



Our Ref A610586

Committee meetings Wednesday 2 September 2015

Following are the agendas for the Committee meetings to be held on Wednesday 2 September commencing at 9.00 am. The venue is the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin, and members of the public are welcome to attend.

Full detailed reports referred to in the agendas are available on the Council website, or by contacting the Committee Secretary – see contact details below.

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OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Agenda for a meeting of the Regulatory Committee to be held in the
Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday
2 September 2015 commencing at 9.00 am**

Membership:

- Cr Sam Neill (Chairperson)
- Cr Gerrard Eckhoff (Deputy 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:

Leave of Absence: Cr David Shepherd

In attendance:

Please note that there is an embargo on agenda items until 8.30 am on Monday 31 August.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2015, having been circulated, for adoption

Matters arising from minutes

ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 1

2015/1086 **Biosecurity and RMA Monitoring Report.** DEMO, 18/8/15

Reporting on water, air, pest, and contaminated site environmental monitoring and incidents for the period 12 June to 24 July 2015.

Item 2

2015/1116 **Consent processing, consent administration and Building Control Authority update.** DPPRM, 21/8/15

Detailing consent processing, consent administration and building control authority activity for the period 1 July to 14 August 2015.

Item 3

2015/1093 **RMA, Biosecurity Act and Building Act Enforcement Activities.** DPPRM, 12/8/15

Detailing Resource Management Act 1991, Biosecurity Act 1993 and Building Act 2004 enforcement activities undertaken by the Otago Regional Council for the period 1 July to 12 August 2015.

Item 4

2015/1096 **Appointment of Plan Change Hearing Commissioners.** DPPRM, 1/9/15

Listing hearing commissioners appointed for the period to 1 September 2015.

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Regulatory Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 22 July 2015 commencing at 11.48 am

Present:

- Cr Sam Neill (Chairperson)
- Cr Gerrard Eckhoff (Deputy 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

Leave of Absence: Cr Gerrard Eckhoff

In attendance:

- Peter Bodeker
- Wayne Scott
- Nick Donnelly
- 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 3 June 2015, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Bell and Kelliher

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes

ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 1

2015/1021

Revocation of the Building (Dam Safety) Regulations 2008.

DEHS, 10/7/15

The report discussed the implications of the Government's decision to revoke the Building (Dam Safety) Regulations 2008.

Dr Palmer confirmed the Building (Dam Safety) Regulation 2008 had been revoked with effect from 30 June 2015 without prior notice or consultation from Government. Dr Palmer confirmed building control parts of the Building Act were still operative.

Comment was made on the lost opportunity to gather information nationally around dam safety management with this revocation, and there was concern about costs incurred by dam owners.

Mr McRae confirmed that Council now had to use the RMA to manage dam safety to the best of its ability.

Dr Palmer confirmed that large dams were being well managed nationally and that the area of concern was for smaller dams. Some resource consent safety conditions were unenforceable or out of date.

Concern was expressed about the possible impact on Council if a dam was to fail, in regard to damage to properties or injury to persons.

Dr Palmer advised that ORC would need to continue to be vigilant and take action against any concerns of imminent danger. He considered there was a need to develop policy around the review of resource consent conditions relating to dam safety.

Mr Bodeker confirmed a paper would be prepared for Council on how the RMA would be used around the matter of dam safety. The paper would also include recommendations in regard to policy and processes.

Cr Woodhead moved

Cr Deaker seconded

That:

1. *This report be noted*
2. *The situation with the Building Act dam safety scheme be noted*

Motion carried

Item 2
2015/1010

Biosecurity and RMA Monitoring Report. DEMO, 7/7/15

The report detailed water, air, pest, and contaminated site environmental monitoring and incidents for the period 1 May to 12 June 2015.

Mr Donaldson updated Council on the current work being undertaken by a management group comprising ORC, CODC and LINZ, on the development of a lagarosiphon management strategy for Lake Dunstan. Lagarosiphon was still an ongoing issue in the Kawarau River. Further inspection of the Frankton Arm was scheduled for later in the year. Mr Donaldson confirmed he had met with a representative of the Guardians of Lake Dunstan, and they would be invited to join the management group.

Mr Donaldson confirmed the current Pest Management Strategy was due for review in 2019, and the first draft Pest Plan for Otago would be workshopped with Council in April 2016.

Mr Bodeker confirmed a wilding pines strategy was being prepared for a Council workshop with the next six months. This workshop would assist to develop the approach for public consultation.

Mr Donaldson confirmed a biodiversity stock take had been completed by the Policy team. Council's IT section was developing improved processes to capture this audit information into one database.

Cr Robertson moved
Cr Croot seconded

That this report be noted

Motion carried

Item 3
2015/1022

Consent processing, consent administration and Building Control Authority update. DPPRM, 15/7/15

The report detailed consent processing, consent administration and building control authority activity for the period 15 May to 30 June 2015.

Mr McRae discussed how moving RMA consent processing targets from 20 working days to 20 calendar days was being initiated.

Cr Bell moved
Cr Kempton seconded

That this report be noted

Motion carried

Item 4
2015/1013

RMA, Biosecurity Act and Building Act Enforcement Activities.
DPPRM, 1/7/15

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 17 May to 30 June 2015.

Cr Scott requested a paper be brought to Council for further discussion on how prosecutions were handled and the legal processes involved for the dairy industry.

Mr Donaldson confirmed that the use of either diversion or prosecution was not a change in ORC policy. Mr Bodeker confirmed it was ORC's intent to engage with affected parties and Mr McRae explained there was no variation away from enforcement.

Comment was made that the Council policy for water quality needed to ensure that people were brought to account in terms of the current legislation, whether through diversion or conviction. This should be left in the hands of Council staff to decide the best outcome in regard to enforcing Council's water quality rules.

Councillors were reminded of the need to stick to principles, keep focus on effects based, and take care moving forward when dealing with specific cases.

Cr Scott moved

That a paper be brought forward to discuss prosecution policy and opportunities for diversion.

The motion lapsed due to lack of a seconder

Cr Croot moved
Cr Deaker seconded

That this report be noted

Motion carried

Item 5
2015/0980

Appointment of Plan Change Hearing Commissioners.
DPPRM, 15/7/15

The report listed hearing commissioners appointed for the period to 15 July 2015.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Woodhead seconded

That this report be noted

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 12.41 pm.

Chairperson

REPORT

Document Id: A821960

Report Number: 2015/1086

Prepared For: Regulatory Committee

Prepared By: Director Environmental Monitoring and Operations

Date: 18/08/2015

Subject: **Biosecurity & RMA Monitoring Report 12 June to 24 July 2015**

1. Water Quality and Quantity

1.1 Regional Plan: Water and Resource Consent Monitoring

1.1.1 Audit & Inspection Monitoring

71 consent inspections were conducted. 65 of these inspections were full consent audits, with 19 audited consents being fully compliant.

Six other consent inspections were carried out during this reporting period for structures, water measuring device inspections and bore inspections.

1.1.2 Water Metering – RMA Regulations

Over 20 l/s: 821 consents have water measuring and recording equipment installed. 152 consent holders have notified the Council and are still progressing with installation. These consent holders have been notified that they have until the beginning of the irrigation season to have measurement and recording equipment installed. 87 of these consents are related to irrigation companies. Consent audits are being carried out on irrigation companies and other consents to follow up with non-compliance. 60 consents are being assessed for cancellation or lapse, however 37 consents have lapse dates from March 2015 and they are currently not in use due to investment in irrigation infrastructure. 22 consent holders have still made no progress with installation of the appropriate equipment. These consent holders have been issued with abatement notices prohibiting the exercise of their consent until measuring equipment has been installed.

10-20 l/s: Of the 197 consents in this bracket, 114 consents have the required equipment installed. 26 consents have advised the council of their intention to install measurement and recording equipment. 19 consents are being assessed for cancellation, lapse or surrender. 24 consent holders are yet to advise the council that their measurement and recording equipment is installed. These consent holders have until the beginning of the irrigation season to have the appropriate equipment installed. Audits are being carried out on non-compliant consent holders.

Compliance with the water metering regulations for takes between 5-10 l/s must be in place by 10 November 2016.

1.2 State of the Environment Monitoring

Telemetry equipment was installed at the Catlins River flow monitoring site on 14th July. Telemetry equipment was upgraded at the Young lake rainfall monitoring station. Monitoring bores in South Dunedin were inspected with DCC personnel to investigate the feasibility of telemetering groundwater levels for real-time monitoring.

2. Air Quality

2.1 State of the Environment Monitoring

Monitoring at 7 sites continued maintenance free throughout the period.

2.2 Clean Heat Clean Air project

10 heating subsidies provided in this reporting period

3. Pest Management Strategy Implementation and Biosecurity Compliance

3.1 Pest Management Strategy

Progress on the development of the generic components of the Regional Pest Management Plan is continuing. The national policy direction paper has been signed off by Cabinet and will be gazetted next month. This direction paper focus is very much on the development of pest plans that are consistent in terminology across regional boundaries, and more clearly defines the Crown responsibility as a 'good neighbour' including funding.

3.1.1 Rabbits

Rabbit inspections have continued through this period with 1,700 hectares in the Roxburgh area and 200 hectares in the Alexandra area inspected. 23 audits of management plans were completed in this reporting period.

3.1.2 Wallabies

Information was received during this reporting period from DoC indicating a small number of confirmed Wallaby kills in the Hawea area, dating back to 2008, with the most recent being 2014. This area will be surveyed at strategic locations to determine if these historic kills were isolated lone animals or part of a small population.

3.2 Plant Pests

3.2.1 Pinus Cortorta

Two notices were issued for the removal of Cortorta in the Upper Clutha. Council staff attended the New Zealand Plant Protection Society (Inc.) one day symposium in Christchurch on managing wilding conifers. There were updates by MPI on their business case to government to secure control funding in the next budget. Research by SCION, DoC, LINZ and Landcare Research is looking at herbicide efficacy, mapping, and the use of high resolution satellite imagery in detecting outlying trees to reduce the need for ground inspections.

3.2.2 Nassella Tussock

Three successful Nassella field afternoons were held on properties in the lower Roxburgh Gorge area in July. Good attendances of between 14 and 25 local landholders on each day meant that the area was thoroughly inspected. Tallies of 33, 69 and 195 tussocks were recorded over the 3 days with the majority of those being small

non-seeding plants. Landholders appreciate ORC officers attending the field days as it also provides the opportunity for them to discuss and gain knowledge on other compliance issues in the area, particularly water issues.

3.2.3 Lagarosiphon

The six monthly Lake Wanaka Lagarosiphon Management meeting was held with a report back from NIWA who have completed an audit of the 2014 programme. Inspections have confirmed that current control techniques are working well and that the ORC containment line can be shifted in its pest plan review as more of the lake is identified as free of the plant pest.

Lake Dunstan and the Kawarau River are both areas being considered by the management agencies for control works over the next two months prior to the busy summer season. The Kawarau River is of particular concern as last summer there was a high presence of surface bearing plants which could be transferred by recreational traffic into Lake Wakatipu. Inspections will continue over the summer period in Lake Wakatipu, in particular the Frankton Arm, to ensure lagarosiphon has not established.

3.2.4 Low incident plants

Old Man's beard inspections during July in the Glenorchy area found some non-compliance, with most plants subsequently dealt with by cutting or helicopter herbicide application.

4. Environmental Incident Response

4.1 Contaminated Sites

Forty-eight enquiries regarding the land-use history or contamination status of specific properties were received.

Liaison with Territorial Authority planning managers has continued regarding the development of a shared register for contaminated land information. Interim measures to share data with the Territorial Authorities are still in place, and a workshop has been scheduled for the first week in October to develop protocols for further information sharing.

4.1.1 Remediation Projects

The BP terminal in Dunedin was visited during the reporting period to inspect progress with the work underway to rebuild two bulk storage tanks. Works were being completed in accordance with ORC consents, and suitable site management practices were being implemented to control stormwater and manage any contaminated run-off.

4.1.2 Investigations

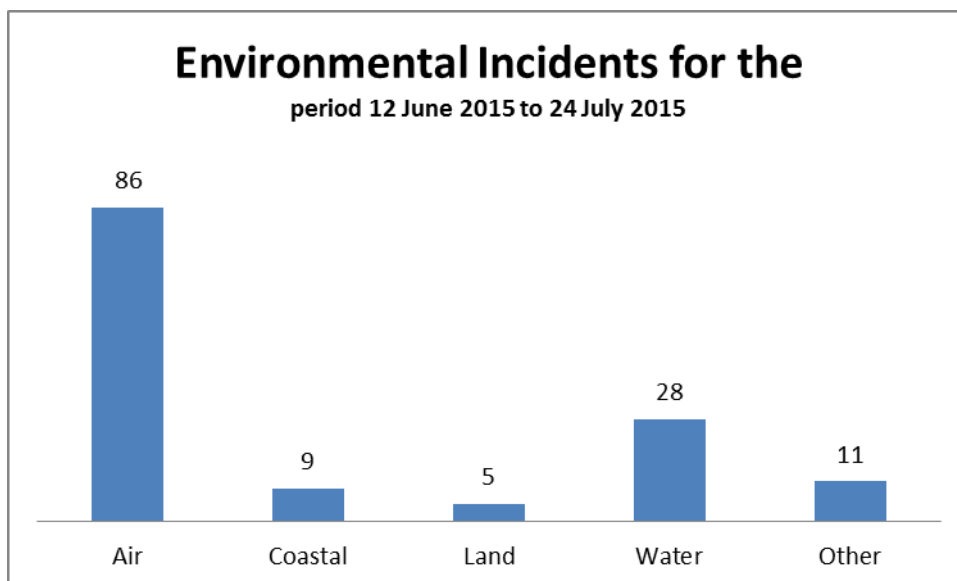
One underground petroleum storage system (UPSS) removal report was received during the reporting period. The report has been assessed, and found to comply with Ministry for the Environment Guidelines. Work was carried out in accordance with industry best practice and ORC has no concerns about any environmental effects.

4.2 Oil Spill Management

Five Council staff and two Port Otago staff have completed national Maritime NZ responder training.

4.3 Environmental Incidents

A total of 140 incidents were reported for this period. The following is a summary of the incidents received by activity type.



The majority of the air incidents can be attributed to domestic chimneys and rural burnings. The coastal incidents were mostly to do with removal of materials. The majority of land incidents were from disturbances and land contamination. Concerns about fresh water pollution were the cause of the majority of water investigations. The other types of incidents were varied however most of them were in regard to the impacts of works on the Tomahawk Beach and dunes.

5. Operations

5.1 Engineering Field Operations

All routine work programmes are up to date. Planning for in-stream channel works for the coming summer season is underway.

5.2 Pest Operations

All TBfreeNZ contracts are now complete and no new contracts will be entered into. Numerous rabbit control contracts are either underway or completed. The majority of the control work has taken place in the upper Clutha basin and in the Hyde / Macraes / Naseby area. Staff have reported that there are now signs of grass growth occurring in the Central Otago area, indicating that the opportunity for further control works is decreasing.

6. Recommendation

That this report be noted.

