

Tabled at Hearing on 16 November 2015

**BEFORE THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

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**IN THE MATTER OF:** the Resource Management Act 1991

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** a submission on the Partially Operative  
Canterbury Land and Water Regional  
Plan; Plan Change 3

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**STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF Dave Winterburn  
FOR THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CONSERVATION  
Dated 25 September 2015**

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## **STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF DAVE WINTERBURN**

### **INTRODUCTION**

- 1 My full name is Dave Winterburn.
- 2 I am Conservation Services Manager for the Department Of Conservation, based at Geraldine.
- 3 I have held my current position for 2 years. Previously I was based with the Department of Conservation in the Coastal Otago & Aoraki/Mt Cook Offices in Programme Manager roles for Visitor and Historic Assets.
- 4 I hold a Bachelor of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (BPR&TM), from Lincoln University, Christchurch
- 5 I am responsible for delivering the operational aspects of the Biodiversity, Recreation and Historic work on Public Conservation Land (PCL) for the Department of Conservation's Raukapuka District in the Eastern South Island Region.
- 6 I have an overall understanding of the environment in the South Canterbury Coastal area, including the public conservation land and areas managed by the Department, and the issues relevant to land and water use, water quality and indigenous biodiversity.

### **Role of the Department of Conservation**

- 7 The Department of Conservation's statutory basis and functions are set out in sections 5 and 6 of the Conservation Act 1987. Relevantly to the current plan change, those functions include: managing land and other natural and historic resources held under the Act; preserving so far as is practicable all indigenous freshwater fisheries and protecting freshwater fish habitats; and advocating for the conservation of natural resources generally.

### **Waitaki and South Coastal Canterbury**

- 8 In my role as Conservation Services Manager I am responsible for the management of public conservation land in the area affected by this plan change. The map attached as appendix A shows the location and type of public conservation land which is managed by the Department.
- 9 The map also indicates the location of some privately owned land, adjacent to public conservation land, that is subject to covenants under the Queen Elizabeth II National Trust Act 1977 (QEII Covenants).
- 10 The evidence of Dr Gerbeaux and Mr Grant is focused on Wainono lagoon and its surrounds. I will briefly describe the department's role in managing those areas below:

#### *Wainono lagoon area*

Wainono Lagoon Conservation Area, Wainono Lagoon Foreshore, and Makihikihi River mouth are public conservation land held under section 25 of the Conservation Act 1987. As such, they are managed by the Department to protect their natural and historic resources.

The draft Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) 2014-2024, Volume 1 identifies Wainono as an Outstanding Natural Feature in Canterbury alongside Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere & Kaitorete Spit.

#### *Waihoa Box Government Purpose Reserve*

Waihoa Box Government Purpose Reserve is held under section 22 of the Reserves Act 1977, for the purpose of Wildlife Management. It is managed by the Department for the general purpose of wildlife management, with other features, such as scenic or historic features, being managed to the extent compatible with the primary purpose of wildlife management.

### *Wainono Wildlife Refuge*

Wainono Wildlife Refuge is a 54 hectare area on private land that has been declared a wildlife refuge under section 14 of the Wildlife Act 1953. The department is responsible for managing the wildlife refuge in accordance with the Conservation General Policy, and any Conservation Management Strategy or plan that is in force for the area.

