

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REGIONAL PLAN: WATER FOR OTAGO

Clause 5 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

The Otago Regional Council is notifying two changes to the regional water plan, being:

Proposed Plan Change 1B Minimum Flows

This change proposes minimum flows and primary allocation limits for the Waianakarua, Trotters and Luggate catchments, and describes how these flows are set.

Proposed Plan Change 1C Water Allocation and Use

This change proposes provisions to manage water taking, including:

- Encouraging collaborative approaches by water users
- Managing water as a connected resource
- Giving preference to local water sources for local uses of water
- Amending provisions relating to Welcome Creek
- Provisions recognising when groundwater is closely connected to surface water.

The proposals may be inspected at:

- ORC offices at:
 - 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin
 - William Fraser Building, Dunorling Street, Alexandra
 - The Station, First Floor, Cnr Shotover and Camp Streets, Queenstown
 - Hasborough Place, Balclutha
- All public libraries and city and district council offices throughout the Otago region
- www.orc.govt.nz

Any person may make a submission on the proposed plan changes. You may do so by sending a written submission to the Otago Regional Council. The submission must be in Form 5 and must state whether you wish to be heard in support of your submission. Copies of Form 5 are available by phoning the Council on 0800 474 082, or can be found on our website www.orc.govt.nz

Post to Otago Regional Council, Private Bag 1954, Dunedin 9054

Fax to (03) 479 0015

Email to policy@orc.govt.nz

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Online at www.orc.govt.nz

Submissions for both plan changes close at 5.00pm on Monday 9 March 2009.

The process for public participation in consideration of the proposed plan change under the Resource Management Act 1991 is:

- After the submission closing date, the Council prepares a summary of all decisions requested by persons making submissions, and this summary is publicly notified
- You may make a further submission in support of, or in opposition to, the submissions already made
- You may speak in support of your submission at a hearing
- The Council gives notice of its decision on the proposal, including its reasons for accepting or rejecting any submissions
- Every person making a submission has the right of appeal to the Environment Court.

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