Jeff Donaldson

Director Environmental Monitoring and Operations

Summary of RMA Incident Complaints (General Location)

From 12 June 2015 to 24 July 2015

| General Location | | AIR | | | | | | COAST | | | | | | LAND | | | | WATER | | | | OTHER | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------|----------------------|------|-----------------------------|-------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------|---------|-------------|---------------------------|--------|-------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|------------|-------|-------|----------------------|
| | Row Summary | Backyard burning | Burning | Domestic chimneys | Dust | Industrial air discharge | Odour | Spray Drift | Coastal structures | Marine oil spill | Marine pollution | Reclamation | Removal | Deposit | Disturbance | Land contaminati on | Mining | Abstraction | Damming | Diversion | Fresh water pollution | Stormwater | Noise | Other | Staff performance |
| Catlins | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Central Otago | 17 | 2 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clutha Plains | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dn - Abbots/Green Is | 11 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Dn - Coast North | 6 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Dn - Coast South | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Dn - Inner City | 20 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Dn - Mosgiel | 6 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dn - Otago Harbour | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dn - Peninsula | 14 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Dn - West Harbour | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| East Otago Uplands | 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lakes | 33 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Maniototo | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| North Otago | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Roxburgh | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| South West Otago | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Strath | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Taieri Plains | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 140 | 9 | 27 | 28 | 0 | 9 | 13 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 25 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 0 |

REPORT

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Report Number: 2015/1116
 Prepared For: Regulatory Committee
 Prepared By: Marian Weaver
 Date: 21/08/2015

Subject: Consents and Building Act Report 1 July to 14 August 2015

1. Project E.1 – Resource Consent Application Processing

1.1 Consent applications where status has not changed since the last report are summarised in Appendix 1.

Notified Applications

1.2 *RM14.106 Southern Clams Limited*

The application was to establish three aquaculture sites within Otago Harbour. The application has been withdrawn.

1.3 Limited Notified Applications

There are 4 applications currently going through the limited notification process where either written approvals have not been forthcoming, or the applicant has requested limited notification. Hearings will be set up where there are opposing submissions.

RM15.089 Waitaki Riparian enhancement Society Inc

This application to have a salmon rearing facility in Welcome Creek is opposed by a submitter which does not wish to be heard. The hearing is on September 8th.

3. Consent Statistics

Table 1. Consents Statistics Summary

| Reporting Period | Lodged | | | Rejected | Decision Given | | |
|--------------------------|----------|------------|----------------------|----------|----------------|------------|----------------------|
| | Consents | Variations | | | Consents | Variations | |
| | | Regular | Water reporting date | | | Regular | Water reporting date |
| 14/15 year total to date | 348 | 33 | 24 | 10 | 356 | 54 | 31 |
| 1 Jul – 14 Aug 15 | 47 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 44 | 3 | 4 |

All decisions on consents were given within RMA allowed timeframes.

4. Objections and Appeals

There are no decisions currently under objection or appeal.

5. Consent Administration

Table 2. Consent Administration Statistics

| Reporting Period | Transfers Received | Transfers Issued | S417 Certs Received | S417 Certs Issued |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 14/15 | 89 | 91 | 2 | 6 |
| 1 Jul – 14 Aug 15 | 30 | 29 | 0 | 0 |

6. Building Consent Authority (BCA) Administration

In Progress:

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Dam Building Consents | 4 |
| Code Compliance Certificates | 3 |
| PIM | 0 |
| Certificate of Acceptance | 5 |

Dam Safety. As the Dam Safety Regulations have been revoked, standard consent conditions for dams which require resource consent under the RMA are being drawn up.

7. Public Enquiries

Appendix 2 shows that 366 enquiries were received by the Consents Unit during the reporting period.

Table 3. Public Enquiries Statistics

| Period | Number of Enquiries |
|------------------|---------------------|
| 14/15 year | 2259 |
| 1 Jul- 14 Aug 15 | 366 |

7. Recommendation

That this report is noted.

Fraser McRae
Director Policy Planning and Resource Management

Appendix 1: Summary of applications that have not changed since the last report to the Committee

RM12.066 – Environment Canterbury - erosion protection works in the Lower Waitaki River.

An officer at Environment Canterbury has applied for consents to allow them to undertake erosion protection works in the Lower Waitaki River. Numerous erosion protection measures are proposed over a 3 km stretch of river. DoC, Iwi, Fish and Game and owners of land on which the works are to take place are all considered to be affected parties. The applicant is continuing to work through a consultation process to determine whether or not the works applied for will continue to be undertaken.

Pending Applications of Interest

RM13.423 – Manuherikia Catchment Water Strategy Group (MCWSG)

A working party has been established comprising MCWSG, Golder Associates and ORC staff. The aim of the working party is to develop a consenting strategy giving regard to existing mining privileges, individual water takes and irrigation options within the Manuherikia catchment.

Resource Consent Public Enquiry Report

For period from 1 July 2015 to 14 August 2015

Total Number of Enquiries 366

| Enquiry Type | No. | % of Total |
|----------------------|-----|------------|
| Current Consents | 152 | 41.5 % |
| Mining Privileges | 1 | 0.3 % |
| Other | 28 | 7.7 % |
| Permitted Activities | 105 | 28.7 % |
| Pre-application | 59 | 16.1 % |
| Property Enquiries | 12 | 3.3 % |
| TLA Enquiries | 2 | 0.5 % |
| Transfers | 7 | 1.9 % |

| Enquiry Location | No. | % of Total |
|-----------------------------------|-----|------------|
| Central Otago District Council | 114 | 31.1 % |
| Clutha District Council | 22 | 6 % |
| Dunedin City Council | 63 | 17.2 % |
| Outside Otago | 5 | 1.4 % |
| Queenstown Lakes District Council | 73 | 19.9 % |
| Throughout Otago | 16 | 4.4 % |
| Unspecified | 40 | 10.9 % |
| Waitaki District Council | 33 | 9 % |

| Enquiry Method | No. | % of Total |
|----------------|-----|------------|
| Counter | 23 | 6.3 % |
| Email | 188 | 51.4 % |
| Fax | 2 | 0.5 % |
| Internet | 5 | 1.4 % |
| Letter | 2 | 0.5 % |
| Telephone | 146 | 39.9 % |

REPORT

Document Id: A823482

Report Number: 2015/1093

Prepared For: Regulatory Committee

Prepared By: Peter Kelliher, Legal Counsel

Date: 12 August 2015

Subject: **Resource Management Act 1991, Biosecurity Act 1993 and Building Act 2004 Enforcement Activities from 1 July 2015 to 12 August 2015**

This report details Resource Management Act 1991, Biosecurity Act 1993 and Building Act 2004 enforcement activities undertaken by the Otago Regional Council during the period 1 July 2015 to 12 August 2015.

2. Resource Management Act 1991

a) Consent Auditing

No enforcement action taken.

b) Consent Performance Monitoring

No enforcement action taken.

c) Permitted Activity Rules - Inspections

No enforcement action taken.

d) Incidents

Table 1. Infringement Notices

| Details | Period – 1 July 2015 to 12 August 2015 | Total – from 1 July 2015 |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Discharge of contaminants to air – outdoor burning | 1 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 1 | 1 |

3. Biosecurity Act 1993

No enforcement action taken during the period.

4. Building Act 2004

No enforcement action taken during the period.

5. Recommendation

That this report be noted.

Fraser McRae

Director Policy Planning and Resource Management

REPORT

Document Id: A824993

Report Number: 2015/1096

Prepared For: Regulatory Committee

Prepared By: Director Policy, Planning and Resource Management

Date: 1 September 2015

Subject: **Appointment of hearing commissioners to 1 September 2015**

1. Précis

An amendment to the Resource Management Act in 2005 means that consent hearing commissioners must be appointed by the Council. The Commissioner Appointment Subcommittee has this function and reports to the Regulatory Committee. The appointments made in this reporting period are set out in this report.

2. Meeting 29 July 2015

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Present | Crs Croot and Woodhead, Mr Bodeker |
| Applicant | Waitaki Riparian Enhancement Society Inc |
| Appn. No. | RM15.089 |
| Activity | To place a structure within the bed of and to discharge contaminants to Welcome Creek for the purpose of salmon farming |
| Mover/seconder | Moved Cr Croot, seconded Cr Woodhead |
| Appointment | Crs Neill (Chair) and Scott. Cr Kempton reserve |

3. Meeting 29 July 2015

| | |
|----------------|--|
| Present | Crs Croot, Woodhead and Robertson |
| Applicant | ORC for Plan Change 5A (Lindis) |
| Activity | Integrated Water Management Lindis River and Bendigo-Tarras Basin |
| Mover/seconder | Moved Cr Croot, seconded Cr Woodhead |
| Motion | That Cr Shepherd replace Cr Croot on the Plan Change 5A hearing panel. |

4. Recommendation

That the report be noted.

Fraser McRae

Director Policy, Planning and Resource Management

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Agenda for a meeting of the Technical Committee to be held
in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin
on Wednesday 2 September 2015 following the Regulatory Committee
meeting**

Membership:

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Cr Graeme Bell
Cr Louise Croot MNZM
Cr Michael Deaker
Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Trevor Kempton
Cr Sam Neill
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr David Shepherd
Cr Stephen Woodhead

Apologies:

Leave of Absence: **Cr David Shepherd**

In attendance:

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CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**PUBLIC FORUM****MINUTES**

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Matters arising from minutes**PART A – RECOMMENDATIONS**

Item 1

2015/1108 **Seismic Hazard in the Queenstown Lakes District.** DEHS, 19/8/15

The report illustrates the range of seismic hazards in the Queenstown Lakes district to local authorities, infrastructure managers, and other interested parties. The full report is circulated separately with the agenda.

PART B - ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 2

2015/1088 **Director's Report on Progress.** DEHS, August 2015

Topics covered in the report are: climate situation, aerial geophysics survey, Leith Flood Protection Scheme, and Mosgiel/Taieri Community Adverse Events Response Plan.

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Technical Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 22 July 2015 commencing at 1.20 pm

Present:

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

Leave of Absence: Cr Gerrard Eckhoff

In attendance:

- Peter Bodeker
- Wayne Scott
- Nick Donnelly
- Jeff Donaldson
- Jane Leahy
- Fraser McRae
- Gavin Palmer
- Janet Favel
- Deborah Mills (Item 2)
- Dean Olsen (Item 4)
- Mike Goldsmith (Items 1 & 3)

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2015, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Scott and Neill.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PART A – RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2015/1003 **Updated landslide hazard information for Dunedin City.** DEHS, 26/06/15

The report provided an update on a program of work to improve the understanding of landslide hazard with the Dunedin City district. The full report ‘Active landslides in the Dunedin Area’ and the GNS Science report ‘Dunedin Landslide susceptibility’ were circulated with the agenda.

Dr Palmer stated that this work was part of the programme of work to inform the Dunedin City Council 2GP review. It was intended that landslide provisions will be incorporated into the district plan and based on this information, it was likely that restrictions could be placed on land use.

A question was raised as to whether any new information or new landslides had been found. Mr Goldsmith explained that the work refined previous information/mapping held. He confirmed that the report would be available on the ORC website and the Natural Hazards database in due course.

Cr Robertson moved
Cr Kelliher seconded

That:

- 1. This report be noted;*
- 2. The landslide reports and associated datasets described above be provided to the Dunedin City Council and updated to the Otago Natural Hazards Database.*

Motion carried

PART B - ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 2

2015/0927 **Air Quality SoE Report 2005 – 2015.** DEHS, 19/05/15

The report described the current state of air quality, provided information on trends in air quality over the last 10 years, and discussed the pressures and influences on ambient air for 14 sites in Otago. The full report ‘Air Quality SoE Report 2005 – 2014’ was circulated separately. Councillors commended staff on the comprehensive report.

Dr Palmer explained that the report focused on the state of the environment, not the causes. It was noted that most of Otago had good air quality, but there were still some issues to be addressed.

This information would be the foundation for the air strategy, which was provided for in the Long Term Plan for the current financial year.

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Croot seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 3
2015/1008

Coastal Otago Flood Event 3 June 2015. DEHS, 08/07/15

The report summarised the rainfall event of 3 June 2015 and the observed river flows and water levels which resulted from that rainfall, and described Otago Regional Council's response to the situation. Councillors commended staff on the comprehensive report that pulled together relationships between sea level and rainfall, topography and rainfall etc.

This was a significant event showing significant flows, particularly for the Leith, and ongoing communication between the flood manager and the territorial authorities was noted. Rainfall figures showed good warning had been received from Met Service. It was noted that this event affected not just Dunedin, which in turn affected how ORC responded.

Dr Palmer stated that there was quite a high likelihood of seeing a similar event again. Probabilities showed that there was a 27% chance of the daily rainfall measure in South Dunedin happening in a 30 year period and a 55% chance of this happening in a 50 year period. He commented that the sea level wasn't particularly high, and rainfall in South Dunedin was significant but not extreme. Groundwater levels had been rising in the month leading up to the event.

ORC's proposed work with DCC on South Dunedin was noted, and it was agreed that ORC should present the technical information to DCC. Dr Palmer noted that he and Mr Bodeker were to meet with their counterparts at DCC, where the 3 June event was to be discussed, including how best to present the information.

Cr Deaker moved
Cr Neill seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 4
2015/1024

Lindis Catchment: Water Quality Study. DEHS, 07/07/15

The report presented the results of long-term State of the Environment monitoring at two sites in the Lindis River, intensive water quality monitoring at six additional mainstem sites and two tributary sites in 2013-2014, and ecological surveys carried out in 2014-2015. The full report 'Water Quality Study: Lindis River Catchment' was circulated with the agenda.

Dr Olsen noted that the groundwater being nitrogen enriched was linked to surface water. It was relative to the Lindis catchment, not the rest of Otago.

It was noted that this report was not directly linked to the minimum flow work but would have relevance.

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Kempton seconded

That the report and the technical report "Water Quality Study: Lindis River Catchment" be received and noted.

Motion carried

Item 5
2015/1026

Taieri River Shutdown. DEHS, 07/07/15

The report presented information on the hydrology of the main stem of the Taieri River and tributaries as well as on the ground observations gathered during the 24 hour voluntary irrigation shutdown. The full report 'The effects of the 24 hour voluntary irrigation shutdown on flows in the Taieri River: 15th – 16th January 2015' was circulated separately.

It was noted that the report had been shared with those affected as it was important public information.

Comment was made that photos and observations were very helpful in the explanation.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Neill seconded

That this report and the technical report “The effects of the 24 hour voluntary irrigation shutdown on flows in the Taieri River: 15th–16th January 2015” be received and noted.

Motion carried

Item 6
2015/0999

Director’s Report on Progress. DEHS, 09/07/15

Topics covered in the report were: Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, Weather radar for Otago, and Waipori floodbank seismic investigations.

Dr Palmer noted that he had included the Sendai framework that the nation signed up to for the awareness of Councillors. The radar image included in the report highlighted the importance of a weather radar for Otago.

