWA from regional councils and Fran made special mention of the positive role we are playing in hosting.

Audit NZ

Bede Kearney and Steve Walker (executive director) attended and made a presentation.

Spoke about the future focus being:

- Transition to new accounting standards (2015 plan will be the first chance to report these new standards).
- Audit Committees
- Delivery expectations

2014 Audit Round Lessons

- New reporting requirements
- Ownership of Process
- Valuations –more rigor needed by much of the sector in assessing the validity of valuation, eg infrastructural assets (depreciation and funding forecasts come from these).
- Audit committees
- Capability and capacity

There are now mandatory performance measures for benchmarking across sector (eg flood protection).

Audit committees discussed based on an Accountability and Governance Report 2014. They commented that independent auditors were not often used and councils generally have larger committees (6 on average). The report shows the key ingredients of effective committees are:

- 1) Independence
- 2) Skill sets (balanced, may need independence)
- 3) Focus narrowed
- 4) Good relationships with wider parties (CEO, chair, financial officer embrace committee)
- 5) Strong desire to question displayed by subcommittee
- 6) Smaller groups are better

REPORT

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Prepared For: Council
Prepared By: Chief Executive
Date: 3 December 2014

Subject: **Chief Executive's Report - December 2014**

1. Long Term Plan Preparation

Following the development of the Strategic Plan and a councillor workshop, management have been active in preparing an LTP discussion document for workshopping.

The approach to developing the LTP is prefaced on the change in organisational focus from developing the water plans to now preparing for their implementation following on from the effects based approach to the water quality part of the water plan. The LTP will focus on effective water quality monitoring and developing systems which will allow landowners to monitor their own quality through telemetered systems.

The plan also examines the level of direct ORC to landowner interaction, favouring a process where ORC better equips third party information providers who are currently working with landowners.

The plan also considers non-rural water quality matters such as septic tanks, trade waste and stormwater.

The plan continues to focus on areas of cooperation with local territorial authorities and neighbouring regional councils.

2. Civil Defence

ORC recently completed a review of the readiness of Civil Defence and Emergency Management within Otago. The findings of the review showed that CDEM would be more effective if additional resource was available within the ORC group office, and that a more coordinated approach between the ORC group office and the territorial emergency management officers is desirable.

The regional Mayors and ORC Chair have supported the findings of the report and instructed management to prepare briefing documents for consideration.

3. Health & Safety

ORC has recently completed a review of its health and safety readiness. The report which will be presented to the ORC Health & Safety Subcommittee shows a good level of readiness with improvements required in training and procedures. A training component for health and safety has been included in the LTP.

4. Overseer

The Overseer programme is an integral part of monitoring activity for water quality compliance and will form part of ORC's monitoring from 2020.

I am a member of a stakeholder group established by the owners of Overseer. The group consists of representatives of fertiliser companies, research agencies, Federated Farmers, industry groups, local and central government.

It will be necessary for regional councils that use Overseer to ensure they are actively involved in ensuring Overseer is available in a format that allows a regulatory use and if required, to contribute funding toward that purpose.

5. Dairy Farm Compliance

At the previous Regulatory Committee meeting discussion was held on the increase of non-compliance seen on dairy farms, particularly in southwest Otago. The rainfall in the spring has not been excessively above average but due to the number of rainfall days and the lack of drying, the overall effect has been to make effluent application to land more of a challenge. This challenge is exacerbated on those farms with poor levels of effluent storage.

On Monday 1 December, ORC Chair, CEO and senior staff met with representatives from Federated Farmers, Fonterra and Dairy New Zealand to discuss the problem.

The farming representatives argued that by having an effects based process farmers were disadvantaged by not having security as to what infrastructure they needed on their farms. There was also question about the level of education that ORC had provided farmers about this matter.

ORC stressed the need for farmers to ensure they had taken correct advice and had appropriate systems and necessary skills to operate them to ensure they were not breaking the rule. ORC also pointed out that farms with poor infrastructure were going to have an increased level of surveillance.

All parties agreed that the issue was essentially an infrastructure matter and supported the surveillance stance taken by ORC.

6. Mr Wayne Scott

After 39 years' service, Mr Wayne Scott has given notice that he intends to retire at Easter 2015. Mr Scott has had a distinguished career within local government, particularly with ORC. His attention to detail and finance skills are in no small part reflective of the sound financial position ORC finds itself in.

Peter Bodeker
Chief Executive

REPORT

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Prepared For: Council
Prepared By: Richard Pettinger, Senior Policy Analyst
Date: 10 December 2014

Subject: **Recommendations of the Hearing Committee on Proposed Plan Change 4B (Groundwater allocation) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago**

1. Précis

This report presents the recommendations of the Hearing Committee on Proposed Plan Change 4B (Groundwater allocation) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago, for Council's decision, in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

2. Background

Proposed Plan Change 4B (Groundwater allocation) to the Water Plan clarifies the controls in the Water Plan for avoiding over-allocation of groundwater in Otago, while retaining the established principles of groundwater allocation.

The plan change affects all water managed as groundwater under Policy 6.4.1A.

The proposed plan change was publicly notified in the Otago Daily Times on Saturday 17 May 2014 and submissions closed on Tuesday 17 June 2014. A total of 16 submissions were received (2 of which were received after the formal submission period).

The Summary of Decisions Requested, which requested further submissions, was notified on Saturday 28 June 2014, with further submissions closing on Friday 11 July 2014. There were 8 further submissions received.

The Officer's Report on Decisions Requested which evaluated decisions requested by submitters and further submitters and made recommendations to the Hearing Committee was released on Friday 29 August 2014.

Submissions on the proposed plan change were heard on Tuesday 16 September 2014 in Dunedin. Five submitters presented evidence to the Hearing Committee, while seven more submitters had a written statement of evidence tabled at the hearing. The minutes of the Hearing Committee are attached as Attachment 1.

3. Hearing Committee recommendations

Following the hearing, and deliberations, the Hearing Committee prepared their report, *Recommendations of the Hearing Committee to Council, 27 November 2014*, which is attached as Attachment 2. The proposed plan change, incorporating the Hearing Committee's recommendations is shown in Appendix 1 to their report.

The Hearing Committee recommended the following key amendments to Proposed Plan Change 4B:

- Amend the rules so that the prohibition to apply to take from an aquifer which is or may become over-allocated applies to aquifers identified in Schedule 4A only, with an opportunity for consent consideration as a non-complying activity where an aquifer has not been identified in Schedule 4A.
- Amend the policy regime to clarify the situations where the avoidance of takes from an over-allocated aquifer is not necessary, while providing increased certainty for consenting.
- Define *non-consumptive take* in the Glossary of the Water Plan, and provide for an exclusion, when calculating the assessed maximum annual take from an aquifer, for taking which is specified on a consent as non-consumptive.

The Section 32AA Further Evaluation Report, which updates the Section 32 evaluation, to include matters recommended since notification of the Proposed Plan Change, is included as Attachment 3.

4. Next Steps

The Council must give its decision on the recommendations of the Hearing Committee. It must also publicly notify that it has made its decisions on submissions, in accordance with clauses 10 and 11 of Schedule 1. Submitters may appeal the decision to the Environment Court within 30 working days of service of the decision, in accordance with clause 14 of Schedule 1. Notification of the decision on Saturday 13 December 2014 would result in the appeal period closing on or about Monday 16 February 2015.

The Council may then approve all, or part, of the proposed plan change when all submissions or appeals relating to that part have been disposed of, in accordance with clause 17 of Schedule 1.

5. Recommendations

That Council:

1. Adopt the recommendations of the Hearing Committee on Proposed Plan Change 4B (Groundwater allocation) as its decision;
2. Publicly notify its decisions on Proposed Plan Change 4B (Groundwater allocation) on Saturday 13 December 2014; and
3. Notify submitters of its decisions.

Fraser McRae
Director Policy and Resource Planning

REPORT

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Report Number: 2014/1805
Prepared For: Council
Prepared By: Tom De Pelsemaeker, Policy Analyst
Date: 20 November 2014

Subject: **Recommendations of the Hearing Committee on Proposed Plan Change 4C (Groundwater management: Cromwell Terrace Aquifer) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago**

1. Précis

This report presents the recommendations of the Hearing Committee on Proposed Plan Change 4C (Groundwater management: Cromwell Terrace Aquifer) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago for Council's decision, in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

2. Background

Proposed Plan Change 4C (Groundwater management: Cromwell Terrace Aquifer) proposes to set a maximum allocation limit of 4 Mm³/yr for the Cromwell Terrace Aquifer in Schedule 4A of the Water Plan. This aquifer is currently shown in Map C3 of the Water Plan Maps.

The maximum allocation limit will apply to new groundwater takes that are not permitted under the provisions of the Water Plan.

Plan Change 4C was publicly notified in the Otago Daily Times on Saturday 16 August 2014 and submissions closed on Friday 12 September 2014. A total of 8 submissions were received.

The *Summary of Decisions Requested*, which enabled further submissions, was notified on Saturday 27 September 2014, with further submissions closing on Friday 10 October 2011. There were 3 further submissions received.

The *Officer's Report on Decisions Requested* which evaluated decisions requested by submitters and further submitters and made recommendations to the Hearing Committee was released on Thursday 23 October 2014.

Submissions on the proposed plan change were heard on Tuesday 11 November 2014 in Dunedin. One submitter presented evidence to the Hearing Committee, while two more submitters had a written statement of evidence tabled at the hearing. The minutes of the Hearing Committee are attached as Attachment 1.

3. Hearing Committee recommendations

Following the hearing, the Hearing Committee prepared their report, *Recommendations of the Hearing Committee to Council, 10 December 2014*, which is attached as

Attachment 2. The proposed plan change, incorporating the Hearing Committee's recommendations is shown in Appendix 1 to their report.

A minor change has been made to the definition of "*Datum*" in the Glossary of the Water Plan in order to clarify that the reference for measuring aquifer levels in Schedule 4B is to the "*Otago Metric Datum*".

As no further substantial changes to the proposed plan change have been made, the Section 32 Evaluation Report - 16 August 2014 stands.

4. Next Steps

The Council must give its decision on the recommendations of the Hearing Committee. It must also publicly notify that it has made its decisions on submissions, in accordance with clauses 10 and 11 of Schedule 1. Submitters may appeal the decision to the Environment Court within thirty (30) working days of service of the decision, in accordance with clause 14 of Schedule 1.

The Council may then approve all, or part, of the proposed plan change when all submissions or appeals relating to that part have been disposed of, in accordance with clause 17 of Schedule 1.

5. Recommendations

That Council:

1. Adopt the recommendations of the Hearing Committee on Proposed Plan Change 4C (Groundwater management: Cromwell Terrace Aquifer) as its decision;
2. Publicly notify its decisions on Proposed Plan Change 4C (Groundwater management: Cromwell Terrace Aquifer) on Saturday 13 December 2014; and
3. Notify submitters of its decisions.

Fraser McRae
Director Policy and Resource Planning

REPORT

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Report Number: 2014/1946
Prepared For: Council
Prepared By: Director Policy, Planning and Resource Management
Date: 1 December 2014

Subject: **NZ Productivity Commission – Using land for housing**

1. Précis

The report by the NZ Productivity Commission “Using land for housing” has been received. This report presents for approval by Council a submission on the Commission’s report. Submissions close on 22 December 2014.

General comments are followed by more specific comments relating to the numbered questions throughout the report. The general conclusion is that the recommended changes to RMA processes are misdirected and insufficient to address adequate affordable housing, especially in Auckland.

2. General comments

There is a lack of clarity around the true nature of the issue being addressed as the terminology alters through the report. For example the issue is variously described as:

- supplying adequate development capacity for housing, through to
- the effectiveness of planning and development.

The central issue is largely Auckland based, and accordingly any general solutions should consider the impacts on those parts of New Zealand not experiencing the same issues.

Throughout the report there is a consistent theme that future housing will reflect that of the past - a single, stand-alone dwelling located in suburban low density residential neighbourhoods. This despite the declining occupancy rate of housing and residential lifestyle preferences for people into the future.

This approach assumes that all rural land is primarily awaiting conversion to urban residential and all alternative competing use options (landscape, biodiversity, primary production) are therefore secondary and temporary. The report sheets responsibility for making land available, with intact infrastructure provided ahead of development, to territorial local authorities (TLAs). In doing so there is little cognisance of TLAs’ competing objectives for landuse control and provision of services, and ability and capacity of funding through rating and other means.

The report neglects to address any fault of private developers, many of whom have a single profit motive from the development and sale of sections with future liability for services and risk falling to local government.

Finally, the report does not propose a solution but does suggest a revamp of RMA land zoning/consenting processes. However, the description of the issue suggests a significant substantive change to the legal context of urban residential planning is needed to ensure coordination between the many competing interests of government, local government and the community is provided for. That is, the real issue and solution are far greater than warrant a mere process change.

3. Specific questions which the ORC wishes to respond to are:

- Q1 Planning is an appropriate system to link competing objectives, coordinate development by a variety of parties, and address externalities associated with land use and development – without such a frame any equitable and fair apportionment of costs of development will be unrealisable.
- Q2 The current planning system, well implemented, is intended to achieve coordinated development. However, the process involves full engagement and an acceptance that some restriction on property rights is inevitable if externalities and liabilities through time are to be addressed.
- Q3 Evaluation of the current system should address the established community objectives in plans and how policies and methods achieve those objectives. It should also assess whether or not current concerns/issues are a result of the plans themselves or the conflict between private land developer and community objectives.
- Q7 Lessons from others could include:
1. alternative housing stock/type/style,
 2. definition of an altered bundle of rights for home ownership,
 3. innovative community definition and means of communicating within communities, using modern technology,
 4. alternative energy and travel considerations.
- Essentially, consider alternatives to suburban single housing lot development.
- Q8 The Local Government Act, Rating Act, Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Act, and the Reserves Act also have a significant role in urban planning and development.
- Q12 Suggesting plans should accommodate views of those who do not participate in the process would create an outcome where there is no incentive to participate at the beginning but rather confront at a later date. RMA pre-consultation processes (clause 3, schedule 1) enable people to engage informally in the early stages of plan development. The Section 32 Evaluation Report requires a consideration of social, cultural, economic and environmental effects.
- Q18 Successful plans take a systems approach to understanding and addressing issues, with intervention (rules and other methods) targeted at the more significant matters – in contrast to addressing all matters that could be controlled irrespective of the significance of such control. ORC has used this approach in successfully addressing diffuse discharge of contaminants from rural land.

