

PUBLIC NOTICE

AMENDMENTS TO REGIONAL PLANS TO INCORPORATE POLICIES A4 AND B7 OF THE NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT FOR FRESHWATER MANAGEMENT

Pursuant to section 55 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Canterbury Regional Council gives notice that it has amended the following regional plans by inserting Policy A4 and Policy B7 of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014 (NPS) as directed by the NPS:

- Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan;
- Hurunui Waiau River Regional Plan;
- Opihi River Regional Plan;
- Pareora Catchment Environmental Flow and Water Allocation Regional Plan;
- Waimakariri River Regional Plan;
- Waipara Catchment Environmental Flow and Water Allocation Regional Plan; and
- Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan.

Policy A4 and Policy B7 of the NPS were inserted into the above regional plans exactly as they appear in the NPS, and had effect from 10 July 2015.

Policy A4 applies to resource consent applications for discharges (including a diffuse discharge by any person or animal) of any contaminant into fresh water, or onto or into land in circumstances that may result in that contaminant (or, as a result of any natural process from the discharge of that contaminant, any other contaminate) entering fresh water.

Policy B7 applies to resource consent applications for taking, using, damming or diverting fresh water or draining of any wetland in certain circumstances.

The amendments were made on 10 July 2015 in accordance with the NPS direction that the amendments shall be made without using the process in Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991. Pursuant to section 37(2) of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Canterbury Regional Council has granted a waiver regarding the publication of the public notice which did not occur within 5 days of making the amendments under section 55 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

This public notice is notification of the waiver of compliance with the time limit under section 55 and that Policy A4 and Policy B7 have had effect from 10 July 2015.

Updated versions of the above regional plans incorporating Policies A4 and B7 of the NPS are available for public inspection, at the following locations:

- The offices of Environment Canterbury at:
 - 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch
 - 75 Church Street, Timaru
- All open public libraries in the Canterbury region; and
- The Environment Canterbury website:
<http://ecan.govt.nz/our-responsibilities/regional-plans/Pages/default.aspx>

Paper copies of regional plans are available from Customer Services for a cost as set in the Environment Canterbury Fees and Charges Policy, or downloaded free of charge from the Environment Canterbury website

<http://ecan.govt.nz/our-responsibilities/regional-plans/Pages/default.aspx>

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