Cr Deaker moved
Cr Kelliher seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 3.00pm

Chairperson

REPORT

Document Id: A826882

Report Number: 2015/1108

Prepared For: Technical Committee

Prepared By: Ben Mackey, Natural Hazard Analyst

Date: 19 August 2015

Subject: **Seismic Hazard in the Queenstown Lakes District**

1. Précis

The Otago region is vulnerable to seismic hazard from earthquakes, which are generally associated with movement of active faults, both within Otago and outside the region (primarily the Alpine Fault which lies to the northwest of Otago). ORC has prepared a report (*'Seismic Hazard in the Queenstown Lakes District'*) which outlines the range of hazards associated with earthquakes in the two populated areas of the Queenstown Lakes District, the Upper Clutha and Wakatipu Basin. The report is intended to illustrate the range of seismic hazards in the Queenstown Lakes district to local authorities, infrastructure managers, and other interested parties.

2. Method

The report collates known information about the geology, seismicity, glacial history, and engineering geology of the Queenstown Lakes District. Information reviewed includes published scientific literature, unpublished technical reports, university theses, and discussions with geotechnical practitioners working in this area. No new information was obtained in the course of compiling this report, rather it represents an up to date compilation of seismic hazard information focussed on the Queenstown Lakes District. This work provides a comprehensive overview of seismic hazard in this area, and builds upon a previous investigation for ORC in 2005 by Opus (*'Seismic Risk in the Otago Region'*).

The 2010-2011 Canterbury Earthquakes have focussed attention on buried or unknown faults, and the effects of earthquakes including ground deformation, liquefaction, and rockfall. The report draws upon the experience and science stemming from the Canterbury earthquakes, as relevant to the Queenstown Lakes District.

3. Findings

The primary seismic hazard to this area is the Alpine Fault, but other faults closer to Queenstown and Wanaka, such as the Nevis-Cardrona Fault System are active and capable of producing large earthquakes. Beyond ground motion from earthquake shaking, two of the largest and most probable seismic hazards in the Queenstown Lakes District are likely to be liquefaction and rockfall, with the risk increasing as population growth drives new development. ORC is undertaking studies of both rockfall and liquefaction hazard in the Queenstown Lakes District in the next few years (as outlined in the 2015-25 Long Term Plan), as well as undertaking further investigations to assist in describing the location and characteristics of known active faults.

There are several high consequence scenarios which could result from a major earthquake in this area. These include uplift of the outlets of Lakes Wanaka and Wakatipu, blocking of the Kawarau Gorge by a landslide, and significant aggradation of the Shotover River delta due to a rapid influx of additional sediment from landslide activity.

4. Recommendations

That:

1. The report is noted;
2. The report is presented to the Queenstown Lakes District Council and to the Central Otago District Council.

Gavin Palmer
Director Engineering, Hazards and Science

REPORT

Document Id: A821995

Report No: 2015/1088

Prepared For: Technical Committee

Prepared By: Gavin Palmer, Director Engineering, Hazards and Science

Date: August 2015

Subject: Director's Report on progress

1. Climate Situation

El Niño conditions are predicted to continue in the tropical Pacific at least through the summer of 2015/16, suggesting that there is an elevated risk of a continuation of the dry conditions experienced in 2014/15. New Zealand tends to experience stronger or more frequent winds from the west in summer, typically leading to drought in east coast areas and more rain in the west. River flows are at similar levels to the same time last year at several sites in North Otago (including the Kye Burn), suggesting that flow conditions this summer have the potential to be similar, or lower than experienced last year.

Rainfall for areas affected by last year's low-flow event have had below-normal rainfall in July (Figure 1), with the soil moisture at close to the long-term average and the equivalent time last year, although the extent of the area affected by low soil moisture is greater this year than at the same time last year (Figure 2).

Maps of the standardised precipitation index (SPI) prepared by staff show that over the short- (3 months) to moderate-term (6 months), actual rainfall has been near normal for the majority of north and central Otago (Figure 3). However, over the longer-term (1 year), the SPI still indicates that parts of upper Taieri and North Otago received below normal rainfall to the end of July (Figure 3). It should be kept in mind that the SPI is based on rainfall, and that near normal rainfalls may not have been sufficient to restore soil moisture and groundwater levels in areas affected by last year's low flow event.

The NIWA outlook for July to September 2015 summarised for Otago is as follows:

Eastern Otago: Rainfall is about equally likely to be in the near normal or below normal range. Soil moisture levels and river flows are most likely to be below normal (55-65% chance).

Western Otago: Rainfall totals are about equally likely to be in the near normal or above normal range and river flows are about equally likely to be in the near normal or above normal range and soil moisture levels are expected to be near normal.

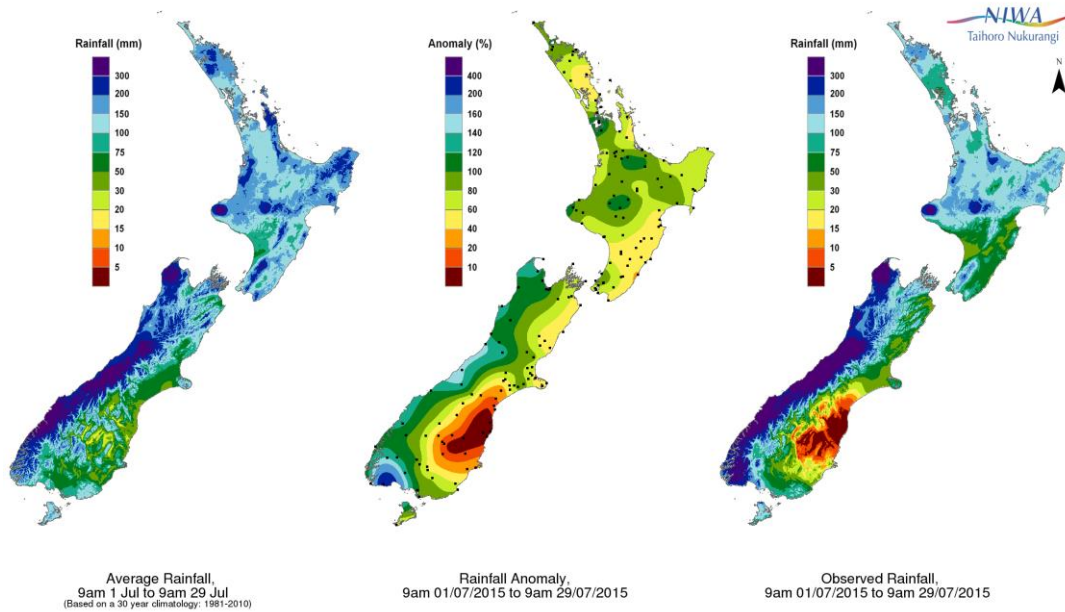


Figure 1 July rainfall – the historical average, Rainfall anomaly (departure from average) and observed rainfall for July 2015 (to 29 July 2015). Figure from www.niwa.co.nz

Soil moisture anomaly (mm) at 9am on 26/08/2015

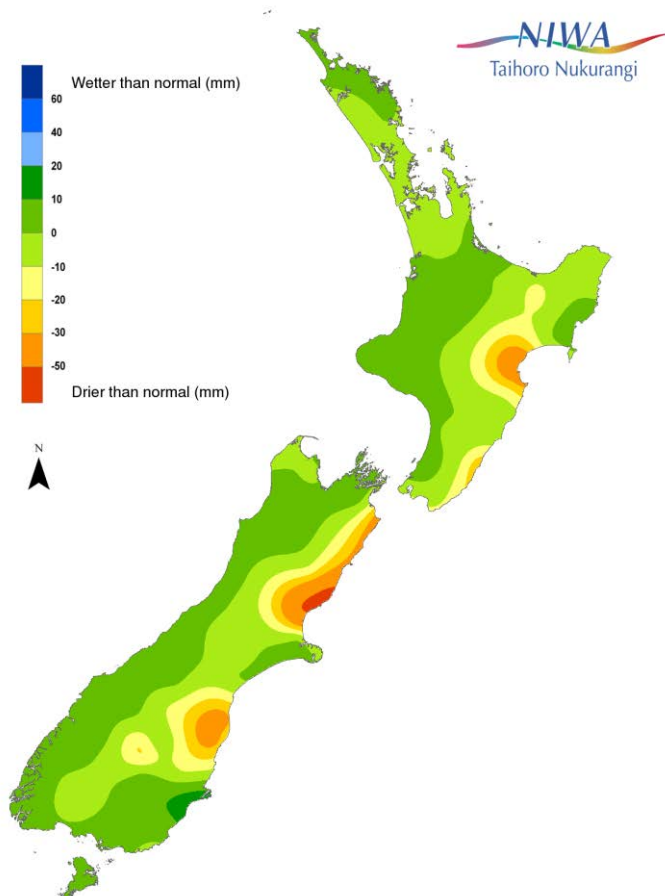


Figure 2 Current soil moisture compared with the long-term average. Figure from www.niwa.co.nz

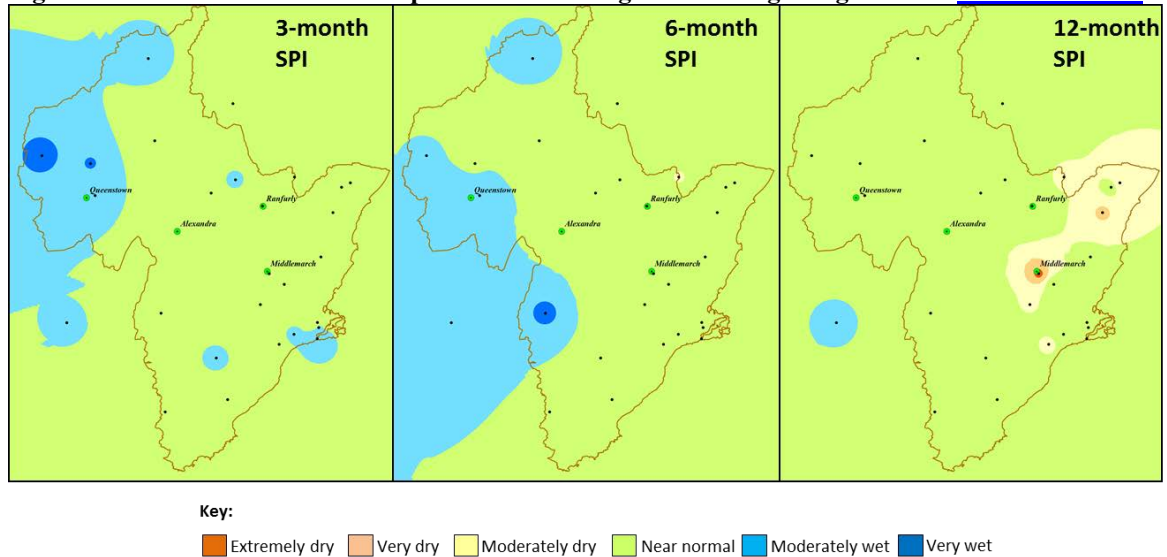


Figure 3 Maps of Standardised Precipitation Index (SPI) for Otago over 3 time periods all to the end of July 2015: 3 months, 6 months and 12 months.

2. Aerial Geophysics Survey

Glass Earth completed delivery of an aerial geophysics data survey in 2008 and ORC made a substantial investment in the acquisition of this information. The survey covered most of central Otago (Figure 4), with two main geophysical techniques including electromagnetism (EM) and magnetism (MAG). The primary objective of the survey was mineral exploration for Glass Earth, by comparing EM and MAG anomalies to geology. However, it can also be used for hydrogeological (groundwater) exploration. This was ORC's main interest in the project.

The data has recently been converted into a form (as layers in GIS) that is more readily usable by groundwater scientists and to provide documentation that will assist the interpretation of the data and the use of this dataset.

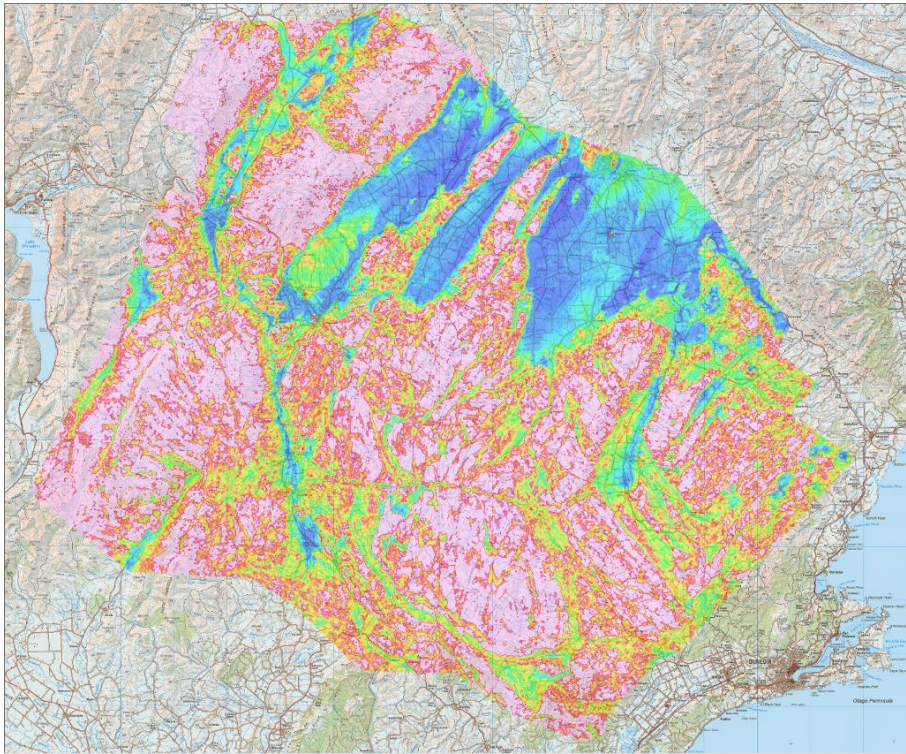


Figure 4: The area of Otago covered by geophysical data collected by Glass Earth. Blue is low resistivity, green is mid resistivity and pink is high resistivity.

In the past few years the results of the survey have been applied to indicate the presence of known groundwater in the valley basins (i.e. Ida Valley, Tarras-Bendigo, and recently Roxburgh) to a depth of 20-30 m (but not deeper).

The EM data results can be used to indicate the presence of water contained within the rock and soil matrix and the depth where the water is found, which can guide further water resource investigations. Glass Earth survey data could be used to investigate fracture-hosted water sources (i.e. within schists and basalts) in Otago, to quantify the total water present against other groundwater models and can also be used to confirm anecdotal evidence of “dry” areas. These opportunities are being explored by staff.

It is noted that NZPAM (New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals) is funding additional aerial surveys in Otago and Southland. The proposed geophysical methods are EM, MAG, as well as Gravity. There are three areas committed to be explored, to be completed as three stages: Stage 1 West (largely over Queenstown-Lakes District), Stage 2 North (over Waitaki district), and Stage 3 South (which covers a portion of Southland), covering a total area of 17,916 km² (Figure 5). In addition, NZPAM have three contingent areas based on funding received: Stage 1 West Contingency (160 km²), Stage 2 North Contingency (2196 km²), and Stage 3 South Contingency (1196 km²). Contracting for the survey is currently underway. The survey is due to start November 2015 with Stage 1 West and Stage 2 South and to be completed in April 2017.