- Q19 Transport planning, like most infrastructure, is a necessary input into development planning but is often beyond the scope of an individual developer. Accordingly, many private developments generate externality costs for the wider community.
- Q22 Plan content should provide certainty, but recognise that plans can be changed, and require reviewing on a 10 year basis. Suggesting that differences in rules between councils is an issue negates local problem solving and district autonomy, and suggests a single national approach from Auckland to Invercargill.
- Qs 35, 36 Consent decision makers are trained, and hearing committee members must be accredited. Accordingly decisions should be consistent and conflicts effectively addressed.
- Q50 Accountability provisions for public funding mean infrastructure is placed in priority with other areas of local government expenditure – especially where expenditure pre-empts income, often by long lead times. Also, accountability mechanisms mean local government cannot alter expenditure priority as quickly as the private sector.
- Q58 Councils and communities involved in development and provision of intergenerational infrastructure require support and may need a wider range of funding options than those currently available.
- Q66 In contrast to needing to aggregate land (for housing development), local authorities should be able to restrict fragmentation. Waikato District Council has addressed unnecessary fragmentation of rural land through creative rural subdivision rules.
- Q72 ORC is aware of two Special Housing projects. One proposal in Gorge Road was prone to a number of natural hazards and in a very shady part of Queenstown. It has not been pursued to date. The other is along south facing terraces, and the lower reaches flood from time to time. From these, it may be that more affordable housing will be pushed onto less attractive areas with higher risks and potentially higher winter heating costs.

4. Recommendation

That this submission to the NZ Productivity Commission Report “Using land for housing” be approved.

Fraser McRae

Director Policy, Planning and Resource Management

REPORT

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Prepared For: Council

Prepared By: Projects Manager

Date: 5 December 2014

Subject: **4 Month Review to 31 October 2014**

1. Précis

Formal reviews of progress on all projects are undertaken at four, eight and 12 months, and reported to Council. These reports form part of each year's Annual Report. This report summarises the project progress for the four months to 31 October 2014.

2. Background

Council's Annual Plans and Long Term Plan's include levels of service to be met for the significant activities undertaken by Council, and the "key" performance targets for each of those projects within each significant activity. Progress in achieving those targets is reported against in each year's Annual Report.

A report showing financial and non-financial results compared with the Annual Plan levels of service, key performance targets and budgets for the four months to 31 October 2014 is circulated with the agenda.

3. Key Performance Targets

The 2014/15 Annual Plan has three performance targets in it that will not be able to be achieved. It is recommended that these targets be amended as discussed below.

The Regulatory activity the following target:

"Using a risk based approach, undertake audits of minor consented activities relating to:

- 30% of minor discharge to land and water consents.
- 30% of minor air discharge consents (that have no other consented activity);
- 100% of newly installed water metering installations (consented and water meter regulation requirements);
- 20% of all surface water consented takes;
- 50% of groundwater takes of greater than 10 litres per second;
- Monitor residual flow conditions on surface water takes in critical over-allocated catchments in Otago;
- 100% of operational gravel extractions;
- 30% of all closed landfills in the region."

It is recommended that the following parts of this target be amended, to undertake audits as follows:

- 150 minor discharge to land and water consents.
- 35 minor air discharge consents (that have no other consented activity);

- 250 surface water consented takes;
- 75 groundwater takes of greater than 10 litres per second;

It is suggested the other audits remain unchanged within this target. These amendments are considered to be more realistic targets to achieve. It is clear that the original targets will not be able to be achieved by June 2015.

Within the Land activity, there is a target to inspect all known nurseries for any potential sale of plants identified in the national pest plant accord list of banned plant species. It is recommended that this target be amended to inspect five on the known nurseries, rather than all known nurseries.

The water activity has a target measure as follows:

“No violation of maximum annual abstraction volume and allocation limits from any aquifer as set out in the Regional Plan: Water”.

This target relates to the North Otago Volcanic Aquifer – as listed in Schedule 4A of the Regional Plan Water. Note is made that it is the only aquifer listed in Schedule 4A. As there is no monitoring undertaken in respect of this aquifer, it is recommended that this target be removed.

4. Financial Information

Individual financial information for each project is included in the separate report. A summary of the outcome group activity information compared with estimates is scheduled below:

Expenditure

	Actual to 31 Oct \$000s	Budget to 31 Oct \$000s	Variance () = unfavourable	Budget to 30 June 15
Air Quality	190	259	69	753
Emergency Management	120	144	24	415
Environmental Incident Resp.	364	340	(24)	961
Flood Protection & Control ¹	3,108	1,348	(1,760)	7,983
Governance & Community	1,166	1,238	72	3,618
Land ²	690	944	254	2,514
Natural Hazards	347	362	15	1,040
Policy	348	318	(30)	899
Regulatory ³	874	1,104	230	3,115
Rivers & Waterway Mgmt	371	332	(39)	986
Transport ⁴	3,069	3,451	382	11,119
Water ⁵	1,482	1,829	347	5,187
Total	12,129	11,669	(460)	38,590

Revenue (excluding rates)

	Actual to 31 Oct \$000s	Budget to 31 Oct \$000s	Variance () = unfavourable	Budget to 30 June 15
Air Quality	0	17	(17)	50
Emergency Management	55	0	55	0
Environmental Incident Resp.	80	131	(51)	393

Flood Protection & Control ¹	452	117	335	351
Governance & Community	2	43	(41)	131
Land ²	439	593	(154)	1,780
Regulatory ³	393	619	(226)	1,857
Transport ⁴	1,803	2,013	(210)	6,264
Water	156	156	0	467
Total	3,380	3,689	(309)	11,293

Note 1 – Flood Protection and Control

The over spend in this activity relates primarily to the Leith Flood Protection Scheme, which is overspent by approximately \$1,868,000. At the end of the last financial year, the St David Street to Union Street stage of works was around 60% complete, although the budget assumed it would be completed in that financial year. The over spend in the current year is in respect of the completion of those works.

The additional revenue for flood protection and control works relates to an amount of \$355,000 which is to be recovered from the Otago University for Leith scheme enhancement works around the University area.

Note 2 - Land

The Land activity is under spent by approximately \$254,000. Regional Services contracting was under spent by approximately \$177,000 and is due to fewer contracts being entered into than was budgeted for. In line with this, the revenue received on contracts is also lower than budget by \$127,000.

Note 3 - Regulatory

The regulatory activity is under spent by approximately \$230,000. Of this, consent processing is under spent by approximately \$94,000, and this is due to fewer consent applications being received than budgeted for. This is also reflected in the revenue received from this activity of \$293,000 which is less than the \$371,000 budgeted for.

Compliance monitoring is under spent by approximately \$71,000, and is due in part to timing issues.

Dam safety is under spent by approximately \$38,000, and is due in part to fewer building applications being received than budgeted for.

Note 4 - Transport

The transport activity is under spent by approximately \$382,000.

Public passenger transport is under spent by approximately \$374,000 due to timing issues. There is a corresponding decrease in the level of grant revenue received.

Within this activity transport planning is has unbudgeted spending of \$59,000. At the request of New Zealand Transport Agency in 2013/14, staff have been working on the development of a regional road safety strategy, however none of this work has been budgeted for.

Note 5 - Water

The water activity is under spent by approximately \$347,000. Included in this activity is the project to implement the provisions of Plan Change 1C, relating to water quantity, and this project is under spent by approximately \$209,000 due to timing differences between the budget and when the work is actually being completed. In this first reporting period, much of the focus has gone into the implementation of Plan Change 6A.

The Regional Plan: Water project is under spent by approximately \$92,000. Work on some of the proposed plan changes in respect of minimum flows and allocation regimes has been deferred, for reasons including the need for more science work on some of the aquifers. Further, work has been deferred in respect of the Manuherikia catchment and aquifers, while the water strategy group for this catchment continues to develop its strategy.

5. Recommendation

1. That this report be received.

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Director Corporate Services



4 Month Review to 31 October 2014

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WATER

What we want to achieve

Water Quality

Level of Service - Maintain or improve water quality			
<p>Measure 1 Water quality limits for surface and groundwater have been set in Schedule 15 of the Regional Plan: Water (Plan Change 6A). Contaminants measured are:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>Rivers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nitrite-nitrate nitrogen • Dissolved reactive phosphorous • Ammoniacal nitrogen • Ecoli • Turbidity </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>Lakes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total nitrogen • Total phosphorous • Ammoniacal nitrogen • Ecoli • Turbidity </td> </tr> </table>		<p>Rivers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nitrite-nitrate nitrogen • Dissolved reactive phosphorous • Ammoniacal nitrogen • Ecoli • Turbidity 	<p>Lakes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total nitrogen • Total phosphorous • Ammoniacal nitrogen • Ecoli • Turbidity
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Target Measures of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014		
All monitoring to be compliant with Schedule 15 of the Regional Plan: Water.	This will be reported on later in the year.		

Activities planned to achieve the level of service for water quality

Activities	Achievement to 31 October 2014
<p>Implementation of Regional Plan: Water – Plan Change 6A Water Quality</p> <p>1. Report on the existing land use and water quality of Otago at a regional scale for future comparison to measure the effectiveness of Plan Change 6A and develop a monitoring programme that will track progress made in implementing the plan change.</p>	<p>No progress to date but will start to develop a monitoring programme in the next reporting period.</p>
<p>2. Undertake region-wide promotion and education about Plan Change 6A to ensure that all landholders, consultants and agricultural industry representatives have a good understanding of the plan change and how to meet it.</p>	<p>Initiatives undertaken to date include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadshows with 1,000 in attendance, workshops, field days and meetings with industry, contractors and real estate agents with the focus being to ensure that everyone knows about 6A. • All landholders identified as not being aware of the plan change will be visited by June 2015. • Four brochures completed with another four due to be completed in the next period.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A waterlines brochure (approx. 10,000) has been distributed to all rural Otago addresses.
<p>3. Undertake focused communication and extension activities in both high risk catchments with poor water quality and those catchments highly vulnerable to degradation of good water quality to poor water quality. Extension activities will focus on ensuring prohibited activities are not undertaken, meeting permitted activity rules, and best practice for improving water quality, on topics including land use activities and management practices, climate, soil types and topography.</p>	<p>Initiatives included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catchments have been identified and a report will follow. A review of current land use practices is still to commence. • Work undertaken in the Pomahaka includes holding field days and providing newsletters. • Attending community meetings and field days in Kakanui. • A field day was held for the Upper Taieri Farming women's group focusing on water quality monitoring.
<p>4. Identify tools and develop techniques to enable landowners to measure water quality.</p>	<p>This is ongoing work which will be developing over the next few months.</p>
<p>5. In co-operation with dairy companies in Otago, visit all farms planning a dairy conversion to assist knowledge of land compliance with the Regional Plan: Water requirements.</p>	<p>Visits were made to six farmers who are proposing to convert to dairy.</p>
<p>6. Liaise with the forestry industry and forestry landowners to identify key water quality issues and identify and encourage implementation of best practice. Liaison will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holding a forestry forum. • Setting up a liaison group. • Attending/holding at least four farm forestry field days. • Visiting all forestry companies in Otago. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A pre forum meeting was held with seven forestry companies attending and a forestry forum will be held in February. • A liaison group has been established • Staff held two farm forestry field days during the period. • Wenita forestry company has been visited.
<p>7. Monitor water quality and stream health changes as a result of forestry harvesting, and report results. Work with the forestry industry to improve mitigation measures to protect water quality.</p>	<p>Turbidity meters have been installed to assess sediment losses from forestry harvesting in the Glendhu forestry block. Ecological surveys of fisheries macroinvertebrates have been undertaken pre-harvest.</p>
<p>8. Investigate the benefits that constructed wetlands may have to improving water quality discharging from open and tile drains.</p>	<p>Three ORC wetlands monitoring sites have been established and two more sites are being constructed by third parties. Draft LTP does not propose to continue with this work.</p>
<p>9. Carry out investigations and report on water quality in the Lindis and Cardrona catchments.</p>	<p>Lindis report is in final draft. Sampling is underway on the Cardrona.</p>
<p>10. Establish monitor farms to measure compliance with Plan Change 6A, identify</p>	<p>Six monitor farms have been established with water quality monitoring being undertaken on</p>

practices that protect and enhance water quality, and share the results with the community.	drains. Six Dairy NZ monitor farms have been established in collaboration with the ORC.
11. Model Kakanui groundwater surface water interaction, including the effects of abstraction on nitrate concentrations in the lower Kakanui. Monitor and report on the health of the Kakanui estuary.	Project is on hold while seeking access approvals to drill bores on a property. The contract has been awarded to NIWA to monitor and report on the state and health of the Kakanui estuary.
12. Carry out an investigation into nitrate loss in the Queenstown Lakes area to validate the Overseer model in high rainfall environments.	Sites have been selected and a drilling company has been contracted to install monitoring bores, rain gauges and monitoring equipment.
13. Undertake audits of Prohibited and Permitted Activities relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial and farm forestry operations. • Mechanical disturbance of waterways by aerial surveillance and follow-up with ground-based inspections. • Land disturbance activities by aerial surveillance and follow-up with ground-based inspections. • Aerial surveillance of any potential stock pugging of waterways in Otago and follow-up with ground-based inspections. 	No auditing has been undertaken to date but regional surveillance has been undertaken for mechanical disturbance of waterways, and land disturbances and winter feed pads with a follow up done on some properties.
<i>Water Quality Monitoring – State of the Environment</i>	
14. Undertake State of the Environment monitoring of surface and groundwater quality, and prepare report cards.	Work is ongoing.
15. Undertake water quality monitoring for marine and freshwater sites, and report for contact recreational purposes.	Contact recreational monitoring will be undertaken over the summer months.

