

REGIONAL PLAN: WATER FOR OTAGO

Public Notice of Proposed Plan Change 6A (Water Quality)

The Otago Regional Council has prepared Proposed Plan Change 6A (Water Quality) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago. The proposed plan change seeks to maintain water quality, or improve it as necessary, through control of contaminants discharging from land to water.

Key aspects of the proposed plan change include:

- Targets for good quality water in Otago.
- Removal of policy that gives regard to the assimilative capacity of water bodies.
- A new suite of provisions for non point source discharges that:
 - Prohibit discharges:
 - That have an obvious adverse effect in receiving water bodies.
 - To water, that damage property.
 - From disturbed land to water, where no mitigation measures are taken to avoid sediment runoff.
 - To water from animal waste systems, silage storage or a composting process.
 - Permit discharges that meet specified limits for nitrogen, phosphorus, Escherichia coli, and sediment.
 - Provide a narrow consenting option for discharges that do not meet specified limits.
- Amendment of provisions for river and lake beds, and Regionally Significant Wetlands to:
 - Address bed disturbance.
 - Provide a more permissive approach for single span bridges and other crossings.
 - Prohibit the use of water bodies as regular stock crossings.
- Streamlining of provisions, including removing Issues, Methods and Explanations for Objectives, Policies and Rules.

The rules in Proposed Plan Change 6A (Water Quality) will have legal effect from 31 March 2012, in accordance with section 86B(3) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

The proposal may be inspected at:

- Otago Regional Council offices at:
 - 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin
 - William Fraser Building, Dunorling Street, Alexandra
 - The Station, First Floor, corner Shotover and Camp Streets, Queenstown
- All public libraries and city and district council offices throughout Otago
- www.orc.govt.nz

Any person may make a submission on the proposed plan change.

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

Online: www.orc.govt.nz

Deliver to: Otago Regional Council offices at:

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Submissions close at 5pm on Wednesday 2 May 2012.

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;
- Certain persons may make a further submission supporting or opposing 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; and
- Every person making a submission has the right of appeal to the Environment Court.

Fraser McRae

Director Policy and Resource Planning

Signed on behalf of the Otago Regional Council

Saturday 31 March 2012

Notified in accordance with Clause 5 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991.