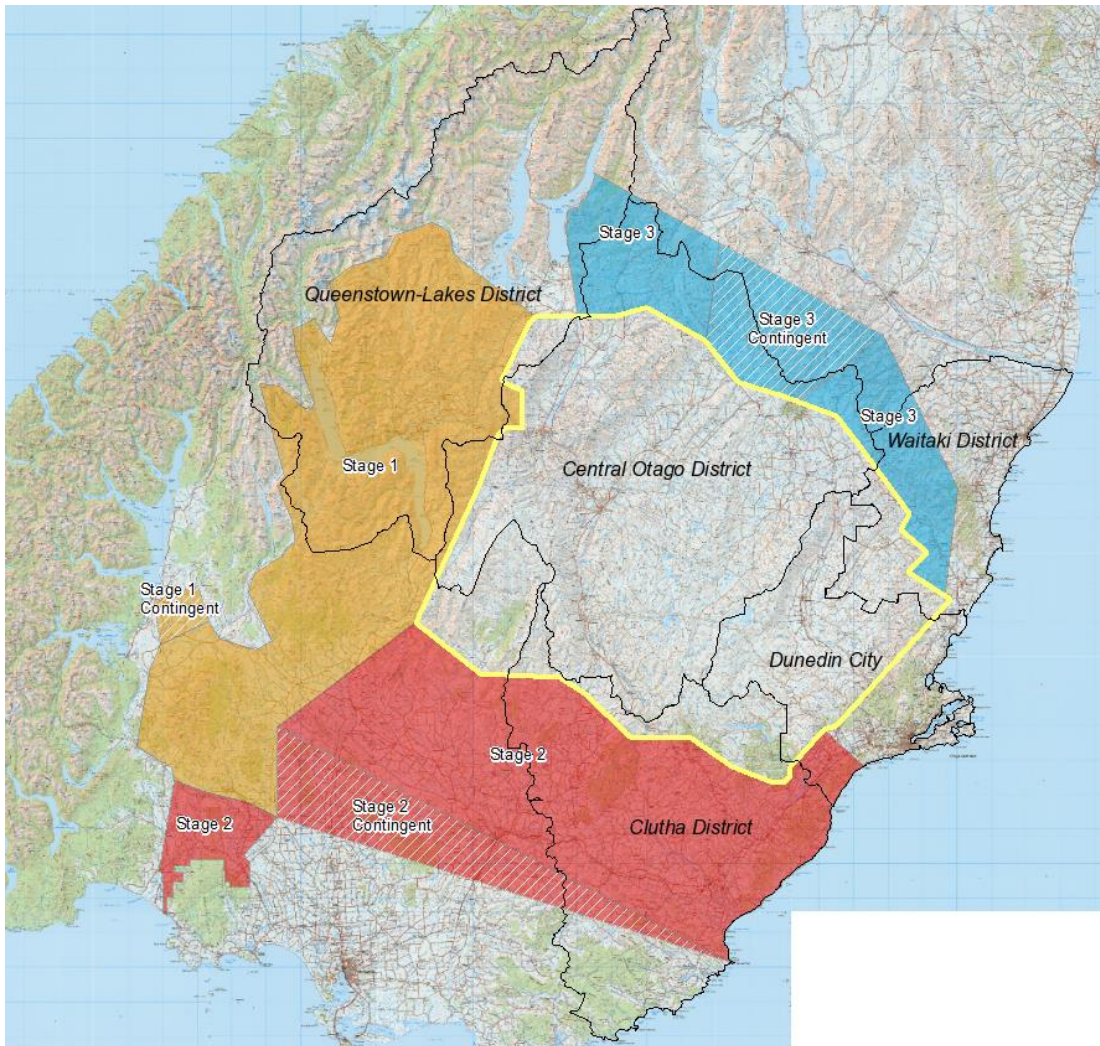


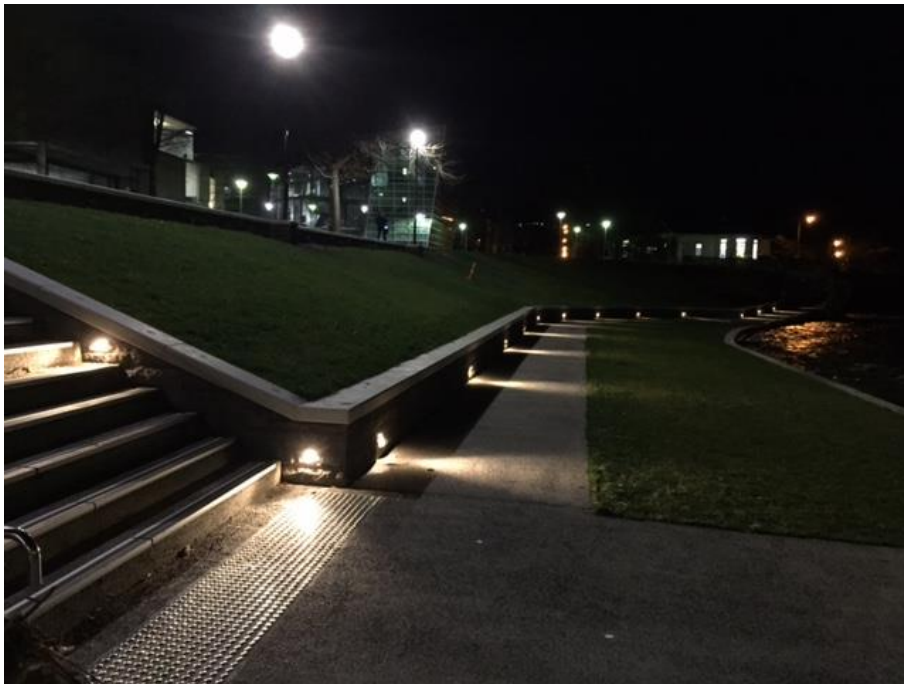
Figure 5. Areas of additional airborne geophysical survey. The existing survey area is outlined in yellow.

3. Leith Flood Protection Scheme

Downer (New Zealand) Ltd's construction of the St David to Union Street reach of the Leith Flood Protection Scheme has been recognised at the Civil Contractor New Zealand (CCNZ) Construction Excellence Awards. The Otago Branch of CCNZ, in their local awards, awarded this project second place in the excellence in construction for projects between \$0.5 and \$5M. The St David to Union Street flood protection works was one of five finalists for the national award in their category. The winner of the \$0.5 to \$5M category at the national awards was the Kotuitui Whitinga Footbridge project in Whangarei; the bridge is built in a smooth S-shape across the river with a central 10m opening span.



Photograph 1 Water of Leith, June 2015 (courtesy of University of Otago)



Photograph 2 Water of Leith, June 2015 (courtesy of University of Otago)

Works on the Dundas Street to St David Street Reach are progressing to programme. Detailed design for the upcoming works is underway. A request for tenders for the construction works will be issued shortly.

Preliminary engineering and project planning have commenced for the Union to Leith Street works that are planned for construction in 2016/2017.

4. Mosgiel/ Taieri Community Adverse Events Response Plan

Staff are contributing knowledge and information on natural hazards and the operation of the Lower Taieri Flood Protection Scheme to the development of a Community Adverse Events Response Plan. The benefits of a plan were identified by the community and emergency services following the June flood. Preparation of the plan is being led by NZ Police with assistance from the Mosgiel/Taieri Community Board, Community Patrol, ORC, DCC and emergency services.

5. Recommendation

That this report is noted.

Gavin Palmer
Director Engineering, Hazards and Science

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**Agenda for a meeting of the Communications Committee to be held in
the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on
Wednesday 2 September 2015 following the Technical Committee
meeting**

Membership:

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

Apologies:

Leave of absence: **Cr David Shepherd**

In attendance:

Please note that there is an embargo on agenda items until 8.30 am on Monday 31 August.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2015, having been circulated, for adoption

Matters arising from minutes

FOR NOTING

Item 1

2015/1087 **Stakeholder Engagement Report.** DSE, 24/8/15

Reporting on community, stakeholder and staff engagement activities carried out by Stakeholder Engagement directorate staff since the last meeting.

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**Minutes of a meeting of the Communications Committee held
in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on
Wednesday 22 July 2015 commencing at 3.00 pm**

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

Leave of absence: Cr Gerrard Eckhoff

In attendance: Peter Bodeker
Wayne Scott
Nick Donnelly
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 3 June 2015, 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.

FOR NOTING

Item 1

2015/1000 **Stakeholder Engagement Report.** DSE, 03/07/15

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

Mrs Leahy noted the tables Analysis of Webpages Viewed, and advised that the columns in the Information and Services table referred to 1. Air, 2. Natural Hazards, 3. Rates, 4. Resource Consents, and 5. Water.

Rural Water Quality Plan Change

- Concern was expressed that people were at home at only 168 of the 420 properties visited. Mrs Leahy advised that making appointments for the visits had been piloted, but this was very resource hungry. Staff were able to drop material off where there was no-one home, and she commented that people who missed their visit were able to attend the drop in sessions, which were well publicised.
- In response to a question Mrs Leahy advised that that the External OVERSEER group discussed broad topics including both the latest research and anecdotal information.
- Mr Bodeker advised in relation to OVERSEER that an ownership position had now been formalised, and meetings would be held with regional councils who used OVERSEER. The owners would also seek financial contributions from councils, and there was provision for this in the LTP.

Water Quantity

It was noted that with the concentration on the Rural Water Quality Plan Change, the Water Quantity Plan Change should not be overlooked. Mrs Leahy commented that it was useful to have the goals for these two plan changes integrated, and staff were currently investigating how both projects could be achieved through one set of work, eg the Manuherikia. Mr Bodeker advised that the implementation plan would be presented to Council.

Cr Deaker moved

Cr Bell seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 3.12 pm

Chairperson

REPORT

Document Id: A821993

Report Number: 2015/1087

Prepared For: Communications Committee

Prepared By: Director Stakeholder Engagement

Date: August 2015

Subject: **Communications Committee – Report August 2015**

This report records stakeholder engagement activity between 1 July and 14 August.

1. Water Quality

Table: Number of people at events and meetings

| 142 At events | 60 In discussions with | 30 Staff met with and learned from | 25 Other |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Beef & Lamb land environment planning Glenorchy & Telford ■ Kakanui Catchment Steering Group ■ Taieri catchment community meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pathways to the Pomahaka Water Care group ■ Clutha Development Trust & stakeholders ■ SFF dairy grazing project ■ Fonterra Environmental Managers Nitrogen Project ■ Kakanui Catchment project ■ Central Otago District Council sediment discussions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Telford Pastoral 21 systems project | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Karitane Primary School |

External events

We have continued to support landholders by working with third parties - attending their events and responding to questions.

Events that we have spoken at include;

- **Beef and Lamb** level one land and environment plan (LEP) at Rees Valley station, Glenorchy on 31st of July. CLE input was highlighting the OVERSEER rule, S15 limits and S16 Thresholds. An overseer assessment had been prepared which showed the property leaching loss is within the 15kg/ha limit for the Lakes District. 20 people attended. A second LEP was held on the 13th August in Telford, at which 19 people attended. Again staff presented about the Water plan, and helped answer questions throughout the day.
- **Pathways for the Pomahaka Group** meeting on the 6th of July. CLE and Science staff meet with key contacts of the Pathways for the Pomahaka group to discuss priorities in the Pomahaka catchment, particular emphasis was on which areas/tributaries should have focus from the 45 Fonterra funded and supported Sustainable Milk Plans (whole farm plans) to be carried out over the next three years.
- **DairyNZ Telford Pastoral 21 Systems Project.** The final field day for this comprehensive three year project was held at Telford on the 22nd July, at which 30 personal attended. The project looked to reduce the environmental footprint while increasing productivity. Strategic winter grazing is one part of the project, alongside low rate effluent application on saturated soils and also the trials looking to fine tune components of wintering systems.
- **Clutha Development Trust** met with all project stakeholders on the 27th July. This was the first official meeting, 30 rural professionals and farmer catchment representatives were in attendance. CLE staff gave the opening presentation, covering off the background of the water plan and where our expectations are.
- **Sustainable Farming Fund Dairy Grazing Project.** On the 6th August, CLE staff attended the meeting which was to identify emerging outcomes of the project including ‘at risk’ aspects of wintering on water quality and therefore potential impact on 6A rules, and what best practice is likely required in order to meet 6A rules. 20 personnel of the SFF committee attended including the three case study properties.
- **Fonterra Environmental Programme leader,** met with CLE staff on the 14th August to brief ORC on their Nitrogen Reporting Programme. The programme has been set up primarily to assist farmers with nitrogen reporting to Regional councils, but can also be used as a basis for assessing nutrient status and fertiliser recommendation by fertiliser companies.
- **Kakanui Community Catchment Project Steering Group** meeting was held on the 2nd of July. Approximately 13 industry and stakeholder representatives attended. CLEO staff provided an overview of what ORC is up to in the catchment, answered questions that arose and gave input into the milestone projects for the coming year.

- **Kakanui Community Catchment Project** planting site discussions were had on the 16th July. The site has potential for river management issues, so any outstanding information that the ORC has, was sought. ORC engineers are to be coupled into those discussions.

Other

Other stakeholder work has included the following;

- **Karitane Primary School** on the 28th July, CLE staff held an interactive water quality and invertebrate session with the 25 pupils of Karitane School
- **Central Otago District Council** meeting on the 15th July. CLE staff meet with CODC planning staff for an early discussion on the role of ORC and that of district council's in relation to mechanisms each authority has to control sedimentation of waterways, and to identify any gaps.
- **Safeguarding our water Resources: Options for the Taieri Catchment** community meeting was held on the 5th July. Councillors Gretchen Robertson and David Sheppard were in attendance, and Policy and Planning Director, Fraser McRae spoke. The community wants to continue to build resilience with regard to water quality and quantity and this meeting was in partly re-launching this work. Approximately 90 people attended

2. Water Quantity

Significant implementation activity is occurring. As ORC's thinking on the matter of the Regional Plan: Water for Otago has progressed, we have been refining planning of implementation of its rural water quality and water allocation aspects. Both Executive and managers are focused on ensuring alignment across the council sections involved in this work, using a systems-based, collaborative planning approach. We have used this technique to: (1) check all implementation activity is clearly linked to organisational goals, and (2) identify the tactics, tools and systems needed to successfully implement these aspects of the water plan.

The attached documents (previously workshopped) show the level of thinking behind the planning and implementation of the water quality and allocation plan change, being:

1. Goal Tree for Water – showing alignment and linkages between components of water management
2. Strategy and Tactics Tree for Water – summary of tactics for achieving the goal and critical success factors

The first attachment, the goal tree for water summarises the high-level strategic thinking behind all our water management work; it shows the desired outcomes of ORC's work and the dependencies amongst these. This ensures that whatever actions we take to manage water, we know what effect we are trying to achieve. While the goal tree presently covers rural water quality, it will eventually include urban water quality as well.