#### 11 Management activities undertaken by the department include:

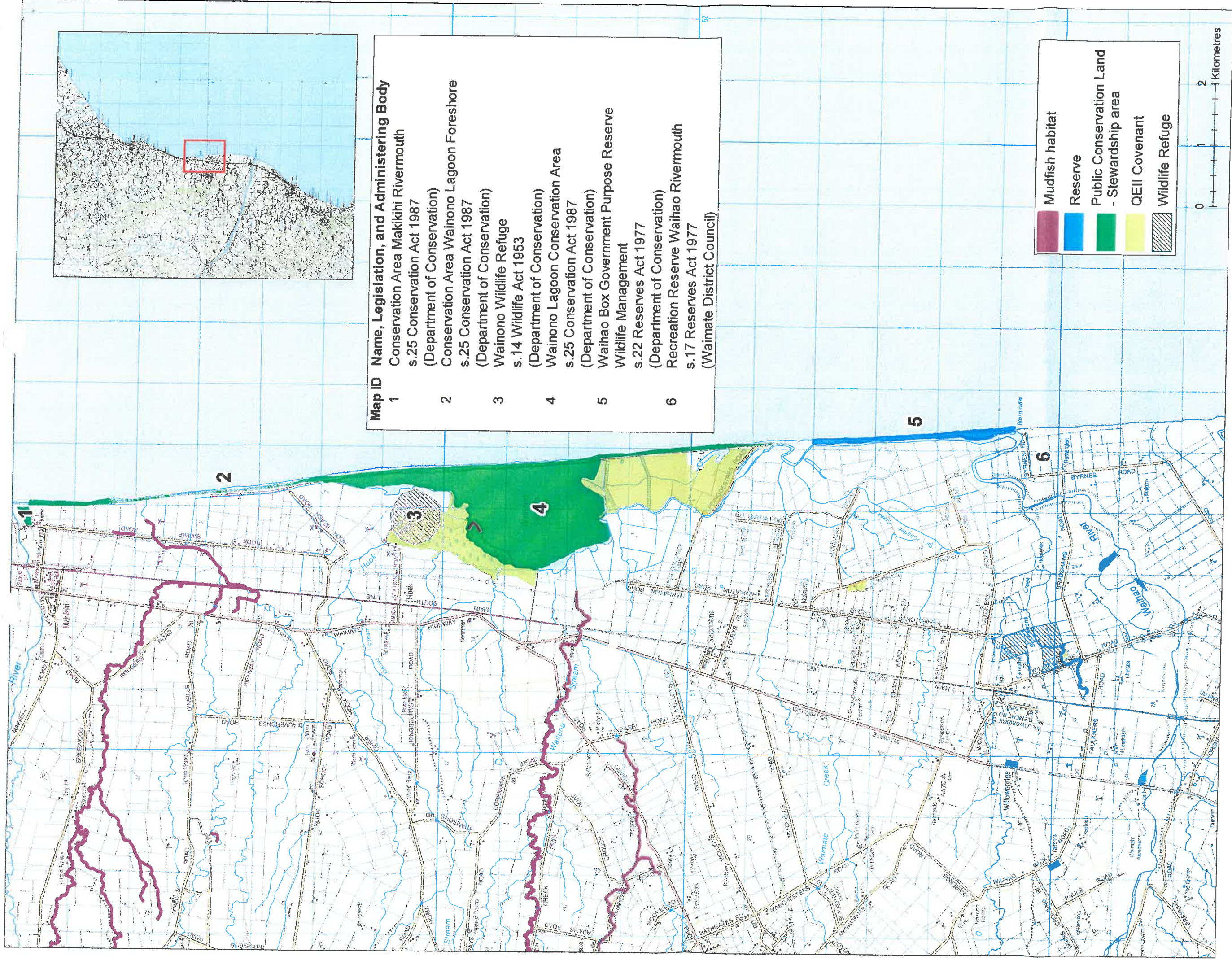
- a. Providing recreational opportunities and access through providing infrastructure (such as walking tracks and bridges) and working with local communities;
- b. Permitting game bird hunting when in season;
- c. Biodiversity monitoring;
- d. Managing the whitebait fishery, including monitoring and compliance;
- e. Willow control and removal in collaboration for Regional council.

Dave Winterburn

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Appendix A – South Coastal Canterbury map - Wainono Lagoon





Map ID	Name, Legislation, and Administering Body
1	Conservation Area Makikihi Rivermouth s.25 Conservation Act 1987 (Department of Conservation)
2	Conservation Area Wainono Lagoon Foreshore s.25 Conservation Act 1987 (Department of Conservation)
3	Wainono Wildlife Refuge s.14 Wildlife Act 1953 (Department of Conservation)
4	Wainono Lagoon Conservation Area s.25 Conservation Act 1987 (Department of Conservation)
5	Waihao Box Government Purpose Reserve Wildlife Management s.22 Reserves Act 1977 (Department of Conservation)
6	Recreation Reserve Waihao Rivermouth s.17 Reserves Act 1977 (Waimate District Council)

**Mudfish habitat**

**Reserve**

**Public Conservation Land - Stewardship area**

**QEII Covenant**

**Wildlife Refuge**



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# Wainono Lagoon



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