

31 January 2017

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Don Vattala
TO: Andrew Parrish
SUBJECT: Clause 16(2) changes to the decision version of Plan Change 4 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan.

The following corrections are to be made to the decision version of Plan Change 4 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan pursuant to Clause 16(2) of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

“A local authority may make an amendment, without using the process in this schedule, to its proposed policy statement or plan to alter any information, where such an alteration is of minor effect, or may correct any minor errors”

The following section identifies the errors in the decision version of Plan Change 4 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan and the corrections are to be made.

The attached memorandum prepared by Dr Michael Greer provides a technical assessment in relation to water level differences between MHWS and MHWS10. The assessment was carried out for 15 water bodies in three catchments. The results show on average the difference is less than 5% from MHWS to MHWS10. He further confirms that the area between MHWS and MHWS10 is already incorporated into the LWRP planning maps. Therefore a simple reference to the planning maps in the definition section would sufficiently address any concerns and this will provide adequate protection to Inanga spawning sites.

The amendments to be made to the definition are as follows:

“means that part of the bed and banks of a lake, permanently or intermittently flowing (but not ephemeral) river, artificial watercourse, coastal lagoon or wetland that is between mean high water springs and mean low water neaps and is within an area identified as ‘Inanga Spawning Habitat’ on the Planning Maps.”

RECOMMENDATION:

The above changes, as recommended by Environment Canterbury staff, are approved as minor changes under Clause 16(2), and copy of these changes is displayed on the Environment Canterbury Website.

Delegated Authority: Andrew Parrish, Regional Planning manager



Signature:

Date: Wednesday, 1 February 2017