The second attachment shows the top two layers of the Strategy and Tactics Tree for Water (which is six layers in full) illustrates two key points driving our efforts for managing water, which are:

1. The three-pronged approach to: ensure environmental bottomlines are met; encourage and persuade people to take responsibility for optimal use of; and protection and enhancement of water in Otago, being:
 - a. Regulating (the water plan, including compliance monitoring and enhancement)
 - b. Disseminating information and key messages
 - c. Providing advice and undertaking education on water quality and quantity matters.
2. The ever-present tension between promoting individual responsibility for water quality, and encouraging groups (whether sectoral, catchment or community based) for 'community' management of water.

Staff are completing a technical assessment of the costs, benefits and risks of alternative strategic approaches to working with water management groups (for water allocation). Five potential approaches are being assessed, including: an information-focused approach; three options for an education-focused approach; and an advisory approach.

The intention is to seek governance input into a final approach.

3. **Land, Biodiversity and Biosecurity**

- **Department of Conservation's** official launch of Urban Nature took place on the 3rd of August on Portsmouth Drive adjacent to the Otago Harbour. The project aim is to connect the urban community to the natural values living in around the city through various interpretation panels and events. CLE staff attended the launch.
- **Department of Conservations** Partnerships team members meet with CLE staff on the 3rd August to discuss the Regionally Significant Wetlands in the Matukituki Valley. DoC wishes to involve all of the community in order to maintain the significant values in these wetlands, including the adjacent farmers. They were looking for guidance and support in order to do this.

4. **Air Quality**

Nothing to report.

5. **Hazard and Risk Mitigation**

Nothing to report.

6. Regional Land Transport

Nothing to report.

7. Statutory Responsibilities

Nothing to report.

8. Customers and Stakeholders

Staff met with the Malcam Trust to discuss the ORC's offer of in-kind support for their "farmhand project".

We progressed discussions with the Untouched World Charitable Trust (UWCT) on how we will provide staff resource and expertise to support the development of a new water leadership programme, based in Central Otago. A meeting of all stakeholders will be run in September.

9. Media Communications

Media activity

Over the period we had 87 print media mentions and seven broadcast media mentions. Stories covered included:

- changes to southern bus routes, bus transfers, school bus services,
- water quality monitoring
- dairy farm prosecutions
- lagarosiphon in Lake Dunstan
- rabbit control
- the RPS review
- Oamaru air pollution monitoring,
- appointment of new civil defence manager

Four media releases were issued – topics covered included the appointment of Stephen Woodhead as the chairman of the Local Government New Zealand regional council group, the appointment of a new civil defence manager/controller, progress with setting minimum flows, and the signing of a national agreement with local iwi.

Four letters to the editor were responded to during the period, all to the Otago Daily Times. Two replies were from the manager support services on southern routes bus route changes, one from the director environmental monitoring and operations on lagarosiphon in Lake Dunstan, and one from the chief executive on RMA enforcement.

Social media

There were 44 posts on Facebook. As at 13 August the ORC Facebook page had 925 likes. Topics posted included disruptions to Dunedin bus services, the upcoming Shakeout exercise, LAWA website updates, Stephen Woodhead's appointment to the LGNZ regional council group, appointment of new civil defence manager.

We sent out 79 Tweets or retweets on topics similar to those featured in media releases and on Facebook – our Twitter account had 440 followers as of August 13.

Over the most recent week there was a post reach of 6,490, which was due to the large number of weather disrupted bus services. In addition there were 1,066 people engaged with our Facebook pages this week, which was an increase of over 400% on the previous week.

Web development and traffic summary

Updates are made daily to the ORC website. 135 changes were made during this period.

Updates made during this period include:

- The Job Vacancies section, including new images, making job vacancy link more prominent on the ORC home page and also an online application form.
- The LAWA website was expanded to include real-time data on lakes, this required a lot of data input as well as photo uploads for the 12 Otago lakes displayed.
- Currently developing an online direct debit form which will allow people to submit their bank account details online instead of using a manual bank form to request rates direct debit payments.
- Setup of a Honda Treefund page to allow community groups and businesses to apply for the Honda TreeFund.
- Several page updated in the Water Plan section, including the Proposed Plan Change 5A online submission form, and Proposed Plan Change 3C, Proposed Plan Change 4B and Proposed Plan Change 4C all updated.

Visits to the ORC website

During this period the snow-day/frosts on 8th July and on 9th - 10th August produced a spike of visitors to our website as shown below:



The largest spike records 4,898 visits to our website on the day of 8th July, compared to our average daily visit of approximately 1000 people. The other large spike records 3,820 visits on 10th August.

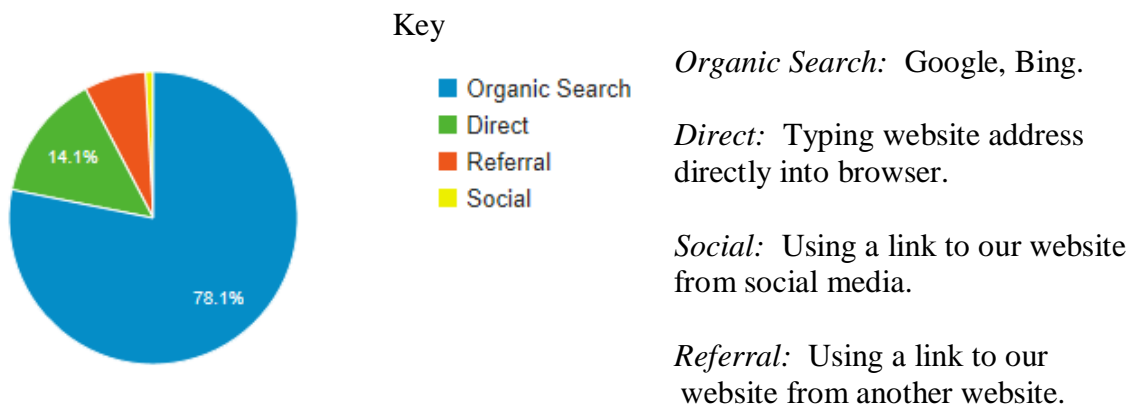
The top documents downloaded during this period have been:

- 2015 bus timetable (5,412 downloads)
- Proposed RPS document (230 downloads)
- Environmental Resource Scientist job description (139 downloads)
- Water quality rules (110 downloads).

General data about the visits to our website during this period:



This graph below records how people are getting to our website and indicates a heavy reliance on a specific organic search via a search engine. As our social media presence grows we are expecting more people to link to the website from those channels.

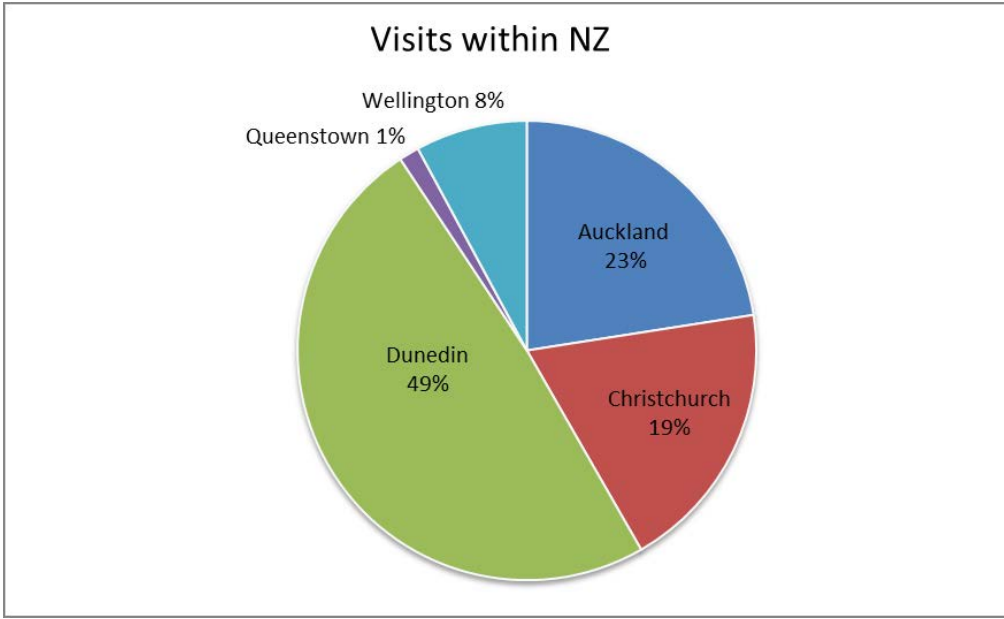


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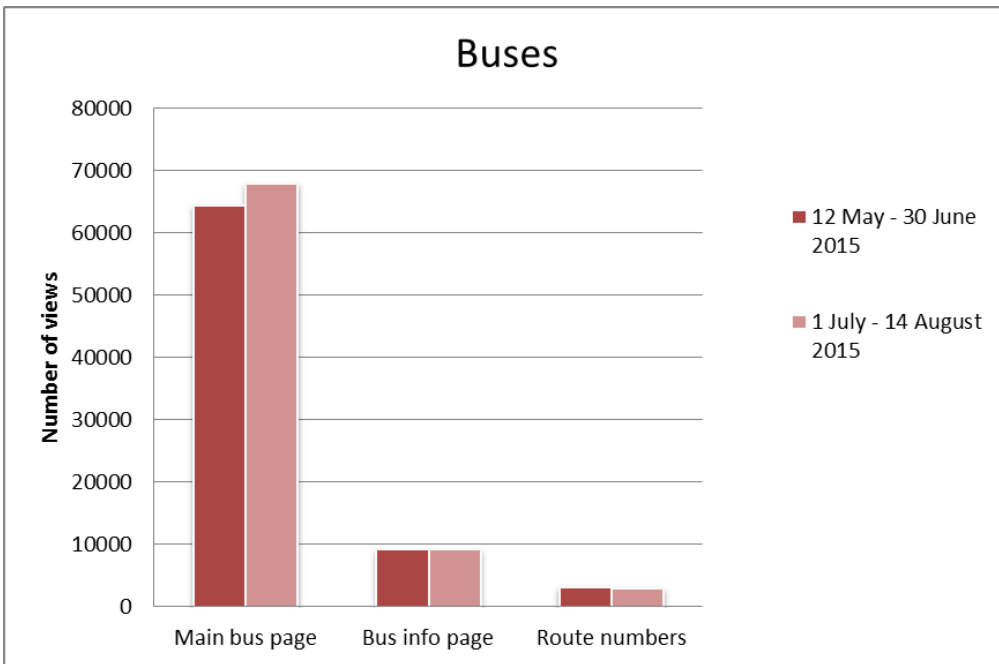
Desktop/laptop (current period): 25,622 visits
 Desktop/laptop (previous period): 33,532 visits

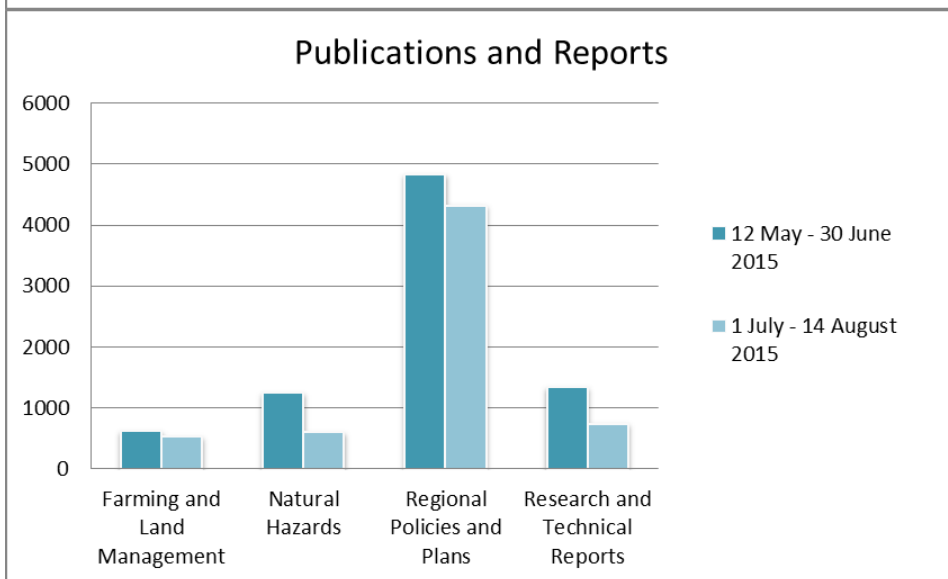
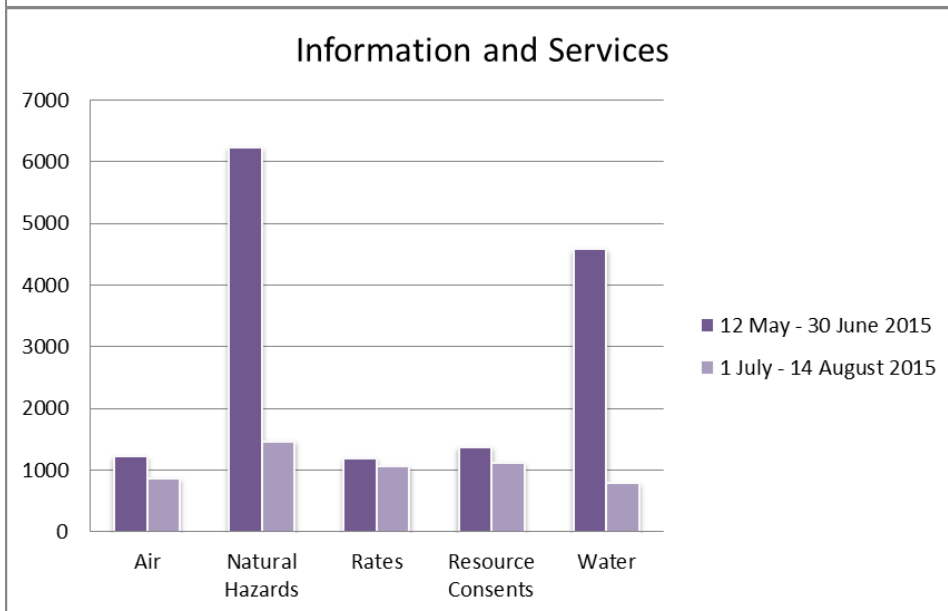
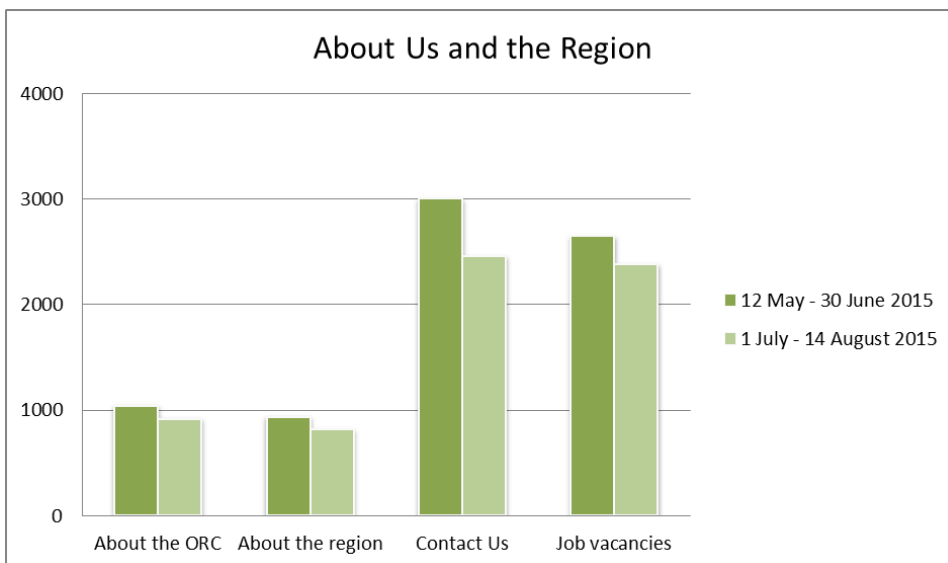
Mobile/tablet (current period): 29,004 visits
 Mobile/tablet (previous period): 36,487 visits