Water Quantity

Level of Service - Ensure water is managed to meet Otago's environmental, social, cultural and economic needs.	
Measure 1 Sustainable environmental flows and allocation limits set on rivers and streams to protect their environmental, economic, social and cultural values.	
Target Measures of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
No violation of minimum flows due to abstraction at any minimum flow site as set out in the Regional Plan: Water.	There has been no violation of minimum flow sites due to abstraction.
No violation of groundwater or lake minimum levels and allocation limits due to abstraction at any minimum level site as set out in the Regional Plan: Water.	There has been no violation of groundwater abstraction levels during the period.
Measure 2 Maximum extraction volumes set on aquifers.	
Target Measures of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
No violation of maximum annual abstraction volume and allocation limits from any aquifer as set out in the Regional Plan: Water.	Not measured – relates to North Otago Volcanic Aquifer – Schedule 4A.

Activities planned to achieve the level of service for water quantity

Activities	Achievement to 31 October 2014
<i>Policy Development – Regional Plan: Water</i>	
1. Complete hearings and release decisions of proposed plan changes on flow/level and allocation regimes for the Waikouaiti River, Waiwera River, Pomahaka River and aquifer, and Bengar Burn and Ettrick aquifers by 30 September 2014.	<p>Waikouaiti River minimum flow deferred as a result of a resource consent appeal. More work is now required for the estuary which is programmed for 2015/16.</p> <p>Waiwera will be notified in Nov 2014. Pomahaka has been notified and a hearing will be held in November 2014.</p> <p>Bengar Burn and Ettrick aquifers have been deferred until 2016/17 as further science work is required on the aquifers.</p>
2. Complete hearings and release decisions of proposed plan changes on flow/level and allocation regimes for the Cardrona River and	The second consultation draft for Lindis will be released in March 2015. Economic analysis work is

<p>aquifers by 31 December 2014, and the Lindis River and aquifers by 31 March 2015.</p>	<p>being contracted. Cardrona has been deferred to 2015/16.</p>
<p>3. Complete hearings and release decisions of proposed plan changes for groundwater management, clarification of supplementary allocation, and the location of use of taken water by 30 September 2014.</p>	<p>A hearing has been completed for groundwater management and the decision is to be released before December 2014. Clarification and location of use are no longer a priority.</p>
<p>4. Release consultation drafts of proposed plan changes for allocation regimes for the Hawea Basin aquifer, Papakaio Aquifer, Cromwell Terrace aquifer, Dunstan Flats aquifer and Earnsclough aquifer by 31 August 2014, notify the proposed plan changes by 30 November 2014, and release decisions by 30 April 2015.</p>	<p>Cromwell Terrace Aquifer - has been notified and a hearing held. Decisions will be released in December 2014. Hawea Basin aquifer - more science is required in order to complete this plan change. Papakaio aquifer - no longer a priority and has been deferred to the draft LTP. Dunstan and Earnsclough aquifers - both have been deferred to 15/16.</p>
<p>5. Release the consultation of a proposed plan change for flow/level and allocation for the Manuherikia catchment and aquifers by 30 June 2015.</p>	<p>No action has been taken while the water strategy group develops its strategy.</p>
<p>Implementation of Regional Plan: Water – Plan Change 1C Water Quantity</p>	
<p>6. Liaise with iwi, communities, irrigator groups, irrigation companies and stakeholders to develop community awareness of water use, and options for group formation.</p>	<p>Work is in progress on identifying possible groups. Liaison has been undertaken with the Kyeburn and Sowburn groups.</p>
<p>7. Explain regulatory requirements around water allocation and aid the development of protocols for effective water utilisation.</p>	<p>Protocols are being developed and background work and information prepared to assist groups and consultants.</p>
<p>8. Actively facilitate options for replacing existing consents and deemed permits (mining privileges) in the following catchments and areas: Arrow, Ettrick, Manuherikia, Upper Taieri, Cardrona/Wanaka Plains, Lowburn/Pisa, Bannockburn and Lindis catchments, Teviot/Roxburgh, Pisa/Queensberry, and Hawea.</p>	<p>Draft plan has been developed for implementing Plan Change 1C.</p>
<p>9. Undertake monitoring programmes for setting residual flows and catchment water management as required in the Pig Burn, Gimmer Burn, and the Pisa Queensberry area.</p>	<p>Installed monitoring equipment in the Pig Burn and some of the streams in the Pisa Queensberry area, not yet installed in the Gimmer Burn but planned for December 2014.</p>

10. Carry out investigations and report on groundwater resource management for the Maniototo and Roxburgh aquifers.	Meetings have been held seeking access to undertake investigations.
11. Undertake and report on catchment studies for minimum flow and allocation limits in the Alpha Burn, 12 Mile Creek, Kaihikiu Stream, Old Man and Obelisk Range.	Alpha Burn access is currently unavailable, 12 Mile Creek monitoring is complete and a report is in final draft. Kaihiku monitoring will carry on until March 2015 and monitoring sites are in place for Old Man and Obelisk range.
12. Ensure compliance with water measuring regulations and consents and report on outcomes.	Work is ongoing.
13. Provide support to existing water user groups and advice to water users outside the mining privilege catchments on Plan Change 1C provisions.	The existing groups are at a point where consultants are assisting with the process and ORC involvement is no longer required.
14. Provide technical and funding support for community led investigations of infrastructure requirements for bulk rural water.	Funding support continues to be provided to the Manuherikia group for continued feasibility studies.
<p><i>Water Quantity Monitoring – State of the Environment</i></p> <p>15. Undertake surface water quantity and groundwater quantity State of the Environment monitoring, at selected sites, and prepare report cards.</p>	Ongoing and meeting target.

Estimated and Actual Costs

Project	Actual to 31 October \$000s	Estimated to 31 October \$000s	Variance () = Unfavourable	Estimated to 30 June 2015 \$000s
Regional Plan Water	215	307	92	863
Water Quality & Quantity SOE	536	614	78	1,750
Implementation of RP:6A	527	495	(32)	1,394
Implementation of RP:1C	204	413	209	1,180
Total	1,482	1,829	347	5,187

Estimated and Actual Revenue

Project	Actual to 31 October \$000s	Estimated to 31 October \$000s	Variance () = Unfavourable	Estimated to 30 June 2015 \$000s
Water Quality & Quantity SOE	156	156	0	467
Total	156	156	0	467

AIR QUALITY

What we want to achieve

Level of Service – Improve air quality.		
Measure 1 PM ₁₀ micrograms per cubic metre in a 24 hour period.		
Target Measure of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014	
No more than one reading of PM ₁₀ per annum (winter months) in all Air Zones in Otago, to be higher than 50 micrograms per cubic metre.	The number of days over 50 micrograms per cubic meter during the 2014 winter months were as follows:	
	No. days over target	Highest Reading
	Alexandra	51
	Arrowtown	48
	Balclutha	4
	Clyde	20
	Cromwell	47
	Dunedin	0
	Milton	14
	Mosgiel	7
	Palmerston	0
		49

Activities planned to achieve the level of service for air quality

Activities	Achievement to 31 October 2014
<p><i>Policy Development – Regional Plan: Air</i></p> <p>1. Notify a plan change which updates the National Environmental Standard for Air Quality requirements relating to airshed compliance, reclassifies Milton and Lawrence, and addresses additional sources impacting urban air quality by 30 September 2014. Release the decision by 31 March 2015.</p>	Plan change work on Lawrence is being deferred to the first year of draft LTP. Milton plan change will follow.
<p><i>Implementation</i></p> <p>2. Review and update the Air Strategy, taking account of air quality monitoring results from the winter of 2014, by November 2014.</p>	Air strategy has been drafted.

3. Produce at least two fact sheets on Regional Plan: Air requirements, for example, good practice when using wood as a heating product, compliant burners etc.	Two fact sheets have been produced - one for Outdoor Burning and one for Using Your Woodburner.
4. Work with community groups in Alexandra, Cromwell and Milton, to encourage community responsibility for finding solutions to local air quality issues.	Work on hold until Air Strategy adopted.
5. Coordinate the replacement of approved clean heating appliances in 160 homes in Airzone 1 and Milton.	Approximately 28 insulations have been undertaken to date.
6. Run up to three expos on clean heating appliances in Airzone 1 and Milton.	No expos were held during the period.
7. Undertake enforcement action in line with the provisions of the air strategy.	No strategy to date but are responding to all complaints as received.
Monitoring	
8. Continuously measure PM ₁₀ at sites in Dunedin, Mosgiel and Alexandra.	Ongoing measuring with all sites operational.
9. During the winter months, continuously measure PM ₁₀ at sites in Arrowtown, Palmerston, Clyde, Cromwell, Milton and Balclutha. If necessary, amend the monitoring programme as a result of studies undertaken in 2013/14.	Monitoring took place during the winter months.
Reporting	
10. Report on winter results of air quality and progress made towards meeting the NES for air quality by 30 November 2014.	Reported to October meeting of Technical Committee.
11. Report air quality measurements: a) As collected on Council's website; b) In weekly summary reports; c) By weekly public notices of breaches of the AQNES; and d) Publishing an annual report card on the state and trends in air quality at the measurement sites by 1 December.	Reporting undertaken as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All data was reported on the Council's website.• Weekly reports were produced and distributed.• Monthly public notices of all breaches were published.• Publishing of annual report card is in progress.
12. Undertake and report studies that define the winter spatial distribution of particulate air quality in Cromwell and Alexandra, by 30 April 2015.	Data has been collected and a report is to come.

13. Produce a State of the Environment air quality report tracking changes and trend over the last five years, by May 2015.	Planning is underway.
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Estimated and Actual Costs

Project	Actual to 31 October \$000s	Estimated to 31 October \$000s	Variance () = Unfavourable	Estimated to 30 June 2015 \$000s
Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Reporting	91	107	16	308
Clean Air Initiative	75	111	36	327
Regional Plan: Air	3	17	14	49
Air Strategy Implementation	21	24	3	69
Total	190	259	69	753

Estimated and Actual Revenue

Project	Actual to 31 October \$000s	Estimated to 31 October \$000s	Variance () = Unfavourable	Estimated to 30 June 2015 \$000s
Clean Air Initiative	0	17	17	50
Total	0	17	17	50

LAND

*What we want to achieve***Pest Animals and Plants**

Level of Service – Require control of pest animals and pest plants	
Measure 1 Level of rabbit populations in rabbit prone areas.	
Target Measure of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2013
All properties inspected have either rabbit numbers under MAL3 or have property management plans in place to achieve MAL3.	All properties that have current property plans in place are being inspected - approx. 180 of properties have plans.
Measure 2 Levels of pest plants found at known sites throughout Otago.	
Target Measure of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2013
80% of properties inspected have eradicated and/or controlled the pest plant infestations through control works undertaken by the land occupier.	Inspections will begin early December 2014.

Activities planned to achieve the level of service for pest animals and plants

Activities	Achievement to 31 October 2014
<i>Policy Development – Pest Management Plan</i> 1. Prepare a South Island Pest Management Plan in conjunction with other councils in the South Island.	Templates have been developed and currently at the stage of identifying pests that impact across regional boundaries.
<i>Implementation</i> 2. Respond to complaints about boundary control of pest animals and total control pest plants within 10 working days. Where necessary, require control plans for pest animals to be developed within 30 working days of response, or as defined by Council policies, and for pest plants, require control works to be undertaken by the land occupier.	Ongoing work. Only one complaint received for pest plants in the reporting period.

<p>3. Promote public awareness through field days, in conjunction with other activities, and publications, encouraging landholders/-community groups to identify the presence of pest plants, to advocate fresh water pest control, and to identify the presence of pest animals.</p>	<p>Planning is underway on a work programme.</p>
<p>4. Monitor, collect, redistribute and report on the establishment, spread and persistence of biological plant control agents in Otago.</p>	<p>Plant work has not been undertaken.</p>
<p>5. Undertake enforcement action where there is failure by land occupiers to meet their obligations under the Regional Pest Management Plan.</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>
<p>Monitoring</p>	
<p>6. Inspect all known nurseries for any potential sale of plants identified in the national pest plant accord list of banned plant species.</p>	<p>Target needs to be reviewed.</p>
<p>7. Undertake inspection works as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All known properties that have, and have previously had, infestation of plants that are identified for eradication in the Regional Pest Management Plan. • All known properties where low incident plants have been identified in the Regional Pest Management Plan. • Plants which may present a high risk of unwanted spread throughout Otago. • Rabbit and rook populations in Otago. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspection work is scheduled for the summer months. • Boneseed inspections completed with Bomarea inspections due to commence at beginning of Dec 2014. • Three plants have been identified - Banana Passionfruit, Darwins Barbury and Chilean Flame Creeper – and are under surveillance to establish the extent of spread and whether they need to be considered for the next RPMP. Inspections will be done over the summer months. • Rook inspections have been undertaken in lieu of eradication and surveillance is underway. There are approx. 60 rooks left.
<p>8. Undertake RHD biannual sampling to determine the effectiveness of RHD as a biocontrol tool on rabbits.</p>	<p>RHD testing will be done in February 2015.</p>
<p>Reporting</p>	
<p>9. Report on rabbit and rook populations in Otago, and report on areas of risk including MAL being exceeded.</p>	<p>Rabbit inspections are underway with the focus on properties that currently have plans in place.</p>

10. Provide to Council an annual compliance report for the previous year by 31 October on the effectiveness of implementing the Regional Pest Management Plan.	Report not prepared.
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Biodiversity

Activities planned to achieve the level of service for biodiversity

Activities	Achievement to 31 October 2014
1. Undertake a review of the biodiversity activities undertaken by Council.	Work not yet commenced but will be completed by end of financial year.
2. Undertake monitoring and report on the state of Otago's regionally significant wetlands.	<p>All Regionally Significant Wetlands have been mapped based on 2006 aerial photography.</p> <p>Staff are now comparing the maps with March 2014 satellite imagery and are developing a GIS resource for future assessment of change.</p> <p>Any risks are to be categorised and some will need field visits.</p>
3. Administer the Honda Tree Fund for Otago.	Two applications were approved during the period.
4. Prepare a wilding tree discussion paper for Council.	Discussion paper has been completed.
5. Assist community groups where appropriate with information and field day support on biodiversity topics.	Assisted an East Otago biodiversity group meeting during the review period.

