

Introduction

Further to the discussion on the issues raised in the submissions on the policies and rules on Page 76, the two policies identified below were omitted from the text of the s42A Report.

These two recommended policies outline the overall framework for nutrient management in the LWRP, including the criteria for identification of limits in the currently blank Schedule 8, the promulgation of a rule regime to take effect after 1 July 2017, and emphasis on sub-regional solution development for areas currently identified as over-allocated for nutrients.

Additional Recommended Policies

Recommended to be inserted immediately prior to recommended policy 4.28 on Page 105:

4.27A To meet water quality outcomes, implement an approach to the management of nutrient discharges from farming activities that incorporates:

1. Raising awareness, gathering information and encouraging good practice through the preparation, implementation and auditing of farm environment plans;
2. Identifying relevant limits for nutrient discharges, based on good practice;
3. Promulgating a plan change that introduces into Schedule 8 nutrient discharge limits based on good practice, along with a rule regime to implement the limits, so that the limits and rule regime have effect from 1 July 2017; and
4. Engaging in catchment-based collaborative planning processes which will result in plan changes being promulgated to introduce catchment-specific solutions that prioritise those areas that currently do not meet water quality outcomes and, when it is incorporated into this Plan, use Schedule 8 as the starting point for catchment specific limit setting.

4.27B Base the good-practice limits in Schedule 8 on the nutrient discharges resulting from good practice farming activities, taking into account the variety of farming types, climatic conditions and soil types across Canterbury.