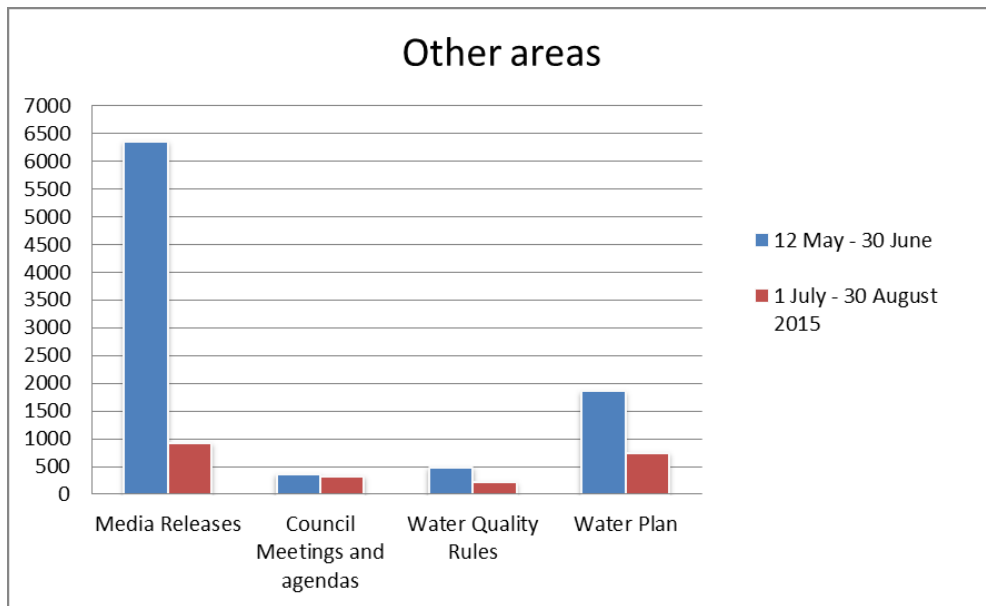
There were 52,161 visits to the ORC website from New Zealand, 783 from Australia, and 426 from the United States.



Analysis of webpages viewed







10. Recommendation

That this report is noted.

Jane Leahy
Director Stakeholder Engagement

Attachments

1. Goal Tree for Water
2. Strategy and Tactics Tree for Water – abbreviated version

Goal Tree for Water

EXPLANATION
 This logic diagram, known as a goal tree, shows the outcomes that ORC seeks for water. The tree shows how achieving particular desired outcomes - and the goal itself - depends upon achieving other outcomes. At present, the goal tree covers water allocation (Plan Change 1C) and water quality (Plan Change 6A). In time, desired outcomes for urban water quality will be more fully incorporated into it, as the policy work on this topic proceeds.

READING THE TREE
 Read the tree from the top: In order to/for... there must be/ we must...

Strategy - water quality
 COLOUR KEY.
 Note: the numbering corresponds to that in the Rural Water Quality Implementation Plan

Strategy - water allocation
 COLOUR KEY

Strategy - water (allocation & quality)
 COLOUR KEY

Strategic plan vision
 A prosperous and sustainable future for Otago

Goal
 Optimal use, protection and enhancement of Otago's water

Best use being made of available water
 People and communities make best use of available water resources and, with ORC, manage these resources efficiently

Access to suitable water supplies
 People and communities have access to suitable supplies of water for their present and reasonably foreseeable needs [includes health & recreation]

Life-supporting capacity sustained
 Water sustains the life-supporting capacity of aquatic ecosystems and their natural characteristics (which, in turn, support human values)

Economy supported by water quality
 Good water quality supports (rather than constrains) Otago's economy; those sectors of the economy that rely on good quality water are growing

Quality of each waterbody is known
 3.1 Everyone knows which Otago water bodies have outstanding or acceptable water quality and which have standard water quality. There are programmes in place that maintain the quality of water in rivers, lakes, wetlands and aquifers, where that is already good and enhance water quality where it is degraded

Common understanding of regulatory framework
 3.2 There is a clear regulatory framework concerning the effects of activities / landuse on water quality, and everyone shares a common understanding of this

Values-based allocation / minimum flows
 There is an allocation regime based on values for all major catchments with a legally-defensible minimum or residual flow set, and groundwater levels

Low cost to society of water management
 3.3 The wider costs to society of water management are being kept low [overall economic costs including social costs]

When drought occurs
 Appropriate actions are taken when water levels are low and droughts occur

Consents configured for efficient use
 Consents to take water are configured in a way that ensures efficient use of water, and enables its optimal use, with consistent constraints applied within and between reaches of river

Rehabilitation programmes
 4.1 There are programmes in place to rehabilitate those waterbodies where water quality has been so degraded by past actions, they cannot be fixed by reducing the future type and intensity of effects of surrounding landuse ("legacy" issues)

Outstanding/good quality protected
 4.2 Those waterbodies in Otago that are good or outstanding quality are adequately protected

Responsibility for managing discharge water quality
 4.3 People pro-actively take responsibility for managing their discharges - ensuring the quality of water leaving the property is good - to reduce adverse effects, including cumulative effects, on water quality. This results in changes in some practices and decisionmaking of those using land, and eventually in norms

Costs of ORC water management constrained
 The cost of ORC water management is constrained to what is necessary and efficient

Users work together
 Water users work together efficiently and avoid duplication of effort

Solutions for all degraded waterbodies
 5.1 For each degraded "legacy" water body, a solution has been agreed and the resources found to rehabilitate it

Margins managed appropriately
 5.2 River, estuary and lake margins are managed in a way that minimises nitrates, phosphates, sediments, E. coli etc from entering water bodies

Adverse effects managed
 5.3 Those activities and discharge systems causing adverse effects on water that are more than minor or short-term are being identified and altered before they unduly degrade water quality and affect human and natural values

Key messages received
 5.4 Those using water are receiving the information and key messages they need to play their part in ensuring good water quality and best use of available water

Number of consents reduced
 The number of water allocation consents has been consolidated considerably by issuing consents when deemed permits expire in 2021

Minimal water-taking conflict
 There is minimal conflict among those taking (or wanting) water

Users capable of managing water
 The capability to manage water use day to day / in times of water shortage largely resides with people outside ORC, who are able to work together, independently of ORC

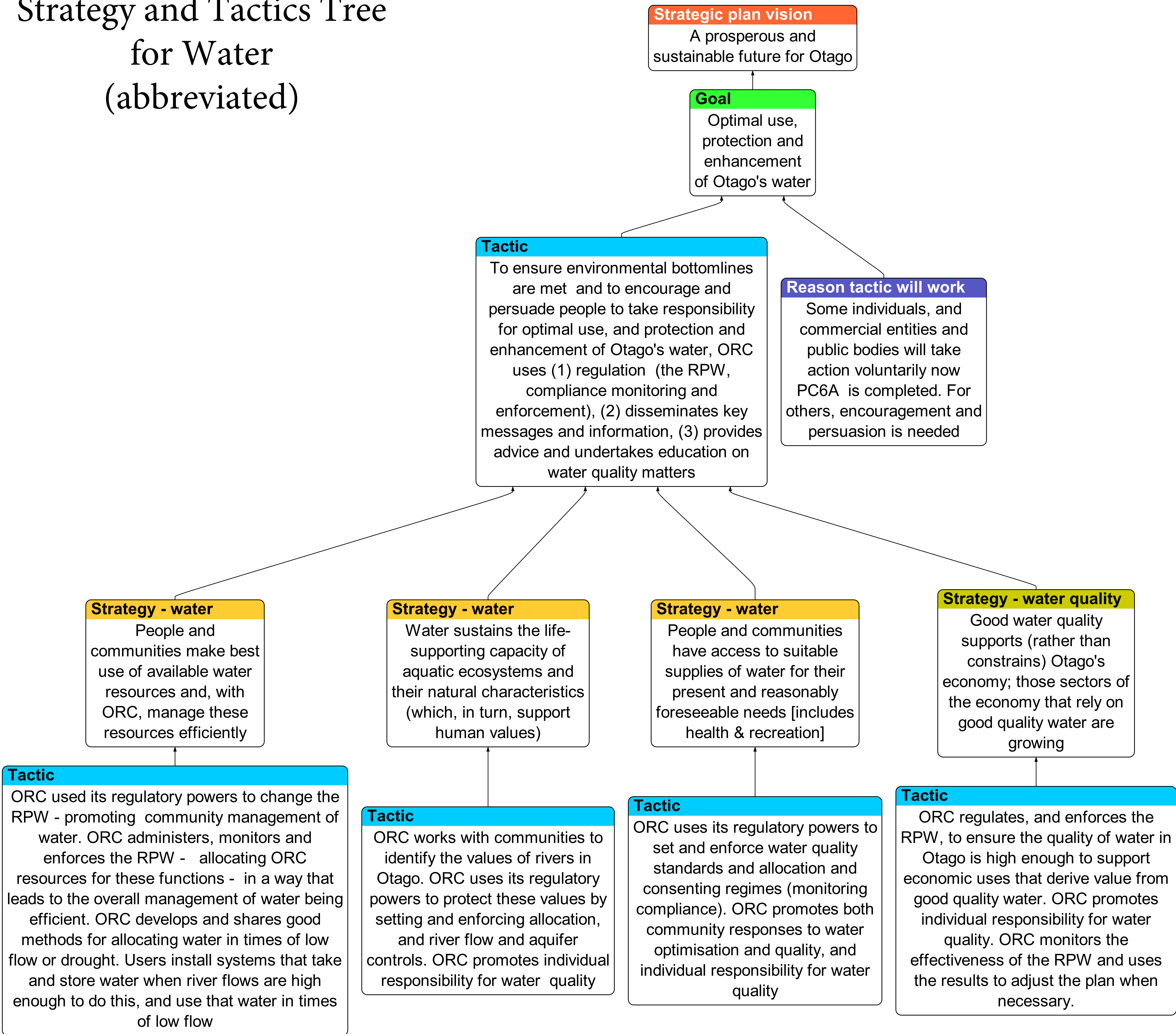
Water quality factored into land management
 6.1 Landholders know what the quality of water leaving their property is, and are able to relate this back to their land use decisionmaking and practices

Mutual learning about land use decisionmaking
 6.2 Learning and sharing knowledge of the relationship between various land use practices and water quality is ongoing

Water management groups consented
 A goodly number of cohesive water management groups establish themselves and seek consents for water

Intra-group agreement
 Each group with a consent for water manages intra-group disagreements over water allocation without ORC needing to intervene

Strategy and Tactics Tree for Water (abbreviated)



OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**Agenda for a meeting of the Policy Committee to be held in the
Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on
Wednesday 2 September 2015 following the Communications
Committee meeting**

Membership:

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

Apologies:

Leave of absence: **Cr David Shepherd**

In attendance:

Please note that there is an embargo on agenda items until 8.30 am on Monday 31 August.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2015, having been circulated, for adoption.

Matters arising from minutes

PART A – RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2015/1115 **Updating designation assessment.** DPPRM, 21/8/15

Updating designations to be processed as part of the Dunedin City Council's district plan review.

PART B - FOR NOTING

Item 2

2015/1092 **Director's Report on Progress.** DPPRM, 21/8/15

The report gives an overview of significant activities undertaken by the Policy section since the last meeting of the Policy Committee.

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 22 July 2015 commencing at 3.26 pm

Present:

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

Leave of absence: Cr Gerrard Eckhoff

In attendance:

- Peter Bodeker
- Wayne Scott
- Nick Donnelly
- Jeff Donaldson
- Jane Leahy
- Fraser McRae
- Gavin Palmer
- Dale Meredith
- Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2015, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Deaker and Shepherd.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PART A – RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2015/0843 **Notification of Proposed Plan Change 5A (Lindis: Integrated water management).** DPPRM, 2/7/15

Councillors Robertson and Shepherd, who had been appointed to the hearing panel for this Plan Change, declared a conflict of interest and left the room. Cr Deaker chaired the meeting.

The report recommended the notification of Proposed Plan Change 5A (Lindis: Integrated water management) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago. Circulated with the report were attachments (1) Overview of written comments on the Consultation Draft of Proposed Plan Change 5A; (2) Proposed Plan Change 5A, with Lindis and Bendigo/Tarras maps; (3) Section 32 Evaluation Report; and (4) Guide for preparing a resource consent application to take surface water, including replacing a deemed permit.

In response to a question Mr McRae explained that no water could be taken from the Cromwell aquifer for irrigation during winter months. Mrs Meredith explained that only two aquifers were covered by the winter restriction, and the ban on irrigating was a common restriction placed at the request of Contact Energy on consents to take water from the Clutha-Mata Au main stem and during times of low flow. A comment was made that landholders were moving to efficient spray systems in the Bendigo area and now a plan change for a different area was being imposed on them. Mr McRae explained that the intention of the proposed option was to negate any appeal from Contact Energy. He also explained that the ban referred to irrigation only, not frost fighting or storage.

It was noted that once approved, the Plan Change would become operative immediately but it might not be applied to deemed privileges, which could mean the minimum flow might not be fully implemented before 2021.

Cr Woodhead moved

Cr Kempton seconded

1. *That Proposed Plan Change 5A (Lindis: Integrated water management) 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 5A (Lindis: Integrated water management) be publicly notified on Saturday 8 August 2015.*
3. *That Proposed Plan Change 5A (Lindis: Integrated water management) will have immediate legal effect upon notification.*

Cr Kelliher noted concerns expressed by the community about the economic report: it did not reflect what happened on the ground; there had

been no public input into the report; and the percentages of reduction in gross farm income were not reflected accurately. Cr Kelliher agreed that the Plan Change needed to proceed to a hearing and be publicly discussed there, but because of the concerns mentioned above in relation to the Section 32 report he would abstain from voting. Cr Bell indicated that he would also abstain from voting, for the same reason.

Mr McRae explained in response to a question that under the RMA the proposed minimum flow would have immediate effect once it was notified by Council, and would have to be taken into consideration in relation to processing consent applications. Fairness had to apply to avoid the situation where there was no water for the last applicant to replace their mining privilege. The amount of water granted in consents would depend on the amount being used, not what the mining privilege allowed.