Estimated and Actual Costs

Project	Actual to 31 October \$000s	Estimated to 31 October \$000s	Variance () = Unfavourable	Estimated to 30 June 2015 \$000s
Biodiversity	11	47	36	138
Pest Mgt Strategy Implementation	251	258	7	732
Biological Control of Pests	3	27	24	77
Regional Services Contracts	425	602	177	1,536
South Island PMS	0	10	10	31
Total	690	944	254	2,514

Estimated and Actual Revenue

Project	Actual to 31 October \$000s	Estimated to 31 October \$000s	Variance () = Unfavourable	Estimated to 30 June 2015 \$000s
Pest Mgt Strategy Implementation	0	27	27	80
Regional Services Contracts	439	566	127	1,700
Total	439	593	154	1,780

REGULATORY

What we achieved to 31 October 2013

Resource Consents

Level of Service – Process resource consent applications and Certificates of Compliance for discharges to air, land and water; for the use of water, disturbance of land, lake or riverbeds and for coastal activities, in a timely manner.	
Measure 1 Process applications in compliance with statutory procedures and timeframes set out in the Resource Management Act.	
Target Measure of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
Process 100% of consent applications within the statutory timeframes.	Council received the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 133 consent applications, • 20 variations • 13 water reporting variations, of which four were rejected. • 64 transfers • 38 WEX's, and • 1 s417 application. Consent decisions were given on 143 consent applications, 12 variations and 17 water reporting variations. 73 transfers were completed, 31 WEX's granted and nine S417 certificates issued. All were processed within the statutory time frames.
Meet and maintain audit requirements of Verification New Zealand (ISO accreditation).	An ISO audit is expected to take place in December 2014.
Measure 2 Annual customer satisfaction survey.	
Target Measure of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
Achieve at least 80% satisfaction over areas controlled by Consents.	Satisfaction survey will not be undertaken this year, but will be done on a biannual basis in accordance with the ISO 4000 requirements. The next survey is due 2015/16.

Activities planned to achieve the level of service for resource consents

Activities	Achievement to 31 October 2014
<p><i>Resource consent processing</i></p> <p>1. Process 100% of consent applications, surrenders, transfers, lapsing, cancellations, S417 certificates and expiries in accordance with the Council's Consents Procedure Manual and the Resource Management Act 1991.</p>	All applications were processed in accordance with the council's consents procedure manual and the RMA.
<p><i>Reviews of consents</i></p> <p>2. Where necessary, review consents within two months of an air quality standard being set.</p>	No work required as no new plan changes have been made setting new air quality standards.
<p>3. Where necessary, review consents for a catchment, subcatchment or an aquifer within two months of a minimum flow or water quality standard being operational.</p>	Planning underway to review consents for the Waianakarua and Waitahuna catchments.
<p>4. Analyse compliance reports for water takes in over-allocated catchments. Begin a review of consents where water used is less than the amount consented.</p>	Work has commenced on the Ettrick and Hawea catchments, no consents have been called in yet as further data is required.

Compliance Monitoring

Level of Service – Ensure consent conditions for the use of Otago's air, water and coastal resources are complied with.	
<p>Measure 1 Performance monitoring (self-monitoring) returns on consents requiring self-monitoring to show compliance with consent conditions.</p>	
Target Measure of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
100% of performance monitoring returns to show compliance with consent conditions (non-compliance measure is in respect of grade 4 and 5 non-compliance only).	1,481 performance monitoring data were processed during the period. 1,426 (96%) were compliant, and 55 (4%) were found to be non-compliant.

Measure 2 Audits of consents of all high risk sites to show compliance with consent conditions.	
Target Measure of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
90% or more of audits of consent conditions show compliance with consent conditions (non-compliance measure is in respect of grade 4 and 5 non-compliance only).	164 audits were undertaken during the period. 113 (69%) were found to be compliant, and 51 (31%) were found to be non-compliant.

Activities planned to achieve the level of service for compliance monitoring

Activities	Achievement to 31 October 2014
<i>Monitoring compliance with resource consent conditions</i>	
1. Uphold compliance of resource consents and rules by processing all performance monitoring returns, 90% of which will be processed, including auditing of data quality, within one month of receipt.	1,481 returns (100%) were processed within one month of receipt.
2. Follow-up on the non-return of performance monitoring information and/or with poor data quality with the consent holder within two months of the due date.	1,457 consents with 3,461 performance monitoring conditions remain overdue. An extra resource has been approved by the EMT for this financial year to follow up/rationalise this overdue work.
3. Using a risk based approach, undertake audits of minor consented activities relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 30% of minor discharge to land and water consents. b) 30% of minor air discharge consents (that have no other consented activity); c) 100% of newly installed water metering installations (consented and water meter regulation requirements); d) 20% of all surface water consented takes; e) 50% of groundwater takes of greater than 10 litres per second; f) Monitor residual flow conditions on surface water takes in critical over-allocated catchments in Otago; g) 100% of operational gravel extractions; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 40 out of a total of 824 have been audited - need to audit 250 to achieve target. b) 14 out of a total of 149 have been audited - need to audit 45 to achieve target. c) 2 audited – to date. d) 75 out of a total of 1312 have been audited - need to audit 400 to achieve target. e) 27 out of total of 247 have been audited - need to audit 124 to achieve target. f) Desktop exercises underway to establish a monitoring programme. g) 0 Audited of total 50.

h) 30% of all closed landfills in the region.	h) 0 Audited of total 55 - need to audit 17 to achieve target and monitoring has commenced.
<p>4. Undertake audits of the following significant consented activities:</p> <p>a) Oceana Gold-Macraes Mine;</p> <p>b) Alliance Pukeuri;</p> <p>c) Ravensdown;</p> <p>d) PPCS Finegand;</p> <p>e) Fonterra Stirling;</p> <p>f) All active landfills;</p> <p>g) All local authority wastewater treatment facilities;</p> <p>h) 20% of all irrigation companies;</p> <p>i) 30% of all electricity generation companies.</p>	<p>a) Completed.</p> <p>b) Programmed for next reporting period.</p> <p>c) Completed.</p> <p>d) No progress to date.</p> <p>e) No progress to date.</p> <p>f) 3 out of 14 - need to audit all to achieve target.</p> <p>g) 8 out of 26 have been audited.</p> <p>h) Only MIC to date out of a total of 15 irrigation companies. Need to audit 5 to achieve target.</p> <p>i) Pioneer Generation is about to be audited, 1 out of 4 in total.</p>
<p>Monitoring compliance with permitted activity rules</p> <p>5. Undertake audits of 100% of animal waste collection systems.</p>	<p>40 inspections have been undertaken out of a total of 451 dairy properties.</p>
<p>6. Undertake and investigate compliance with permitted activity rules for urban stormwater discharges into Lake Dunstan (Cromwell) and the Clutha River/Mata-Au (Alexandra/Clyde).</p>	<p>The first round of dry weather monitoring for Alexandra and Cromwell completed. Clyde is not being reviewed as its stormwater goes to ground. On track to complete the target this year.</p>
<p>7. Complete investigation of compliance with permitted activity rules for urban stormwater discharges into the Silverstream.</p>	<p>Silverstream investigation is in progress and on target and on track to be completed this year.</p>
<p>Enforcement</p> <p>8. Investigate and undertake enforcement action on breaches of resource consent conditions and Regional Plan rules.</p>	<p>There have been no breaches in this reporting period.</p>

Dam Safety

Level of Service – Manage the risks to people, property and the environment associated with dams.	
Measure	
The number of known dams complying with the registration, classification and certification requirements of the Building Act 2004 and regulations.	
Target Measure of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
All classifiable and referable dams in Otago, Southland and West Coast are managed by their owners in accordance with the dam safety scheme set out in the Building Act 2004 and the Building (Dam Safety) Regulations 2008.	The scheme was expected to become operative on 1 July 2014. In June 2014, the government advised that the scheme has been delayed until 1 July 2015.
All dams constructed in Otago after 1 July 1992 comply with the building code (Building Regulations 1992).	Refer to targets 2 and 3 below.
All large dams constructed in Southland and West Coast after 1 July 2008 comply with the building code (Building Regulations 1992).	Refer to targets 2 and 3 below.

Activities planned to achieve the level of service for dam safety

Activities	Achievement to 31 October 2014
1. Undertake Building Act functions for dams in Otago, Southland and West Coast in accordance with the quality standards and timeframes prescribed in the Act.	One dam application and one Code Compliance Certificate were received. Decisions were made on one dam application and one Certificate of Acceptance was granted this reporting period.
2. Investigate dams in Otago likely to be non-compliant with the building code and undertake enforcement action where necessary.	One notice to fix for dam owner to undertake remedial work has been issued.
3. Receive Potential Impact Classifications (PICs) for Classifiable Dams, and request and receive PICs for Referable Dams in Otago, Southland and West Coast.	Not Applicable – Regulations are not yet promulgated.
4. Work with owners of dams in Otago to implement Council's policy on Dangerous Dams.	Work not undertaken yet - Regulations are not yet promulgated.

Harbour Safety

Level of Service – Safe recreational use and navigation for all users of Otago’s harbours.	
Measure Number of harbour incidents.	
Target Measure of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
No major harbour incidents.	There have been no major harbour incidents in this reporting period.

Activities planned to achieve the level of service for harbour safety

Activities	Achievement to 31 October 2014
1. Complete the Port Harbour Safety Code.	Work in progress.
2. Review and update of the Otago Harbour bylaws.	No progress to date.

Estimated and Actual Costs

Project	Actual to 31 October \$000s	Estimated to 31 October \$000s	Variance () = Unfavourable	Estimated to 30 June 2015 \$000s
Consent Application Processing, reviews & Appeals	395	490	95	1,362
Consent & Regional Plan Compliance Monitoring	374	445	71	1,253
Dam Safety	66	104	38	306
Harbour Management	39	65	26	194
Total	874	1,104	230	3,115

Estimated and Actual Revenue

Project	Actual to 31 October \$000s	Estimated to 31 October \$000s	Variance () = Unfavourable	Estimated to 30 June 2015 \$000s
Consent Application Processing, reviews & Appeals	294	371	(77)	1,112
Consent & Regional Plan Compliance Monitoring	90	171	(81)	513
Dam Safety	9	77	(68)	232
Total	393	619	(226)	1,857

REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT

What we want to achieve

Policy Development

Level of Service – Develop policy that will achieve effective management of the natural and physical resources of the Otago region.	
Target Measure of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
Measure of success will be assessed within each of the other activities in the Annual Plan.	

Activities planned to achieve the level of service for policy development

Activities	Achievement to 31 October 2014
1. Release the consultation draft of the Regional Policy Statement review by 15 August 2014.	Consultation draft now scheduled for late November.
2. Notify the proposed review of the Regional Policy Statement by 15 December 2014.	Notification now planned for March 2015.
3. Release Council's decision on the Regional Policy Statement by 30 June 2015.	Decisions now planned to be released in September 2015.

Estimated and Actual Costs

Project	Actual to 31 October \$000s	Estimated to 31 October \$000s	Variance () = Unfavourable	Estimated to 30 June 2015 \$000s
Regional Policy Statement	315	297	(18)	837
Strategic Initiatives	33	21	(12)	62
Total	348	318	(30)	899

GOVERNANCE & COMMUNITY

What we want to achieve

Public Awareness

Level of Service – Effective, open and transparent democratic Council processes.	
Measure 1 Completion of statutory public accountability processes.	
Target Measure of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
Completion of statutory planning and reporting documents, (LTP and Annual Report) within statutory requirements. (2012/13 – all statutory requirements met).	Target met. Annual report was completed during the period.
Measure 2 All Council meetings conducted in compliance with statutory requirements.	
Target Measure of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
Public notices to be given for all meetings of Council and Committees, and agendas for all Council and Committee meetings to be made available on the Council's website prior to the meeting. (2012/13 – public notices were given for all meetings, and all agendas were on the website prior to the meeting).	Public notice was given for all meetings of Council and Committees, and agendas made available on the Council's website prior to the meetings.

Activities planned to achieve the level of service for public awareness

Activities	Achievement to 31 October 2014
1. Provide regular information to the media about the activities of Council.	Information release as required, 15 media releases, 51 facebook releases and 78 tweets.
2. Make available to the public, environmental and resource management information and Council performance through the production of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletters, pamphlets and info sheets; • Media releases; • Science reports; • Presentations to interest groups; • Web-based information. Information provided to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance with consents and permitted 	Brochures and reports produced in this period include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5 SOE report cards, ▪ 2 flood hazard fact sheets, ▪ Rates brochures, ▪ Bus timetables, ▪ Factsheets on Water Quality, ▪ And reprints of the Water Plan and Map books, outdoor burning brochure and

<p>activity rules;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pollution problems; • Policy and plan information; • Resource consent processes. 	compliance fees and charges.
3. Respond to requests for field days, talks, presentations etc. on Council's activities, plans and policies, for example, school visits, university presentations.	No activity this reporting period.
4. Review and update the <i>Environmental Considerations</i> booklets.	The booklet has been reviewed and the decision was made that no updates were required.
5. Hold at least two meetings each year with iwi representatives, and attend all Te Rōpū Taiao meetings.	Two meetings with Iwi representatives and one meeting with Te Ropu Taiao was held during the period.
6. Provide funding assistance for projects undertaken by external parties, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Otago Rescue Helicopter; • Animal Health Board; • Ballance Environment Awards. 	A contribution of \$233,000 was made during the period to the Otago Rescue Helicopter.
7. Sponsor the completion of the graduate research project on Landscape Management.	Postgraduate project is in progress.
8. Submit on the following, where they affect Council's responsibilities and functions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National policies and significant legislation; • Regional and district plans and policies, plan changes and consent applications; • Conservation plans and strategies; • Codes of practice, standards and guidelines. 	Feedback was given on a National Monitoring System re Priority Information, the National Policy Direction on Pest Management Plans and the National Statement of Science Investment.

