

Joint Statement

On 20 April 2016, the following parties met to discuss the proposed stock exclusion rules in Plan Change 6 to the Land and Water Regional Plan:

- (a) Federated Farmers (Combined Canterbury Provinces);
- (b) North Canterbury Fish & Game Council;
- (c) Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu;
- (d) Wairewa Rūnanga; and
- (e) Canterbury Regional Council.

Following productive discussions between the parties an alternative rule framework was drafted to address issues that arose in submissions and evidence.

Attached and marked "A" is a copy of the alternative rule framework.

The parties agree (subject to any typographical errors, or changes that do not materially affect the intent of the rules) that the alternative rules address the issues raised by the parties.

Signed:

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10.5.5 Except as provided for in Rule 10.5.5A to 10.5.5C, from 1 January 2020, within the Valley Floor Area, the use and disturbance of the bed (including the banks) and the riparian margin of the Ōkana, Ōkuti, and Takiritawai rivers and their tributaries and of Te Roto o Wairewa/Lake Forsyth by all stock, and any associated discharge to surface water is a prohibited activity.

10.5.5A From 1 January 2020, within the Valley Floor Area, the use and disturbance of the riparian margin of the Ōkana, Ōkuti, and Takiritawai Rivers and their tributaries by sheep is a restricted discretionary activity.

The exercise of discretion is restricted to the following matters:

1. Effects on the stability of river banks and erosion protection works; and
2. Effects on flood protection and riparian vegetation; and
3. Effects on water quality, fish spawning habitat (including inanga) and sources of human or animal drinking-water; and
4. Effects on lawfully established structures or defences against water; and
5. The intensity, timing and duration of grazing; and
6. The positive benefits of the activity for controlling weeds; and
7. Effects on Ngāi Tahu cultural values and mahinga kai; and
8. The positive benefits of any proposed river bank stabilisation and erosion protection works.

10.5.5B Within the Valley Floor Area, where prior to 20 April 2016, a permanent barrier, including fencing, has been established no closer than 2 metres from the bed of a lake or river, and that barrier is maintained so that stock (excluding sheep) cannot pass through it, the use and disturbance of the riparian margin by stock on the landward side of that barrier is a permitted activity.

10.5.5C Within the Valley Floor Area, where prior to 20 April 2016, permanent post and wire fencing has been established and that fence is maintained, the use and disturbance of the riparian margin by sheep is a permitted activity provided that there is no evident damage to riparian planting and the riparian margin on the river side of the fence.