It was noted that Cr Kelliher's contacts could commission their own economic report on the issues of concern to them.

The motion was put by division:

For: Crs Brown, Croot, Deaker, Kempton, Neill, Scott and
Woodhead

Abstaining: Crs Bell, Kelliher

Motion carried

Crs Robertson and Shepherd returned to the meeting.

Item 2

2015/1031 **Proposed National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry.**
DPPRM, 8/7/15

The report presented the Proposed National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry and recommended that Council prepare a submission supporting greater national consistency for managing the effects of activities to achieve good environmental, economic and community outcomes, but opposing the proposed standard.

Mr McRae noted that the effects of the proposed NES would be greatest at the TLA level because there was no Regional Land Plan. Some district plan forestry rules could require amendment as a result of the NES. Mr McRae commented that the logic of this proposal was that every activity should have its own NES, with the ultimate effect that regional and district plans were no longer necessary.

There was general agreement that the Council submission encourage full withdrawal of the proposed NES.

The meeting discussed membership of a panel to finalise a Council submission on the NES. Mention was also made of the consultation meeting at Telford on 28 July. An amended recommendation 2 was

suggested, that Crs Scott, Woodhead and Robertson work with staff to finalise a Council submission on the NES Plantation Forestry, and that Cr Scott attend the consultation meeting to be held at Telford on Tuesday 28 July.

Cr Deaker moved
Cr Shepherd seconded

- (1) *That Council prepare a submission on the Proposed National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry.*
- (2) *That Crs Scott, Woodhead and Robertson work with staff to finalise a Council submission on the Proposed National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry, and that Cr Scott attend the consultation meeting to be held at Telford on Tuesday 28 July.*

Motion carried

PART B - FOR NOTING

Item 3
2015/1015 **Director's Report on Progress.** DPPRM, 10/7/15

The report gave an overview of significant activities undertaken by the Policy section since the last meeting of the Policy Committee.

It was noted that submissions on the RPS were to close on Friday 24 July, and Mr McRae advised that 50 had been received to date.

Cr Deaker moved
Cr Croot seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 4.05 pm.

Chairperson

REPORT

Document Id: A827680

Report Number: 2015/1115
 Prepared For: Policy Committee
 Prepared By: Director Policy, Planning and Resource Management
 Date: 21 August 2015

Subject: **Report to Council updating designation assessment**

1. Précis

This report updates the Otago Regional Council's (ORC) progress of the proposed designations. As a result of further legal counsel and critical assessment of the designations being sought, this report updates those recommendations approved in report 2014/1701 and 2015/1028.

The approved recommendations of report 2014/1701 and 2015/1028 were that the Council:

1. Request Dunedin City Council 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.
 - d. Lower Taieri Flood Protection Scheme
 - e. East Taieri Drainage Scheme
 - f. West Taieri Drainage Scheme
 - g. Leith Flood Protection Scheme
 - h. Lindsay Creek River Works
 - i. Kaikorai Stream River Works
 - j. Stafford Street, principal premises
 - k. Dukes Road, Taieri depot
 - l. Birch/Kitchener Street site
3. Consult with affected land owners as outlined in section 4 of report 2014/1701.

The designations are to be processed as part of the Dunedin City Council's district plan review.

2. Alterations to Designations Authorised by Council

Subsequent to Council's meeting and decision of 22 July 2015, and following legal advice, staff have reviewed the designations to ensure the proposed designations relate to works for which ORC:

- (a) has a financial responsibility; and
- (b) has works planned with sufficient detail to be able to be assessed by the Dunedin City Council to be able to recommend appropriate conditions for the designation; and
- (c) has a clear need to manage and maintain flood protections works; and
- (d) is able to defend.

As a consequence, staff consider that the following alteration to the authorised designations should be made:

| Site/Asset | Specific Assets | Reason | Alteration |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------|
| Lower Taieri Flood Protection Scheme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Potential future works at “The Chute” | There is still significant investigative work that needs to be undertaken such that it was determined there is not enough certainty to inform the designation process at this time. | Remove from designation |

For any works not designated at this time, options available to Council are that existing designations may be altered at a later date if required or, if appropriate, new designations applied for.

The final revised mapping will be within the scope of the proposed designations authorised by Council.

Prior to public notification of the Dunedin City Council’s proposed district plan on 26 September 2015, it would be prudent to run a brief workshop at the next Council meeting so ORC Councillors are informed of the final proposed designations.

3. Recommendation

That the designation for the Lower Taieri Flood Protection Scheme is altered in accordance with this report.

Fraser McRae
Director Policy, Planning and Resource Management

REPORT

Document Id: A823353

Report Number: 2015/1092

Prepared For: Policy Committee

Prepared By: Director Policy, Planning and Resource Management

Date: 21 August 2015

Subject: **Director's Report on Progress**

1. Policy Responses

1.1 Responses: National Policies, Strategies and Plans

The following responses were made over the six week period:

| Proposal | Response Type | Issues |
|--|---------------|--|
| Proposed National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry (Ministry for Primary Industries) | Submission | Counter to effects and activity-neutral basis of the RMA; regional plan provisions should be able to be more stringent; transfer of costs to local government; precedent effect. |

1.2 Responses: Territorial Authority and Regional Authority Plan Changes and Resource Consent Applications

In the seven weeks ending 21 August 2015, the following were received:

| Agency | Number Received | Document |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Queenstown Lakes District Council | 9 | Consent applications |
| Dunedin City Council | 3 | Consent applications |

The following responses were made over the six week period:

| Proposal | Response Type | Issues |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|---|
| QLDC – Lakes Edge Development Ltd | Written feedback | Need to provide for storm water runoff in heavy rain events through a development situated on a section of steep land at the outlet of Lake Wakatipu, also raised issue with connectivity issues within and to and from the site. |

1.3 Appeal: Clutha District Council Proposed Plan Change 28 (Natural Hazards)

Council has appealed Clutha District Council's (CDC) decision on Proposed Plan Change 28 (Natural Hazards) relating to provisions for dwellings and buildings that accommodate people in Area 4B: Tokomairiro Plain floodway corridors.

Mediation was held with other parties to the appeal on 29 May 2015. Agreement was reached with Clutha District Council to classify residential structures within critical areas of the floodway corridors as discretionary activities. The land owner concerned has requested from the Environment Court further time to consider their legal position. No parties have objected to this request. An update is due to the Environment Court by 9 October 2015

2. ORC: Policy, Plans and Strategies

2.1 Review of Regional Policy Statement

The Proposed Regional Policy Statement for Otago was publicly notified on Saturday 23 May 2015, with submissions closing on Friday 24 July 2015. A total of 156 submissions have been received, relating to all parts of the proposal.

The Summary of Decisions Requested is now being finalised, and it is intended to publicly notify this Summary on Saturday 29 August 2015. Further submissions must then be lodged within 10 working days (i.e. by Friday 11 September 2015). The hearing is planned to commence in November 2015.

2.2 Proposed Plan Change 5A (Lindis: integrated water management)

This proposed plan change was notified on Saturday 8 August 2015, with submissions closing on Friday 4 September 2015. No submissions have yet been received on the proposal.

2.3 Regional Plan Water: planning for implementation

The Rural Water Quality stakeholder engagement team has participated in the development of a detailed programme of work, which is reported on in the Communications Committee report.

3. Recommendation

That this report is noted.

Fraser McRae
Director Policy Planning and Resource Management

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**Agenda for a meeting of the Finance and Corporate Committee
to be held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin
on Wednesday 2 September 2015 following the
Policy Committee meeting**

Membership:

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 Sam Neill
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr Bryan Scott
Cr Stephen Woodhead

Apologies:

Leave of absence: **Cr David Shepherd**

In attendance:

Please note that there is an embargo on agenda items until 8.30 am on Monday 31 August.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2015, having been circulated, for adoption.

Matters arising from minutes

PART A - RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2015/1130 **WW1 Commemoration.** DCS, 28/8/15

The report presents costs for the proposed distribution to schools of books relating to WW1.

Item 2

2015/1114 **Inactive Subsidiaries – Change of Director and Annual Return 2015.**
DCS, 21/8/15

The report notes that for name protection purposes, three companies bearing the Regional Services name were registered in April 2006. The Companies Act requires that an Annual Return be completed for each of the companies, which are inactive and do not have constitutions.

PART B – ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 3

2015/1111 **12 month review to 30 June 2015.** DCS, 20/8/15

The report summarises project progress for the 12 months to 30 June 2015. The full report is circulated separately with the agenda.

Item 4

2015/1113 **Director's report.** DCS, 21/8/15

The report describes significant activities carried out by the Finance and Corporate sections since the last meeting of the Committee.

PART C – PUBLIC EXCLUSION

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 5 | In Committee portion of the minutes of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting held on 22 July 2015, for noting | To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank experssion of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of a local authority. (S72(f)(i)) | S.48(1)(a)(i) |
| Item 6 | The Charter of Understanding between Southern Territorial Authorities and Te Ao Marama Incorporated | To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank experssion of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of a local authority. (S72(f)(i)) | 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 a meeting of the Finance and Corporate Committee
held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin
on Wednesday 22 July 2015 commencing at 10.37 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 Trevor Kempton
Cr Sam Neill
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr Bryan Scott
Cr Stephen Woodhead

Leave of absence: **Cr Gerrard Eckhoff**

In attendance:

Peter Bodeker
Wayne Scott
Nick Donnelly
Jeff Donaldson
Jane Leahy
Fraser McRae
Gavin Palmer
Gerard Collings (for Items 3 and 4)
Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2015, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Kempton and Neill.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PART A – RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2015/1035 **Port Otago Limited – Draft Statement of Corporate Intent.**

DCE, 9/7/15

The Draft Statement of Corporate Intent for Port Otago Limited (circulated with the agenda) was presented for endorsement. Port Otago Chief Executive Geoff Plunket attended for this item. The following matters were discussed.

- Extension of Back Beach dairy warehousing – community concern at past extension of the warehouses was noted. Mr Plunket explained that there were currently three warehouses with a total area of 24,000 m². The proposed extension would fill in the gap between D and E sheds and slightly extend the load-out area, making a total of 32,000 m² in warehousing, which was not a significant change in footprint. Plans had been presented to the local environment committee for their input. The colour of the roof had been consulted on previously, and there was no change from the existing building height. The purpose of the warehousing extension was to provide more storage and to upgrade the facility to allow product to be stored under cover.
- Additional warehouse at Sawyers Bay – The new Sawyers Bay warehouse was in response to a range of demands, not just milk powder.
- The Statement of Corporate intent outlined that Port Otago was looking for, and would take advantage of, opportunities for investments and Port improvements and development.
- The ratio of shareholders' funds to total assets, currently 81%, was noted and a question was raised about new development to bring this ratio back below 75%. Mr Plunket explained that the Group was looking for appropriate opportunities, and noted the Hamilton land holdings. He also pointed out expenditure of \$45m on planned activities for the year ending June 2016.
- Mr Plunket noted that the steady increase in container terminal productivity was the result of a number of factors including improved organisation, good technology, good training, and good health and safety practices.
- The Port's standing compared to other ports was queried, and Mr Plunket advised that by MoT ratings Port Otago was in the top echelon, coming close behind Tauranga.
- In response to a question Mr Plunket advised that the impact of the hub development in Timaru was in line with what was expected.
- Mr Plunket advised in response to a question that there were learnings from the recent injury accident, and an investigation was being carried out.
- Mr Plunket advised that channel deepening to Port Chalmers would be completed by December 2015, the rest by December 2016. The work would mean that existing ships would be able to load/carry more cargo, and would allow 6,500 teu vessels to visit the port, but Mr Plunket was unable to say when this would happen.

- Planned improvements to the cruise ship reception facilities were queried. Mr Plunket advised that cruise ship figures were 75 for the 2014/15 season, 70 (larger) vessels booked for 2015/16, and 86 for 2016/17. The cruise ship industry was happy with the reception facilities provided and there were no plans for any changes.
- Risk management including business interruption was queried. Mr Plunket advised that the Port was fully insured, and also noted the Group's other income streams including property holdings which gave confidence in the continuity of dividends.

Cr Shepherd moved
Cr Kelliher seconded

That the attached Draft Statement of Corporate Intent for Port Otago Limited and its subsidiaries and associates for the three years to 30 June 2018, be endorsed.

Motion carried

PART B – ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 2

2015/1040 **Audit and Risk Subcommittee.** DCE, 10/7/15

The report outlined the issues considered by the Audit and Risk Subcommittee at its 17 June meeting. The minutes of the meeting were circulated with the agenda.

The meeting was advised in response to a question that arrangements were being made for David Benham, Chair of the Audit and Risk Subcommittee, to attend a future Committee or Council meeting.

In response to a question Mr Scott explained that the Subcommittee's work was guided by its terms of reference, and discussion and actions arising from meetings were followed up. It was pointed out that some issues, including the Annual Plan and health and safety procedures, were standard agenda items. It was noted that this was a new committee and its operations were still being developed.

The issue of the need for a strategy to deal with a loss of income from the Port was raised. Mr Scott advised that Port Otago had been invited to present its risk management strategy to the Audit and Risk Subcommittee. He also noted that the dividend paid to Council came from a range of Port income streams, not just the Port operation. It was also commented that Council had reserves and other investments which could be called.

It was noted that a risk management framework had also been discussed at the previous Audit and Risk Subcommittee meeting, and Crs Woodhead and Shepherd and Mr Scott had been reviewing ORC reserves and their management. A statement of investment policy and objectives (SIPO)

would be developed encompassing Council's assets, investments, and properties. It was suggested that a report be prepared for Council by the end of the year explaining the risk management situation, and potential scenarios for action should it become necessary. Mr Scott explained that a formal risk assessment analysis process was in hand.

Health and safety processes were discussed, and it was pointed out that while Council should have a reasonable understanding of Port's processes, it should not be involved in the work.

In response to a question Mr Scott advised that the new health and safety legislation was not yet finalised.

Cr Kelliher moved
Cr Woodhead seconded

That the report be received.

Motion carried

Item 3

2015/1036 **Insurance Renewals 2015/16.** DCS, 9/7/15

The report described the recent review of Council's insurances and noted the reduction in premiums for the 2015/16 year.

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Croot seconded

That the report be received.

Motion carried

Item 4

2015/1041 **Passenger Transport Update.** DCS, 13/7/15

The report provided an overview of recent changes to the Southern Routes contract, and changes proposed by Government for funding of the SuperGold free off-peak travel scheme.

In relation to proposed changes to the SuperGold free off-peak travel scheme, Mr Collings advised that NZTA had been instructed to consult with councils before apportionment of the proposed bulk funding was drafted. It was noted that although this was not the Council's scheme, Council would have to meet the associated costs for something that did not serve a genuine transport need in the community.

Questions were raised about changes to the Southern Routes network and the links with South Dunedin, and the design for the bus hub. Mr Collings

explained that the network adopted in the Regional Public Transport Plan meant that there were changes the way services were provided, including a reduction in the number of variations to services. Mr Collings advised that bus hub plans were still at the conceptual stage, and work was being carried out to ensure access to the hub for buses from all routes. New services due to commence 1 January and 1 July 2016 would provide additional benefits to users.