Estimated and Actual Costs

Project	Actual to 31 October \$000s	Estimated to 31 October \$000s	Variance () = Unfavourable	Estimated to 30 June 2015 \$000s
Public Information Project	354	441	87	1,255
Iwi Relationships	38	34	(4)	101
Financial Contributions	258	244	(14)	731
Responses to Issues	70	69	(1)	194
Councils & Committees	446	450	4	1,337
Total	1,166	1,238	72	3,619

Estimated and Actual Revenue

Project	Actual to 31 October \$000s	Estimated to 31 October \$000s	Variance () = Unfavourable	Estimated to 30 June 2015 \$000s
Public Information Project	0	5	5	15
Financial Contributions	0	38	38	115
Responses to Issues	1	0	(1)	0
Councils & Committees	1	0	(1)	0
Total	2	43	41	130

FLOOD PROTECTION & CONTROL WORKS

What we want to achieve

Flood and Drainage Schemes

Level of Service – Reduce the flood risk to people and property by maintaining flood protection works to agreed standards.	
Measure 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New flood mitigation works are designed and built to agreed performance standards. • Existing flood mitigation works perform to agreed standards. • Existing flood mitigation works are monitored and maintained to agreed standards. 	
Target Measures of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
Alexandra Flood Protection Scheme	
Convey all floods with no failure of any scheme floodbank.	No failure of the Alexandra floodbank network occurred during the period.
Contain all floods up to 142.75m (above mean sea level) at Alexandra Bridge with 0.5m freeboard, corresponding with a flood flow of approximately 4,350 cubic metres per second and being equivalent to the greatest recorded flood (in 1878) but with the Lake Hawea control gates closed.	The highest level reached was 134.13m above mean sea level, recorded on the 03 August 2014.
Target Measures of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
Leith Flood Protection Scheme	
By 2018/19, increase capacity to 171 cubic metres per second (measured at St David Street footbridge). Represents 1 in 100 year flood with freeboard (through to 2018/19). Currently standard of protection varies through the scheme area, but minimum standard at various locations is 1 in 20 year flood.	Work has continued on progressing the construction of the Leith Flood Protection Scheme. Provision has been made for scheme completion in the Draft 2015/25 LTP
Target Measures of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
Lower Taieri Flood Protection Scheme	
Convey all floods with no failure of any scheme floodbank.	No failure of the Alexandra floodbank network occurred during the period.
No flooding of the East Taieri upper ponding area from Taieri River flows up to 800 cubic metres per second or Silver Stream flows up to 160 cubic metres per second.	No flooding occurred in the Upper Ponding area. Peak flows at Outram reached 74m ³ /s on 16 August 2014 and the Silverstream reached 6.5m ³ /s on 17 September 2014.

No flooding of West Taieri from Taieri River flows up to 2,500 cubic metres per second. No flooding of Mosgiel from Silver Stream flows up to 260 cubic metres per second (Taieri River flows measured at Outram, Silver Stream flows measured at Gordon Road), being equivalent to the 1980 flood, nominally a 100 year event.	No flooding occurred in the period.
Target Measures of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
<i>Shotover River Delta</i> Surface of Shotover River delta is consistent with target profile.	Working with extractors is underway to ensure surface is consistent with the target profile.
Target Measures of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
<i>Lower Clutha Flood & Drainage Scheme</i> Convey all floods with no failure of any scheme floodbank.	No breaches in period. Peak flows for Balclutha reached 1120m ³ /s on 03 August 2014 and 330m ³ /s on 08 September 2014.
No flooding of Barnego in all flows up to 2,850 cubic metres per second, Kaitangata, Inch Clutha and Paretai up to 4,000 cubic metres per second and Balclutha up to 5,400 cubic metres per second (all flows measured at Balclutha) based on past observed floods.	No breaches in period. Highest level reached was 1,120m ³ /s on 3 August 2014.
Provide drainage modulus of 7.5mm per day pumped drainage capacity for Matau District, 9mm per day for Inch Clutha and 10mm per day for Paretai District.	Daily rainfall exceeded 7.5mm 6 times, 9mm 4 times and 10mm 2 times - all measured at Balclutha.
Target Measures of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
<i>East Taieri Drainage Scheme</i> Provide drainage modulus of 8mm per day pumped drainage capacity for East Taieri upper ponding area and 18mm per day for East Taieri lower ponding area.	Daily rainfall at Riccarton Road exceeded 10mm on 1 occasion, being 17 September 2014.
Target Measures of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
<i>West Taieri Drainage Scheme</i> Provide drainage modulus of 10mm per day pumped drainage capacity.	Daily rainfall (as measured at Riccarton Road) exceeded 10mm per day on one occasion, on 17 September 2014.

Target Measures of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
<p>Tokomairiro Drainage Scheme</p> <p>The drains and channel flow paths within the scheme are maintained to ensure hydraulic capacity.</p>	Drains are being maintained.

Activities planned to achieve the levels of service for flood and drainage schemes

Activities	Achievement to 31 October 2014
<p>Alexandra Flood Protection Scheme</p> <p>1. Inspect, operate and maintain scheme assets in accordance with scheme Asset Management Plan and Operations and Maintenance Manual.</p>	All scheduled work has been undertaken.
<p>2. Make decisions on applications for approvals under the Otago Flood Protection Management Bylaw within 15 working days of receiving the application.</p>	One application received for the Alexandra Rotary Cycle Park was processed within 3 days.
<p>Leith Flood Protection Scheme</p> <p>3. Undertake flood hazard mitigation work for the Water of Leith between Dundas Street and St David Street by 30 June 2015.</p>	Tenders for enabling underground services relocation works were invited and are currently being evaluated. This work will be completed by June 2015. Value engineering was undertaken and as a consequence the civil works in this reach will be completed in 2015/16.
<p>4. Commence investigation and design of the flood hazard mitigation work for the Water of Leith between the Union Street and Leith Street bridges.</p>	Work is yet to commence but is programmed for completion this year.
<p>5. Inspect and clear debris from boulder traps within two weeks following a flood event.</p>	No flood events to date during reporting period.
<p>6. Make decisions on applications for approvals under the Otago Flood Protection Management Bylaw within 15 working days of receiving the application.</p>	One application was received for Leith Street Footbridge – this is in progress.
<p>Lower Taieri Flood Protection Scheme</p> <p>7. Form a weighting blanket beside the Taieri River right flood bank at Otokia so as to reduce the likelihood of foundation piping and flood bank failure at that location.</p>	No progress to date.

8. Investigate seismic damage potential to the Waipori River flood bank between the Waipori pump station and the Taieri River confluence and identify potential mitigation measures.	Investigations are underway and on track to complete this financial year.
9. Conduct an information meeting for landholders within the scheme area to explain scheme performance, activities and planned work programmes.	Will be held in February 2015.
10. Inspect, operate and maintain flood and drainage scheme assets in accordance with the scheme Asset Management Plan and Operations Manual.	All scheduled work has been undertaken.
11. Make decisions on applications for approvals under the Otago Flood Protection Management Bylaw within 15 working days of receiving the application.	No applications received in this reporting period.
<p>Lower Clutha Flood and Drainage Scheme</p> 12. Construct a new outfall for the Paretai drainage network to the Koau branch of the Clutha River/Mata-Au River so as to improve drainage within the Paretai area.	Preliminary design work in progress, consenting and other approvals will be needed before construction can commence. Construction programme being revised and planned for 2015-25 LTP.
13. Refurbish the Smith Road pump station by 30 June 2015 so as to improve the reliability of the station.	This work is in progress and on target to be completed this financial year.
14. Replace Council owned culvert crossings on an as required basis, based on inspection and condition assessment information.	<p>Three additional culvert crossings have been installed in Scheduled Drain #206 to increase the level of service.</p> <p>Four new crossings have been purchased and waiting to be installed – two each in Scheduled Drain #s 201 and 204a.</p>
15. Conduct an information meeting for landholders within the scheme area to explain scheme performance, activities and planned work programmes.	Will be held in February 2015.
16. Inspect, operate and maintain flood and drainage scheme assets in accordance with the scheme Asset Management Plan and Operations Manual.	All scheduled work has been undertaken.
17. Make decisions on applications for approvals under the Otago Flood Protection	No applications received in this reporting period.

Management Bylaw within 15 working days of receiving the application.	
<i>East Taieri Drainage Scheme</i>	
18. Conduct an information meeting for landholders within the scheme area to explain scheme performance, activities and planned work programmes.	Will be held in February 2015.
19. Inspect, operate and maintain drainage scheme assets in accordance with the scheme Asset Management Plan and Operations Manual.	All scheduled work has been undertaken.
20. Make decisions on applications for approvals under the Otago Flood Protection Management Bylaw within 15 working days of receiving the application.	3 applications were received, 2 in September on the 16 th and 26 th and 1 on the 9 th October, all are being assessed.
<i>West Taieri Drainage Scheme</i>	
21. Upgrade contour channel bridge number 12 to a 0.85 HN (lightly trafficked rural bridge) traffic standard.	Contour bridge number 11 has been upgraded to 0.85HN. No progress on bridge number 12.
22. Conduct an information meeting for landholders within the scheme area to explain scheme performance, activities and planned work programmes.	Will be held in February 2015.
23. Inspect, operate and maintain drainage scheme assets in accordance with the scheme Asset Management Plan and Operations Manual.	All scheduled work has been undertaken.
24. Make decisions on applications for approvals under the Otago Flood Protection Management Bylaw within 15 working days of receiving the application.	One bylaw application received, being assessed.
<i>Tokomairiro</i>	
25. Conduct an information meeting for landholders within the scheme area to explain scheme performance, activities and planned work programmes, and to agree levels of service.	Will be held in February 2015.
26. Inspect, operate and maintain the Tokomairiro land drainage works in accordance with the scheme Operations and Maintenance Manual.	All scheduled work has been undertaken.

27. Make decisions on applications for approvals under the Otago Flood Protection Management Bylaw within 15 working days of receiving the application.	No applications were received in this period.
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Estimated and Actual Costs

Project	Actual to 31 October \$000s	Estimated to 31 October \$000s	Variance () = Unfavourable	Estimated to 30 June 2015 \$000s
Alexandra SRD	45	31	(14)	93
Leith Flood Protection	2,324	456	(1,868)	4,969
Lwr Clutha Flood SRD	391	422	31	1,431
Lower TaieriSRD	101	155	54	549
West Taieri Drainage	145	127	(18)	472
East Taieri Drainage	88	105	17	313
Toko Drainage	6	26	20	79
Shotover Delta Flood Protection	8	26	18	77
Total	3,108	1,348	1,760	7,983

Estimated and Actual Revenue

Project	Actual to 31 October \$000s	Estimated to 31 October \$000s	Variance () = Unfavourable	Estimated to 30 June 2015 \$000s
Alexandra SRD	30	31	(1)	91
Leith Flood Protection	388	25	363	75
Lwr Clutha Flood SRD	50	41	9	124
Lower TaieriSRD	0	0	0	1
West Taieri Drainage	(17)	19	(36)	56
East Taieri Drainage	1	1	0	4
Total	452	117	335	351

RIVERS & WATERWAY MANAGEMENT

What we want to achieve

River Management

Level of Service – Ensure waters can flow without undue obstruction.	
Measure Time taken to investigate reported blockages	
Target Measure of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
Investigate all reported blockages obstructing scheduled rivers within 10 working days and action appropriately.	Work had been completed as required for the period.

Activities planned to achieve the level of service for river management

Activities	Achievement to 31 October 2014
1. Complete annual inspections on all rivers specified in Table 1, and undertake maintenance work on those rivers as necessary.	Programme of annual inspections in progress.
2. Undertake inspections and maintenance work on the rivers specified in Table 2 as necessary, following a flood event or on receipt of a complaint.	No flood events to date for this period.
3. Actively facilitate the implementation of the Kakanui/Kauru River Morphology and Riparian Management Plan.	A meeting was held with the Kakanui Ratepayers Association. A staff plan has been developed for the river, and an engineering assessment of the river form and function has been contracted.
4. Work with Environment Canterbury, landholders and other stakeholders to implement the Lower Waitaki River Riparian Management Plan.	Options have been identified and are being refined before undertaking further consultation with the liaison group.
5. Publish reports describing changes in the channel morphology of the Shag and Waianakarua Rivers in November 2014. Explain the findings of these reports, and their implications for river management and natural hazards to the Waitaki District Council and the local community in early 2015.	Reports have been published.

6. Provide an update on recent changes in the channel morphology of the Kakanui and Kauru Rivers, based on repeat cross-section survey data collected in 2013/14, to the local community and the Waitaki District Council.	A report has been prepared describing changes in the channel morphology of the Kakanui and Kauru rivers.
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TABLE 1 – RIVERS INSPECTED ANNUALLY	
Dunedin SRD	
Taieri River	Daisybank – Hyde Ngapuna – Sutton Outram – Waipori River confluence
Waipori River	Lake Waipori – Taieri River confluence
Silverstream	Three Mile Hill Road – Taieri River confluence
Waitati River	SH No. 1 Bridge – Blueskin Bay
Waikouaiti River	Orbells Crossing – Karitane
Water of Leith	Rockside Road – Otago Harbour
Lindsay Creek	Bethunes Gully – Water of Leith confluence
Kaikorai Stream	Brockville Road intersection – Green Island – Waldronville Road Bridge
Wanaka SRD	
Stoney Creek/Waterfall Creek	Headwaters to lake
Clutha SRD	
Clutha River/Mata-Au	Barnego – Clydevale
Pomahaka River	Kelso – Dusky
Heriot Burn River	At Heriot township
Tuapeka River	From confluence with the Clutha River/Mata-Au upstream for 4 km
Waitahuna River	From confluence with the Clutha River/Mata-Au upstream for 4 km
Tokomairiro North	Upstream of Milton for 5 km
Tokomairiro East	Upstream of Milton for 5 km
Queenstown SRD	
Kawarau River	From the lake downstream to Smith Falls
Shotover River	From the confluence with the Kawarau to the lower Shotover Gorge
Mill Creek	From Lake Hayes upstream for 2.5 km
Arrow River	Around Arrowtown
Horn Creek	Through Queenstown with QLDC
Bucklerburn River	Upstream to the Road Bridge
Hayes Creek	From Lake Hayes downstream to the Kawarau River
Kingston Creek	At Kingston
Central Otago SRD	
Taieri River	Hores Bridge – Kokonga
Manuherikia River	Galloway Bridge – Clutha River/Mata-Au confluence
Waitaki SRD	
Pleasant River	Mt Royal – Goodwood
Shag River	Waynestown – SH No. 1 Bridge
Kakanui River	Clifton Falls Bridge – Kakanui township
Waikoura Creek	SH No. 83 Bridge – Waitaki River confluence

TABLE 2 – RIVERS INSPECTED FOLLOWING EVENTS	
Dunedin SRD	
Waitati River	McIntosh Road – SH No. 1 Bridge
Silverstream	Scout Camp – Three Mile Hill Road
Waikouaiti River	Buckland's Crossing – Orbell's Crossing
March Creek	SH No. 87 Bridge – Cemetery
Central Otago SRD	
Taieri River	Styx Basin
Kyeburn	Dansey Pass Hotel – Taieri River confluence
Sowburn	Through Patearoa
Hogburn	Through Naseby
Idaburn	Through Otarehua
Manuherikia River	Loop Road – Galloway
Dunstan Creek	Loop Road – Manuherikia River confluence
Fraser River	Fraser Domain – Clutha River/Mata-Au confluence
Lindis River	Morven Hills – Clutha River/Mata-Au confluence
Waitaki SRD	
Hilderthorpe Floodway	Gray Road – Steward Road
Henderson Creek	SH No. 83 Bridge – Waikoura Creek confluence
Muddy Creek (Oamaru)	Kennilworth Road – Pacific Ocean (especially outfall)
Oamaru Creek	Oamaru Gardens – Pacific Ocean
Waiareka Creek	Ngapara – Kakanui River confluence
Kauru River	Kauru Hill Road Bridge – Kakanui River confluence
Waianakarua River	North branch from Cosy Dell, south branch from O'Connors confluence
Island Stream	Kurihika – Kakanui River confluence
Big Kuri Creek	Upstream and downstream of SH 1
Pleasant River	Mount Royal – Goodwood
Clutha SRD	
Clutha River/Mata-Au	Barnego – Clydevale
Pomahaka River	Kelso – Dusky
Heriot Burn River	At Heriot township
Tuapeka River	From the confluence with the Clutha River/Mata-Au upstream for 4 km
Waitahuna River	From the confluence with the Clutha River/Mata-Au upstream for 4 km
Tokomairiro North	Upstream of Milton for 5 km
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Queenstown SRD	
Kawarau River	From the lake downstream to Smith Falls
Shotover River	From the confluence with the Kawarau to the lower Shotover Gorge
Mill Creek	From Lake Hayes upstream for 2.5 km
Arrow River	Around Arrowtown
Horn Creek	Through Queenstown with QLDC
Bucklerburn River	Upstream to the Road Bridge
Wanaka SRD	
Cardrona River	Entire length
Stoney Creek	Entire length

Estimated and Actual Costs

Project	Actual to 31 October \$000s	Estimated to 31 October \$000s	Variance () = Unfavourable	Estimated to 30 June 2015 \$000s
Rivers & Waterway Mgt	357	324	(33)	962
River Surveys	14	8	(6)	24
Total	371	332	(39)	986

ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENT RESPONSE

What we want to achieve

Environmental Incidents

Level of Service – Council will be ready and able to respond to all environmental incidents including oil spills, and ensure restoration as required.	
Measure Respond to incidents in a timely manner.	
Target Measure of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
Respond to incidents throughout the region within 0.5 hours of receipt of notice.	There were no incidents during the reporting period.
Respond to reported marine oil spills in accordance with the Otago Marine Oil Spill Contingency Plan within 1.5 hours of receiving the report.	There were no incidents during the reporting period.

Activities planned to achieve the level of service for environmental incidents

Activities	Achievement to 31 October 2014
Pollution incidents, oil spills	
1. Operate a 24 hour incidents hotline throughout Otago.	Ongoing. A total of 459 incidents were responded to during the period.
2. Hold one desktop and one field exercise per year for marine oil and pollution incident response, and one equipment training day involving the use of the pollution equipment, vehicles and people.	No exercises to date.
3. Undertake enforcement action where adverse effects on the environment have occurred that supports such action.	One abatement notice and five Infringement notices were issued, and five prosecutions were authorised (one for effluent and four for burning prohibited material).
Contaminated sites	
4. Register the findings of contaminated site investigations with the appropriate TLA within 10 working days of completing the assessment, and update the shared electronic register accordingly.	Ongoing.

5. Complete three preliminary site investigations for priority sites/activities and present the findings to the land owners and TLA.	No work to date.
6. Monitor 10 previously identified sites, in accordance with their site specific monitoring plans and present the findings to the landowner and TLA.	One site has been completed.
7. Complete applications to the Contaminated Sites Remediation Fund (CSRF) on behalf of eligible land owners, and assist with the implementation of those projects.	No applications to date.

Estimated and Actual Costs

Project	Actual to 31 October \$000s	Estimated to 31 October \$000s	Variance () = Unfavourable	Estimated to 30 June 2015 \$000s
Incident Response	336	306	(30)	867
Contaminated Sites Management	28	34	6	94
Total	364	340	(24)	961

Estimated and Actual Revenue

Project	Actual to 31 October \$000s	Estimated to 31 October \$000s	Variance () = Unfavourable	Estimated to 30 June 2015 \$000s
Incident Response	80	123	(43)	368
Contaminated Sites Mgt	0	8	(8)	25
Total	80	131	(51)	393

NATURAL HAZARDS

What we want to achieve

Natural Hazards

Level of Service – Provision of adequate and timely information, policy and regulatory framework on natural hazards to enable communities to make informed decisions about the risks associated with those hazards.	
Measure 1 Information to be available on Natural Hazards in Otago, increased awareness that such information exists.	
Target Measure of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
Provide natural hazards information to the public via an effective web-based Otago Natural Hazards Database.	The database continues to be used by a wide range of people to access hazards information.

Activities planned to achieve the level of service for natural hazards

Activities	Achievement to 31 October 2014
1. Undertake specific investigations of seismic hazard in Dunedin, Wanaka, and the Alexandra and Wakatipu Basins, based on the findings of work undertaken in 2013/14 to collate and report on existing information.	Data still being collated. Specific investigations are currently being planned. Reporting will not take place until the 2015/16 year.
2. Undertake a joint Otago Regional Council/-Queenstown Lakes District Council flood awareness campaign in Queenstown and Wanaka in October 2014.	Flood awareness campaign completed. Contacted approximately 200 businesses in Queenstown and Wanaka and held four information evenings with approximately 60 people attending.
3. Publish a report describing the flood and erosion hazard of the Arrow River at Arrowtown in August 2014. Present the findings of that report to the Queenstown Lakes District Council and at a public meeting in Arrowtown in October 2014.	A report has been prepared on erosion of the Arrow River at Arrowtown.
4. Finalise an action plan to prepare for and reduce the impacts of flood events in Milton in September 2014. Work with the Clutha District Council and lifeline utilities to implement that plan.	Action plan has been finalised and distributed to interested parties for comment.

<p>5. Publish reports describing the natural hazards of the Lower Clutha delta, and changes in the morphology of the South Otago coastline in August 2014. Present the findings of these reports to the Clutha District Council, Contact Energy Limited, and to the local community in late 2014.</p>	<p>A morphology report has been to committee and published. The Lower Clutha Hazards report is nearing completion. Presentations will be made when the Lower Clutha report is completed.</p>
<p>6. Monitor the risks posed by the following natural hazards and work with territorial authorities and other agencies to manage those risks.</p> <p>Pipson Creek - Alluvial fan - Makarora Young River Dam - Landslide dam - Makarora Buckler Burn/Bible Stream - Landslide dam/alluvial fan - Glenorchy Brewery Creek/Reavers Lane - Alluvial fan - Queenstown Abbotsford Lake - Land instability/dam failure - Green Island</p>	<p>Pipson Creek - inspections planned for late summer.</p> <p>Young River Dam - inspections planned for late summer.</p> <p>Buckler Burn/Bible Stream - modelling work being undertaken on Buckler Burn and inspections on Bible Stream.</p> <p>Brewery Creek/Reavers Lane - Inspections have been undertaken.</p> <p>Abbotsford Lake - No progress to date.</p>

Flood Warning

Level of Service – Provision of accurate and timely flood warnings.	
<p>Measure Warnings of flood events in a timely manner to potentially affected persons.</p>	
Target Measure of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
<p>Rainfall and river flow information is disseminated to the public when flood levels reach alarm status.</p>	<p>Information is passed onto the public as required.</p>

Activities planned to achieve the level of service for flood warning

Activities	Achievement to 31 October 2014
<p>1. Operate a 24 hour flood management and response system throughout the year.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>2. Continually update and/or improve flood forecasting models, utilising appropriate software packages.</p>	<p>Lincoln University has been contracted to develop a flood forecasting model for the Pomahaka.</p>

Estimated and Actual Costs

Project	Actual to 31 October \$000s	Estimated to 31 October \$000s	Variance () = Unfavourable	Estimated to 30 June 2015 \$000s
Natural Hazards	213	214	1	598
Flood Risk Management	134	148	14	442
Total	347	362	15	1,040

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

What we want to achieve

Level of Service – Be ready to respond to civil defence emergencies, assist with recovery after such events, and to coordinate and promote reduction of risk through Group strategies and plans.	
Measure Timeliness in response to a civil defence event / emergency.	
Target Measure of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
The Group Emergency Coordination Centre (GECC) can be fully operational within one hour of activation.	The GECC was in a state of readiness to be activated at all times.
Respond immediately upon notification of a civil defence event / emergency.	No event needing activation has occurred in this period.

Activities planned to achieve the level of service for emergency management

Activities	Achievement to 31 October 2014
1. Upgrade and maintain the Otago CDEM Group website to contain relevant and up to date information about civil defence and emergency management in the Otago CDEM Group area.	Information has been reviewed and updated on the website.
2. Test the Group warning system at least once during the year.	Group Warning System was tested on 14 October as part of the National warning system.
3. Complete the upgrade of the GECC/EOC (Emergency Operations Centre) radio network.	Scheduled for the next reporting period.
4. Facilitate a workshop with Otago lifeline utilities on their interdependences and emergency response priorities and report that information to the Coordinating Executive Group.	Final Otago Lifelines Project workshop was held on 22 July with the report finalised and presented to CEG and Group in November 2014.
5. Develop an Alpine Fault Earthquake Response Plan.	Has not yet commenced. Priority is being given to the preparation of a Coastal Otago Tsunami Plan.

Estimated and Actual Costs

Project	Actual to 31 October \$000s	Estimated to 31 October \$000s	Variance () = Unfavourable	Estimated to 30 June 2015 \$000s
Emergency Management	120	144	25	415
Total	120	144	25	415

Estimated and Actual Revenue

Project	Actual to 31 October \$000s	Estimated to 31 October \$000s	Variance () = Unfavourable	Estimated to 30 June 2015 \$000s
Emergency Management	55	0	55	0
Total	55	0	55	0

TRANSPORT

What we want to achieve

Regional Transport Planning

Level of Service – Develop a Regional Land Transport Plan that will contribute to an effective, efficient and safe land transport system in Otago.	
Measure Clear priorities set for local and central government transport expenditure in the region during 2015-18, and an effective schema for measuring and reporting progress towards desired outcomes.	
Target Measures of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
Completion of a Regional Land Transport Plan that meets statutory requirements	Combined with Southland, two plans will be completed and are progressing well. No issues have been identified to date.

Activities planned to achieve the level of service for regional transport planning

Activities	Achievement to 31 October 2014
1. Complete Investment Logic Mapping (ILM) with the Regional Transport Committee to identify transport priorities for the next six years by September 2014.	Target met and transport priorities have been identified.
2. Prepare a spatial information system for the region's transport network, drawing together economic network and safety information undertaken in Otago districts and linking to planning of the Southland network by June 2015.	Work on this target is planned to occur in the second half of this financial year.
3. Prepare the 2015-21 Regional Land Transport Plan.	Combined with Southland, two plans will be complete, progressing well.
4. Make submissions on applications for resource consents, designations and plan changes, and input to territorial authorities reviews of district plans and their transport strategies and business cases, to ensure the policy direction in the Regional Land Transport Strategy and transport sections of the Regional Policy Statement are implemented.	Input has been given on the DCC and QLDC transport business cases. A small number of submissions have been made.