Cr Shepherd moved
Cr Croot seconded

That the report be received.

Motion carried

Item 5

2015/1039 **Director's report.** DCS, 10/7/15

The report described significant activities carried out by the Finance and Corporate sections since the last meeting of the Committee.

The National Bovine Tb Plan Review was discussed. It was noted that councils had been advised in advance of the move away from regional council funding, and that the plan for eradication of the disease would continue. The date of 2055 by which it was aimed to achieve eradication of Tb was queried and confirmed.

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Croot seconded

- (1) *That this report be received.*
- (2) *That the payments and investments summarised in the table in Report 2015/1039 and detailed in the tabled schedule totalling \$10,444,734.65 be endorsed.*

Motion carried

PART C – PUBLIC EXCLUSION

Cr Shepherd moved
Cr Woodhead seconded

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:

| | <i>General subjects to be considered</i> | <i>Reason under LGOIMA for passing this resolution</i> | <i>Grounds under S.48 for the passing of this resolution</i> |
|---------------|---|---|--|
| <i>Item 6</i> | <i>In Committee portion of the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 17 June 2015, for noting</i> | <i>To enable the local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities (S7)(2)(h)); and To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank experssion of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of a local authority. (S72(f)(i))</i> | <i>S.48(1)(a)(i)</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.

Motion carried

Following discussion of Item 6,

Cr Shepherd moved

Cr Bell seconded

That the meeting resume in open session.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 11.46 am.

Chairperson

REPORT

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Report Number: 2015/1130
Prepared For: Finance and Corporate
Prepared By: Director Corporate Services
Date: 28 August 2015

Subject: **WW1 Commemoration**

1. Précis

Council proposes commemorating WW1 by purchasing and distributing relevant books to all schools and libraries in the region. The two books suggested are 'The Troopers' Tale: The History of the Otago Mounted Rifles' by Don Mackay, and 'Peace Warriors' by Raymond Huber.

2. Summary of Cost

There are 146 primary and secondary schools in the Otago region and 11 public libraries (160 copies of each book will be purchased).

Cost of purchase and distribution is:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| The Troopers' Tale, \$45.00 per book | \$7,200 |
| Peace Warriors, \$22.50 per book | \$3,600 |
| Distribution | <u>\$1,000</u> |
| Total Cost | <u>\$11,800</u> |

3. Recommendation

That Council proceed with the purchase and distribution of the two books as detailed above.

Nick Donnelly
Director Corporate Services

REPORT

Document Id: A827674

Report Number: 2015/1114

Prepared For: Finance and Corporate

Prepared By: Director Corporate Services

Date: 21 August 2015

Subject: **Inactive Subsidiaries – Change of Director and Annual Return 2015**

1. Précis

Due to the significance and profile of the Regional Services Business Unit, the Council, solely for name protection purposes, registered the following companies in April 2006:

- Regional Services Limited;
- Regional Pest Services Limited;
- Regional Monitoring Services Limited.

The companies are inactive, and do not have constitutions. The companies are owned 100% by the Otago Regional Council, with a share issue of 100 shares in each company.

Section 214 of the Companies Act 1993 requires that an Annual Return be completed for each of the above companies each year by 30 September. The Annual Return includes providing information on shareholding, auditors and Annual General Meetings.

2. Change of Director

The sole Director of these companies is the Council's Director of Corporate Services. Following the retirement of Wayne Scott he needs to be replaced as the Director of these companies by the current Director of Corporate Services, Nick Donnelly. It is recommended that Council pass a resolution for each company to replace Wayne Scott with Nick Donnelly as Director of each company.

3. Annual General Meeting

Under the Companies Act each company is to have either an Annual General Meeting, or under Section 122 of the Companies Act the shareholders may pass a special resolution that it shall not be necessary for a company to hold an annual general meeting, if everything required to be done at that meeting is done by resolution.

At an Annual General Meeting, the company must decide whether or not to appoint an auditor. A company need not appoint an auditor if a unanimous resolution is passed by all the shareholders.

Given that the companies are inactive, it is recommended that Council pass two resolutions for each of the companies, the first to not hold an Annual General Meeting, and the second to not appoint auditors.

4. Recommendations

1. That it shall not be necessary for Regional Services Limited to hold an Annual General Meeting under section 120 of the Companies Act 1993.
2. That no auditors be appointed for Regional Services Limited under section 196 (2) of the Companies Act 1993.
3. That Nick Donnelly be appointed as Director of Regional Services Limited and Wayne Scott cease to be a Director of Regional Services Limited.
4. That it shall not be necessary for Regional Pest Services Limited to hold an Annual General Meeting under section 120 of the Companies Act 1993.
5. That no auditors be appointed for Regional Pest Services Limited under section 196 (2) of the Companies Act 1993.
6. That Nick Donnelly be appointed as sole Director of Regional Pest Services Limited and Wayne Scott cease to be a Director of Regional Pest Services Limited.
7. That it shall not be necessary for Regional Monitoring Services Limited to hold an Annual General Meeting under section 120 of the Companies Act 1993.
8. That no auditors be appointed for Regional Monitoring Services Limited under section 196 (2) of the Companies Act 1993.
9. That Nick Donnelly be appointed as sole Regional Monitoring Services Limited and Wayne Scott cease to be a Director of Regional Monitoring Services Limited.

Nick Donnelly
Director Corporate Services

REPORT

Document Id: A827564

Report Number: 2015/1111

Prepared For: Finance and Corporate

Prepared By: Manager Projects

Date: 20 August 2015

Subject: **12 Month Review to 30 June 2015**

1. Précis

Formal reviews of progress on all projects are undertaken at four, eight and 12 months, and reported to Council. This report summarises the project progress for the 12 months to 30 June 2015. The full financial position of Council for the year ended 30 June 2015 will be presented in the Annual Report to the Council at its meeting on 16 September 2015.

2. Background

Council's Annual Plans and Long Term Plans 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 Annual Plan levels of service, key performance targets and budgets for the 12 months to 30 June 2015 is attached. Note is made that the financial information is preliminary and is still subject to audit.

Queries prior to the meeting are invited in order that any investigation work necessary can be undertaken.

3. 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:

| | Actual to 30 June \$000s | Budget to 30 June \$000s | Variance () = unfavourable |
|---|---|---|--|
| Air Quality ¹ | 465 | 753 | 288 |
| Emergency Management ² | 245 | 415 | 170 |
| Environmental Incident Resp. ³ | 1,152 | 961 | (191) |
| Flood Protection & Control ⁴ | 6,259 | 7,983 | 1,724 |
| Governance & Community | 3,732 | 3,618 | (114) |
| Land ⁵ | 1,818 | 2,514 | 696 |
| Natural Hazards ⁶ | 1,252 | 1,040 | (212) |
| Policy ⁷ | 1,242 | 899 | (343) |
| Regulatory ⁸ | 2,556 | 3,115 | 559 |
| Rivers & Waterway Mgmt ⁹ | 1,122 | 986 | (136) |
| Transport ¹⁰ | 10,147 | 11,119 | 972 |
| Water ¹¹ | 5,683 | 5,187 | (496) |
| Total | 35,673 | 38,590 | 2,917 |

Revenue (excluding rates)

| | Actual to 30 June \$000s | Budget to 30 June \$000s | Variance () = unfavourable |
|---|---|---|--|
| Air Quality ¹ | 1 | 50 | (49) |
| Emergency Management | 55 | 0 | 55 |
| Environmental Incident Resp. ³ | 226 | 393 | (167) |
| Flood Protection & Control ⁴ | 786 | 351 | 435 |
| Governance & Community | 4 | 130 | (126) |
| Land ⁵ | 888 | 1,780 | (892) |
| Natural Hazards | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| Policy | 36 | 0 | 36 |
| Regulatory ⁸ | 1,206 | 1,857 | (651) |
| Transport ⁷ | 5,899 | 6,264 | (365) |
| Water ⁸ | 663 | 467 | 196 |
| Total | 9,772 | 11,292 | (1,520) |

Note 1 – Air Quality

The air quality project is under spent by approximately \$288,000. Of this amount \$167,000 relates to the Clean Heat Clean Air project. Over the year 76 installations were made out of an annual budget of 160 installations. It is likely that because the scheme is now being operated without the support of an insulation package, the number of replacements of clean heating appliances has declined. In relation to this, budgeted sponsorship revenue of \$50,000 was not required.

Regional Plan Air changes for Lawrence and Milton have been deferred, and strategy work has also been deferred pending the development of an Air Strategy for Otago, commencing in 2015/16. These projects were underspent by approximately \$86,000 for the year.

Note 2 – Emergency Management

The emergency management project is under spent by approximately \$170,000. The budget provided for an upgrade of the radio network, but this was not completed during the year. It is now scheduled for the 2015/16 year.

The budget also provided for a full time emergency management officer for the whole year however this position became vacant during the year, with the replacement not being appointed until the 2015/16 year.

Note 3 – Environmental Incident Response

This project is over spent by approximately \$191,000, and is made up of a \$214,000 overspend for environmental incidents, and an under spend of \$23,000 on contaminated sites work. The time required to deal with reported incidents and undertake enforcement action was greater than that budgeted for.

Revenue is less than that budgeted, but this relates primarily to timing differences between when prosecutions are initiated, and when the court may impose fines and cost recoveries.

Note 4 – Flood Protection and Control

This activity is under spent by approximately \$1.7 million. Of this amount, \$1.3 million relates to the Leith Flood Protection Scheme. 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. Approximately \$2.6 million has been spent in the current year in respect of the completion of those works. However, works scheduled to be completed during this financial year have been deferred to the 2015/16 financial year, resulting in an overall under spend in budget for the period to date.

The Lower Taieri scheme is under spent by approximately \$195,000, due to timing issues. Following further investigations of floodbank failure risks, the construction of a weighting blanket beside the Taieri River right flood bank at Otokia has been deferred to the 2015/16 year.

The Lower Clutha flood and drainage scheme is under spent by approximately \$259,000. The target to construct a new outfall for the Paretai drainage network has been deferred, pending the outcome of an investigation into sea level rise and shoreline retreat. The 2015-25 Long Term Plan defers this work to 2020/21.

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

Note 5 – Land

The Land activity is under spent by approximately \$696,000. Regional Services contracting was under spent by approximately \$532,000 and is due to fewer contracts being entered into than was budgeted for. A decision has been made to cease undertaking TB possum contracts as there are a number of suppliers in the market. Rabbit contracts are continuing. In line with the reduction in expenditure, the revenue received on contracts is also lower than budget by \$800,000.

The biodiversity project is under spent by approximately \$94,000. The budget provided for satellite imagery of the significant wetlands, however this work has been deferred pending the preparation of a Biodiversity Strategy planned for the 2015/16 year.

Note 6 – Natural Hazards

This activity is made up of natural hazards and flood risk management. The flood risk management project was over spent by approximately \$220,000. Of this \$159,000 related to the June flood event.

Note 7 - Policy

The policy activity is overspent by approximately \$343,000, and relates to work on producing the Regional Policy Statement.

Note 8 – Regulatory

The regulatory activity is under spent by approximately \$559,000. Of this, consent processing is under spent by approximately \$274,000, 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 \$731,000 which is less than the \$1,112,000 budgeted for.

Compliance monitoring is under spent by approximately \$144,000, and is due in part to time being spent on the drought.

Dam safety is under spent by approximately \$103,000, and is due in part to fewer building applications being received than budgeted for, and the fact that the Building Regulations were not promulgated. The estimates assumed this would have happened at the commencement of

this financial year, resulting in more work being required to be undertaken by council staff. Note is made that in June 2015, the government revoked the regulations.

Note 9 – Rivers and Waterway Management

This activity is over spent by approximately \$136,000. Of this amount, \$100,000 relates to the Waitaki special rating district, and is primarily for a Kakanui River Management Plan. A commitment was made to the community to complete this unbudgeted work.

Note 10 - Transport

The transport activity is under spent by approximately \$972,000. Within this activity, the stock truck effluent disposal sites (STEDs) budget is under spent by \$858,000. The plan provided for two additional effluent sites to be constructed, but this target has since been withdrawn. Revenue for STEDs is also below budget by \$428,000, being NZTA's share of this work.

Note 11 - Water

The water activity is over spent by approximately \$496,000. 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 \$616,000. Staff have given greater focus to the implementation of Plan Change 6A, which is over spent by around \$713,000.

The over spend in the 6A project includes some initiatives that were not included in the budgets. These include the preparation of fact packs, and the delivery of those packs to approximately 1,900 farms in Otago, at a cost of around \$300,000. Staff training costs of \$40,000 were incurred but not budgeted for, along with \$60,000 of project planning time. A customer survey was undertaken to assess the awareness of farmers about the water quality rules, and a contribution was made to Landcare NZ in respect of a water quality project being undertaken around the Pomahaka. 500 water quality samples at a cost of around \$110,000 (time and laboratory costs) were taken from around the region, to assist establishing baseline water quality results, and which are being linked to current land use.

The State of the Environment project is also over spent by approximately \$500,000. Of this approximately \$326,000 relates to the drought over the summer months. In addition, the SOE network has grown, and so further resources has been allocated to this work.

4. Recommendation

1. That this report be received.

Nick Donnelly
Director Corporate Services

REPORT

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Report Number: 2015/1113

Prepared For: Finance and Corporate

Prepared By: Director Corporate Services

Date: 21 August 2015

Subject: **Executive Report - August 2015**

1. 2014/15 Annual Report

Council's auditors (Deloitte) commenced their audit work on the 2014/15 Annual Report and Financial Statements on Monday 17 August. The Annual Report and audit are scheduled to be completed and presented to the Audit and Risk Committee on 9 September for their review prior to presentation to Council on 16 September.

2. Rates

Rates assessments for the 2015/16 period have been posted in the week beginning 17 August with a due date for payment of 31 October 2015.

3. Public Transport

Dunedin Network Unit Tenders – staff are in the process of finalising documentation for the next round of tenders being Units 1 and 4 as defined in the Regional Public Transport Plan. These services are scheduled to commence early in 2016.

SuperGold – staff are yet to receive advice from NZTA regarding their proposed methodology for this Council's apportionment of the SuperGold reimbursement for the 2016/17 and 2017/18 years.

Wakatipu Network Review – request for proposals have been called for consultants to assist with the Wakatipu Network Review. The review is to be undertaken in close consultation with QLDC, NZTA and other key stakeholders.

4. Account Payments

Schedules of payments made are referred to the Finance and Corporate Committee for endorsement. The financial commitments and payment authorisation are made in accordance with Council's financial delegations and internal control procedures.

| Payment Categories | July 2015 |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Trade and general payments | 2,840,594.91 |
| Payroll | 691,495.89 |
| Investments | 4,900,000.00 |
| Total | 8,432,090.80 |

5. Recommendation

- (1) That this report be received.

- (2) That the payments and investments summarised in the table above and detailed in the tabled schedule, totalling \$8,432,090.80 be endorsed.

Nick Donnelly
Director Corporate Services