Public Passenger Transport

Level of Service – Provide a passenger transport service that meets passengers' needs.	
Measure 1 Public satisfaction.	
Target Measures of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
1. Public satisfaction survey shows that at least 85% of bus users are satisfied with the overall standard of service and the following levels of satisfaction with these service attributes are achieved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle quality – 85% of bus users. • Reliability – 90%. • Accessibility of the service – 90%. • Value for money – 80%. 	Survey is scheduled for June 2015.
2. Patronage to grow by at least 1% in 2014/15 in Dunedin.	Will be reported on later in the year.
Measure 2 Fare box recovery.	
Target Measures of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
1. Set fares to ensure that fare revenue covers 50% of the cost of running the Dunedin network service and 100% of the Wakatipu Basin network.	Achieved fare box recovery of 51% for Dunedin and 100% for Wakatipu.

Activities planned to achieve the level of service for public passenger transport

Activities	Achievement to 31 October 2014
1. Monitor departure times of all buses to determine compliance with Regional Passenger Transport Plan standards.	Will be monitored with the satisfaction survey.
2. Install a minimum of 10 new bus shelters on Dunedin routes.	Construction of 21 bus shelters is scheduled for February to April 2015.
3. Ensure the installation of bike racks on all buses operating in Dunedin and Wakatipu Basin networks by 1 July 2015.	Implementation is occurring as new contracts are being entered into. Council has no control over the commercial services in the Wakatipu.

<p>4. Undertake the following enhancements and developments:</p> <p>a) Add the Queenstown network to the journey planner by August 2014.</p> <p>b) Add fare calculator to journey planner by August 2014.</p> <p>c) Complete the procurement of and commence the implementation of a new ticketing system for Dunedin and Wakatipu by November 2014; to go live in 2015/16.</p> <p>d) Investigate and subject to NZTA endorsement, commence procurement and implementation of a real time system for Dunedin and Wakatipu by June 2015.</p> <p>e) Redesign signage for all bus stops in Dunedin; using an accessible format, upgrade the on-street timetable and route information displayed at the main central bus stands in Dunedin by June 2015.</p>	<p>a) This has been delayed. It will be implemented with the Real Time system in April 2015.</p> <p>b) This was investigated but found to not be practical to implement.</p> <p>c) Ongoing, Council is committed to a joint system. Procurement will be finalised in January to March 2015 and the system will be implemented in the 2015/16 year.</p> <p>d) Wakatipu is in the process of final negotiations with a supplier to a two year contract. Exploring joint procurement for Dunedin which is provided for in the draft 2015-25 LTP.</p> <p>e) Scheduled to be implemented with new services.</p>
<p>5. Plan and procure Dunedin bus services to replace the southern bus routes contract expiring 30 June 2015, optimising these services for Mosgiel, Fairfield, Brighton, Green Island and Abbotsford, and creating an interchange at Green Island to facilitate this in time for new services to commence on 1 July 2015.</p>	<p>The necessary extensions to contracts have been finalised. The RPTP and procurement strategy are both to be finalised before the first tendering round, which is scheduled for January 2015.</p>
<p>6. Plan the introduction of integrated fare system for Dunedin.</p>	<p>Ongoing. Council is committed to a joint system. Procurement will be finalised in January to March 2015 and the system will be implemented in the 2015/16 year.</p>
<p>7. Develop, in conjunction with bus operators and disability groups, an information system for the wheelchair accessibility of all buses in the two networks by 31 March 2015.</p>	<p>Not practical to implement.</p>
<p>8. Administer the Total Mobility scheme in Otago.</p>	<p>Ongoing work with the September budgets prepared.</p>

Stock Truck Effluent Disposal

Level of Service – Cleaner, safer Otago roads.	
Measure 1 Number of complaints received about effluent spillage.	
Target Measures of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
Reduction in the number of complaints received.	Unknown.
Measure 2 Amount of effluent removed from stock truck effluent disposal sites.	
Target Measures of Success	Actual Measure at 31 October 2014
Increase in the amount of effluent removed from each site.	There has been a steady increase in the amount of effluent being removed.

Activities planned to achieve the level of service for stock truck effluent disposal

Activities	Achievement to 31 October 2014
1. Upgrade the Raes Junction stock truck effluent disposal site.	A consultant engagement has been prepared for design and contract supervision. Discussions are underway with the CODC to confirm the availability of NZTA funding.
2. Construct two new stock truck effluent disposal sites in the following locations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Springvale Road (Alexandra). • Cromwell or Victoria Flats. 	These have both been deferred.

Estimated and Actual Costs

Project	Actual to 31 October \$000s	Estimated to 31 October \$000s	Variance () = Unfavourable	Estimated to 30 June 2015 \$000s
Regional Land Transport Plan	150	160	10	451
Public Passenger Transport	2,903	3,278	375	9,729
STEDS	16	13	(3)	939
Total	3,069	3,451	382	11,119

Estimated and Actual Revenue

Project	Actual to 31 October \$000s	Estimated to 31 October \$000s	Variance () = Unfavourable	Estimated to 30 June 2015 \$000s
Regional Land Transport Plan	92	80	12	239
Public Passenger Transport	1,704	1,926	(222)	5,554
STEDS	7	7	0	471
Total	1,803	2,013	(210)	6,264

REPORT

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The following information is provided in respect of the overall Council finances for the four months to 31 October 2014.

1. Activity Expenditure

Expenditure for the Council's activities, including capital expenditure and internal charges, is summarised as follows:

	Annual Budget \$000's	Budget 31 October \$000's	Actual 31 October \$000's	Variance (unfav.) \$000's
Air Quality	753	259	190	69
Emergency management	415	144	120	24
Environmental Incident response	961	340	364	(24)
Flood protection & control works Note 1	7,983	1,348	3,108	(1,760)
Governance & Community	3,618	1,239	1,166	73
Land Note 2	2,514	944	690	254
Policy	899	318	348	(30)
Regulatory Note 3	3,115	1,104	874	230
Rivers & Waterway Management	986	332	371	(39)
Natural hazards	1,040	362	347	15
Transport Note 4	11,119	3,451	3,069	382
Water Note 5	5,187	1,829	1,482	347
	38,590	11,670	12,129	(459)

Significant variances are commented upon in the notes below.

Note 1 – Flood Protection

The unfavourable variance in the Leith Flood Protection project of \$1,868,000 comprises the majority of this variance. The project has extended over several financial years, and the unfavourable variance largely reflects a difference in the timing of work performed with the timing anticipated in the annual budgets. Significant favourable variances amounting to \$1,729,000 were recorded in the previous two financial years.

Note 2 - Land

This variance is largely due to external contract activity being \$177,000 less than budgeted due to a lower level of contract activity undertaken than was anticipated in the budget.

Note 3 – Regulatory

A significant component of this activity is demand driven, and is accordingly dependent on the level of activity, which to date is at a lower level than anticipated in the budget, with the consent project being down \$94,000, the compliance project down \$71,000, and the Dam Safety project down \$38,000.

Note 4 - Transport

The prime reason for this favourable variance is the lower than budgeted cost of the Dunedin bus service contracts compared to the budgeted provision, with a favourable variance of \$283,000. Additionally, the Passenger Transport Regional project shows a favourable variance of \$113,000 against the budget of \$560,000.

Note 5 Water

The most significant favourable variances contributing to the overall variance are the Regional Plan: Water project with a variance of \$92,000, due to resources being redirected to the Regional Policy Statement project, and the 1C Water Plan Implementation project with a variance of \$209,000, due to resources being redirected to the 6A Water Plan Implementation project.

2. Income Statement and Balance Sheet

An Income Statement for the four months to 31 October 2014 and a Balance Sheet as at 30 October 2014 are attached.

3. Recommendation

That this report be received.

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Director Corporate Services

Otago Regional Council

 Income Statement
 For the four months to 31 October 2014

	Annual Budget \$000's	Budget 31 October \$000's	Actual 31 October \$000's	Variance (unfav) \$000's
Income:				
Rate income	13,543	4,514	4,510	(4)
Grant and subsidy income	Note 1 6,030	1,935	1,757	(178)
Interest received	2,137	712	668	(44)
Other income	Note 2 4,682	1,561	1,406	(155)
Dividend income	7,400	2,467	2,467	-
Rental income	921	307	406	99
Gain in value of investment Property	Note 3 294	-	-	-
Other gains	Note 4 -	-	238	238
Total Income	35,007	11,496	11,452	(44)
Less Expenditure:				
Operating expenses	Note 5 30,177	10,234	9,727	507
Finance costs	1	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	1,515	505	552	(47)
Total Expenditure	31,693	10,739	10,279	460
Surplus	3,314	757	1,173	416

Note 1 Grant and Subsidy Income

The majority of the variance in subsidy income is related to the Dunedin Passenger Transport project. Expenditure in the project is less than the level budgeted with the associated subsidy being reduced accordingly.

Note 2 – Other Income

This unfavourable variance comprises unfavourable and favourable project variances. The significant unfavourable variances are in the regulatory activity projects and the external contract activity, and are primarily associated with a lower level of expenditure and associated revenue. Partially offsetting those variances is a favourable variance in the Leith Flood Protection scheme with unbudgeted accrual recoveries amounting to of \$355,000.

Note 3 – Gain in the value of Investment Property

Investment Property is revalued annually at 30 June. Accordingly the year to date budget and actual gain are reported as nil amounts to 31 October 2014.

Note 4 – Other Gains

The gain recorded of \$238,000 reflects the increase in the value of the BNZ Managed Investment Portfolio for the four months to 31 October 2014.

Note 5 – Operating expenses

Operating expenses are down \$507,000 on the budgeted amount, mainly attributable to favourable project variances, excluding the impact of capital expenditure, reflected in the activity expenditure section above.

Otago Regional Council

 Balance Sheet
 As at 31 October 2014

	31 October 2014 \$000's	30 June 2014 \$000's
Public Equity		
Public equity	139,321	140,968
Available-for-sale revaluation reserve Note 1	350,535	350,535
Asset revaluation reserve	7,963	7,963
Asset replacement reserve	4,464	4,403
Building reserve Note 2	7,823	5,214
Emergency response reserve	3,624	3,571
Water management reserve	1,484	1,463
Kuriwao endowment reserve	6,064	6,020
	521,278	520,137
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accruals	5,175	5,824
Revenue in advance Note 3	9,157	-
	14,332	5,824
Total Equity and Liabilities		
	535,610	525,961
Non-Current Assets		
Operating assets	85,644	83,810
Intangible assets	1,694	1,820
Investment Property	10,024	10,024
Deferred tax asset	98	98
Shares in Port Otago Ltd Note 1	370,535	370,535
	467,995	466,287
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents Note 4	9,987	3,911
Other financial assets Note 4	50,232	52,053
Receivables	6,337	3,236
Other current assets	107	89
Inventories – stock and property held for sale	385	385
Dividends Receivable Note 5	567	-
	67,615	59,674
Total Assets		
	535,610	525,961

Note 1 – Available-for-Sale Revaluation Reserve and Shares in Port Otago Ltd

The Shares in Port Otago Ltd are included at the June 2014 valuation, and the available-for-sale revaluation reserve reflects the revaluation amount of the shares.

Note 2 – Building Reserve

The budgeted transfer to the reserve for the year of \$2,500,000 is fully reflected in the balance to 31 October, along with interest earned on the reserve balance.

Note 3 – Revenue in advance

Revenue in advance includes rate revenue of \$9,040,000 which will be released to the income statement over the remainder of the year.

Note 4 - Cash and Cash Equivalents and Other Financial Assets

Funds surplus to the Council's immediate and short term requirements are managed on Council's behalf by the BNZ. An Investment Portfolio and term deposits with durations of 4-12 months are included in the classification Other Financial Assets. Current bank balances and term deposits with durations of less than 4 months are included in Cash and Cash Equivalents.

Note 5 – Dividends Receivable

Dividend income of \$2,467,000 for the 2014/2015 year has been provided for in the income statement and is recorded as a dividend receivable in the balance sheet. In September 2014, the final dividend for the 2013/2014 year of \$1,900,000 was received.

Report back from Councillors

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Communications Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 26 November 2014 commencing at 1.21

Present:

Cr Trevor Kempton (Chairperson)
Cr Graeme Bell (Deputy Chairperson)
Cr Doug Brown
Cr Louise Croot MNZM
Cr Michael Deaker (from 1.26 pm)
Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr Bryan Scott
Cr David Shepherd
Cr Stephen Woodhead

Apologies:

Cr Sam Neill
Cr Deaker (for lateness)
 The apologies were accepted on the motion of Crs Croot and Bell.

In attendance:

Peter Bodeker
Wayne Scott
Jeff Donaldson
Jane Leahy
Fraser McRae
Gavin Palmer
Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2014, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Croot and Shepherd.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

FOR NOTING

Item 1

2014/1717 **Stakeholder Engagement Report.** DSE, 30/10/14

The report detailed community, stakeholder and staff engagement activities carried out by Stakeholder Engagement directorate staff since the last meeting.

Peter Taylor, Manager Communications, demonstrated the water quality rules (Plan Change 6A) on the ORC website. The information and Frequently Asked Questions on the website, with other information being prepared, ensured the Water Plan would be well publicised to landowners in the Region. Photos showing good and poor water quality would be added to the page.

Cr Michael Deaker entered the meeting at 1.26 pm.

Mr Taylor circulated the Plan Change 6A information packages that were to be distributed to landowners.

Mrs Leahy advised that pilot awareness visits to landowners had been carried out, and a staff debrief would be held.

In response to a question Mrs Leahy advised that the database of all landholders showing who had been visited, attended roadshows, etc. would be updated as necessary. People who had already attended a workshop would be encouraged to attend public meetings, which was a better use of staff resources.

Mrs Leahy advised in response to a question that visits both casual and scheduled would be piloted to determine which was more effective. She noted that making appointments was a time consuming process, and this could be done more efficiently through a third party.

Cr Kelliher moved

Cr Bell seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 1.36

Chairperson

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and Corporate Committee
held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin
on Wednesday 26 November 2014 commencing at 11.30 am**

Present:

Cr David Shepherd (Chairperson)
Cr Gary Kelliher (Deputy Chairperson)
Cr Graeme Bell
Cr Doug Brown
Cr Louise Croot MNZM
Cr Michael Deaker
Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
Cr Trevor Kempton
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr Bryan Scott
Cr Stephen Woodhead

Apologies:

Cr Sam Neill
The apology was accepted.

In attendance:

Peter Bodeker
Wayne Scott
Jeff Donaldson
Jane Leahy
Fraser McRae
Gavin Palmer
Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2014, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Bell and Croot.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PART A – PRESENTATION

Item 1 **Otago Regional Rescue Helicopter Trust Annual Report**

Mr Ross Black, Trust Chairman, Graeme Gale, Operational Manager, and Ken Franklin, Trust Manager, presented the Trust's 2014 Annual Report.

Mr Black noted in his presentation:

- Actual income reduced by 2.5%, hours increased by 8.6%, costs increased by 20% above previous year.
- Donations \$856,000 for the year – increase of 50%. Largest donor is ORC – the support was acknowledged and appreciated.
- Community would need to fund a greater share of the costs.
- Administration costs \$35,000 last year, \$74,000 this year – part of increase due to appointment of Trust Manager Ken Franklin.
- Loss for the year \$32,000.
- Want to build up reserves for replacement of helicopter, and other expenses.
- ACC hours have increased 3%, income has reduced 4%.
- Ministry of Health (MOH) hours have increased 52%, income has increased 10%. This level of growth is unsustainable, and ORHT has been in discussions with MOH since June.
- The Trust is the most cost effective in the country, and has a good relationship with Mr Gale and Helicopters Otago. The Trust has saved many lives, and contributed to improved recoveries.

Mr Franklin, Trust Manager, spoke about the new contract with MOH. The Ministry's one size fits all contract did not take account of Otago's large area with difficult terrain, high number of flights annually, relatively small population, high number of visitors, and weather. An additional fixed payment from MOH for the balance of the contract to March 2018 of \$400,000 per year had been secured. Mr Franklin noted that much of the change in demand for the Trust's services had arisen from policy change by the MOH.

Since his appointment in February Mr Franklin had talked to many communities in the region about the work and funding of the Trust. He commented that many people, particularly in rural communities, viewed the services as significant and/or essential. Mr Franklin commended Mr Gale on the award from CAA for the contribution to air industry safety standards by Helicopters Otago.

Mr Gale commented that the increased number of flying hours meant that aircraft checks were required more often, and more pilots had to be available. He also talked about the major upgrade of the primary machine, and pilot training, to achieve IFR (Instrument Flight Regulation) certification. Mr Gale showed a short video of the types of incidents the service attended.

Cr Woodhead stated that ORC was proud of its contribution to the work carried out by the Trust. The MOH contract was discussed, and Mr Black

advised that a number of factors were causing concern in relation to the increased use of helicopter services. The service was previously funded through St John, who sent a helicopter when necessary and this was funded from their national funding contract. MOH sent a helicopter to any call, rather than first giving treatment at a regional centre. He expected that increasingly helicopters would respond to emergencies whether necessary or not. Mr Black considered that the situation was not getting the national traction it deserved, and ORHT would step up its leadership in that respect.

It was noted that with the appointment of Mr Franklin, Mr Black was stepping down from a lot of the administration work he had done and his contribution to the Trust was acknowledged.

PART B - RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 2

2014/1676 **Regional Public Transport Plan Otago 2014.** DCS, 11/11/14

Cr Aaron Hawkins, DCC, Gerard Collings, ORC Support Services Manager, and Suzanne Watt, ORC Project Manager Public Transport Planning were present for this item.

The report noted that the Subcommittee had considered submissions received on the Draft RPTP and recommended a number of changes to the draft Plan. The full plan was circulated separately with the agenda.

Cr Deaker welcomed Cr Hawkins and commented that it had been useful to have a DCC representative on the RPTP hearing panel. He noted that many submissions supported the proposals for more direct and frequent routes, the bus hub, and the ridge rider route. Others advocated for their suburb or personal needs, including Brockville/Halfway Bush, Corstorphine, and Concord services. There was strong advocacy for new routes including Dunedin Airport, Orokonui, and Wakatipu School Transport, and for regular services to Dunedin Public Hospital.

Cr Hawkins thanked ORC for inviting him to join the hearing panel, and noted the importance of both DCC and ORC having a good understanding of the public transport network. He also noted the increasing interest in cycling and public transport. He was pleased that the community would have the opportunity to submit to the ORC's LTP on fares.

Cr Woodhead commented that this was the biggest review of passenger transport for some time, and that it incorporated the NZTA's Passenger Transport Operating Model (PTOM). He thanked the hearing panel and staff for their work, and noted that the final document reacted to the need to simplify and streamline routes. Cr Woodhead noted the continuing underlying message in relation to public transport – use it or lose it.

Cr Deaker moved
Cr Kempton seconded

That:

1. *The Finance and Corporate Committee endorse the Regional Public Transport Plan Hearings Subcommittee's recommendations contained within this report, and*
2. *The Finance and Corporate Committee recommend Council adopt the Regional Public Transport Plan Otago 2014 appended to this report, and*
3. *The Director Corporate Services be authorised to make minor editorial changes to the appended Plan necessary to give effect to the Hearings Subcommittee's recommendations prior to printing the publication.*

Motion carried

Item 3

2014/1822 **Significance and Engagement Policy.** DCS, 13/11/14

Sharon de Vries, Corporate Analyst, was present for this item.

The report noted submissions received on the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, and the attached document presented for adoption showed the changes made as the result of submissions.

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Croot seconded

1. *That this report be received.*
2. *That the amended Significance and Engagement Policy be adopted.*

Motion carried

Item 4

2014/1701 **Authorisations for designation.** DPPRM, 5/11/14

The report outlined the Otago Regional Council's current designations, and recommended changes the ORC might make as part of the Dunedin City Council's district plan review. It was requested that Council authorise these recommendations or provide alternative instruction.

Mr Scott noted the recommendation that the DCC be requested to uplift the designation on the old Riccarton Road site, and suggested an additional recommendation 2(c) that designation be requested for the new Dukes Road depot.

The recommendation that Designation D214 'Principle premises of the ORC', junction of Kitchener and Birch Street be retained was noted. Mr

Scott explained that a decision was yet to be made on the use of this site, so it was suggested that the designation remain unchanged.

Cr Woodhead moved

Cr Deaker seconded

That the Council:

1. *Request DCC to uplift designations D212 [East Taieri] and D213 [Pest Services Depot].*
2. *Request new designations for:*
 - (a) *Lower Taieri Flood Scheme and West and East Taieri Pump Stations, and*
 - (b) *Leith Flood Protection Scheme, and*
 - (c) *Dukes Road depot.*
3. *Consult with affected land owners as outlined in section 4 of the report.*

Motion carried

Item 5

2014/1840 **Director's report.** DCS, 14/11/14

The report described significant activities carried out by the Finance and Corporate sections since the last meeting of the Committee, under the headings NZTA Financial Assistance Rate (FAR), Oamaru Presence, Otago Rural Fire Authority (ORFA) Funding, Account Payments, and Bank Signatory.

Councillors supported the provision of ORC office space in Oamaru, to give the Council a presence in North Otago.

Cr Croot moved

Cr Eckhoff seconded

- (1) *That this report be received.*
- (2) *That the payments and investments summarised in the table above and detailed in the tabled schedule totalling \$13,519,619.92 be endorsed.*
- (3) *That Sarah Munro be authorised as a signatory to the Council's bank accounts.*

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 12.48 pm

Chairperson

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 26 November 2014 commencing at 1.38 pm

Present:

Cr Gretchen Robertson (Chairperson)
Cr Michael Deaker (Deputy Chairperson)
Cr Graeme Bell
Cr Doug Brown
Cr Louise Croot MNZM
Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Trevor Kempton
Cr Bryan Scott
Cr David Shepherd
Cr Stephen Woodhead

Apologies:

Cr Sam Neill
 The apology was accepted on the motion of Crs Robertson and Kelliher.

In attendance:

Peter Bodeker
Wayne Scott
Jeff Donaldson
Jane Leahy
Fraser McRae
Gavin Palmer
Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2014, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Croot and Deaker.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PART A – RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2014/1838 **Consultation Draft of Proposed Review of the Regional Policy Statement for Otago.** DPPRM, 14/11/14

The Consultation Draft of the Proposed Regional Policy Statement for Otago (RPS) was re-presented to Council, to release for consultation in accordance with clause 3, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991. The Consultation Draft was circulated separately with the agenda.

Mr McRae explained that the Consultation Draft was the result of collective work between regional and district councillors and staff and other stakeholders in Otago, and was now ready to go forward to formal consultation with the parties listed in the RMA. The timeline was tight, but was based on discussion with district councils, some of which were well progressed with their district plans. The content of the RPS reflected the breadth of input received to date, and he noted some stylistic changes were needed.

Councillors asked that their thanks and congratulations be passed on to staff for their extensive work to get the RPS to this point.

In response to a question Mr McRae advised that the RPS would have a life of 10 years, and there was a limited range of people/organisations who could initiate a change to the plan.

Cr Deaker moved

Cr Shepherd seconded

That the consultation draft of the Proposed Regional Policy Statement be released for consultation, as required under clause 3, Schedule 1 of the RMA.

Motion carried

Item 2

2014/1784 **Notifying Proposed Plan Change 3C (Waiwera catchment minimum flow).** DPPRM, 7/11/14

The report presented a summary of comments received on the Consultation Draft of Proposed Plan Change 3C (Waiwera catchment minimum flow), and recommended the notification of the Proposed Plan Change. The change sought to include a minimum flow and allocation regime for the Waiwera catchment into the Water Plan Schedule 2. A summary of the comments, Section 32 report, and the proposed Plan Change were circulated with the agenda.

Mr McRae noted that the Plan Change was part of the project to complete minimum flows on rivers before 2021. He commented that there was general support from the rural community to look after in-stream values.

Cr Woodhead moved

Cr Kempton seconded

1. *That Proposed Plan Change 3C (Waiwera catchment minimum flow) and its accompanying Section 32 Evaluation Report be approved for notification in accordance with clause 5, Schedule 1 of the RMA.*
2. *That Proposed Plan Change 3C (Waiwera catchment minimum flow) be publicly notified on Saturday 13 December 2014.*
3. *That Proposed Plan Change 3C (Waiwera catchment minimum flow) have legal effect upon notification.*

Motion carried

PART B - FOR NOTING

Item 3

2014/1746 **Director's Report on Progress.** DPPRM, 7/11/14

The report gave an overview of significant activities undertaken by the Policy section.

Mr McRae noted that a submission on natural hazard and flooding issues had been made on the Otago Racing Club's application to subdivide their land at Wingatui. He commented that the application had been declined and the Racing Club had appealed the decision.

Mr McRae noted that a representative from Schlumberger had provided an update on the company's offshore survey programme for the first quarter of 2015 covering the area from Oamaru through the Great South Basin to Pegasus.

Cr Croot moved

Cr Scott seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 1.53 pm.

Chairperson

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**Minutes of a meeting of the Regulatory Committee held in the
Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday
26 November 2014 commencing at 1.55 pm**

Present: Cr Gerrard Eckhoff (Chairperson)
Cr Graeme Bell
Cr Doug Brown
Cr Louise Croot MNZM
Cr Michael Deaker
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Trevor Kempton
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr Bryan Scott
Cr David Shepherd
Cr Stephen Woodhead

Apologies: Cr Sam Neill
The apology was accepted on the motion of Crs Eckhoff
and Shepherd.

In attendance: Peter Bodeker
Wayne Scott
Jeff Donaldson
Jane Leahy
Fraser McRae
Gavin Palmer
Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2014, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Bell and Robertson.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 1

2014/1734 **Biosecurity and RMA Monitoring Report.** DEMO, 30/10/14

The report detailed water, air, pest, and contaminated site environmental monitoring and incidents for the period 5 September to 17 October 2014.

Audit Monitoring – Mr Donaldson explained that the non compliant grades referred to failure to provide information, not to environmental issues.

Dairy Farm Effluent Inspections – six instances of major non compliance in South and West Otago were noted, and Mr Donaldson and Mr Bodeker were to meet with farming leaders in Balclutha on 1 December to discuss options for those landowners. The aim was to achieve changes in farming practice, with one concern being sharemilkers moving onto a new property and having to deal with a full effluent pond.

Pest Management - Wallabies – the report noted that bait stations had been placed in the area with the most sign of wallaby. If this was not effective, staff would carry out a helicopter flyover at the first snow. In response to a question about rabbit control in the Maniototo, Mr Donaldson explained that night shooting was carried out by Maniototo Pest Management, and poisoning was assisted by Regional Services.

Landfills – In response to a question Mr Donaldson explained that the main problem for the Victoria Flats landfill site was wet effluent from Wanaka, and it was anticipated that this would cease with the development in Luggate.

Cr Deaker moved
Cr Croot seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 2

2014/1795 **Consent processing, consent administration and Building Control Authority update.** DPPRM, 10/11/14

The report detailed consent processing, consent administration and building control authority activity for the period 27 September to 7 November 2014.

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Deaker seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 3
2014/1760

RMA, Biosecurity Act and Building Act Enforcement Activities.
DPPRM, 7/11/14

The report detailed Resource Management Act 1991, Biosecurity Act 1993 and Building Act 2004 enforcement activities undertaken by the Otago Regional Council for the period 26 September to 7 November 2014.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Shepherd seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 4
2014/1848

Appointment of Hearing Commissioners. DPPRM, 17/11/14

The report listed hearing commissioners appointed for the period to 20 November 2014.

Reference was made to the appointment of Crs Shepherd (Chair), Neill and Kempton (Reserve) to the panel to hear ORC application RM14.230. Because of the unavailability of all panel members on the hearing day, Cr Croot was appointed by the Commissioner Appointment Subcommittee to join Cr Shepherd on the panel.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Woodhead seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 2.08 pm.

Chairperson