



## **Changes to the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan (WAP)**



I hereby certify this is a true and correct copy of Plan Change 1, to the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan prepared by the Canterbury Regional Council, at its meeting on 27 September 2012.

This document is a statutory regional plan prepared by the Canterbury Regional Council in accordance with the requirements of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Plan Change 1 will be publicly notified on 29 September 2012 and will become part of the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan on 6 October 2012

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The proposed amendments to the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan are set out below with deletions shown as being struck –through, and additions shown as underlined.

**1. Amend Policy 36 as follows:**

By providing for temporary lowering of Lakes Tekapo and Pukaki for the purpose of electricity generation only in times of national or South Island power shortage as established by the Electricity Commission.

**2. Amend Rule 3 as follows:**

(1) Except as provided in (2) and (3), no person shall take, use, dam or divert water from the lakes in Table 4 or from the canals leading from the lakes in Table 4 unless the level in the relevant lake is above the minimum lake level in Table 4.

(2) Water taken for town and community water supplies, stock drinking-water, tourism and recreational facilities, maintaining fire-fighting capacity and the processing and storage of perishable produce, is exempt from all minimum lake levels specified.

(3) A temporary reduction in lake level below the minimum lake level specified in Table 4 for the purposes of maintenance or rehabilitation of electricity generation infrastructure is exempt from the minimum lake levels specified.

**Table 4: Minimum lake levels for Lakes Tekapo, Pūkaki and Ōhau**

Lakes	Minimum Lake Levels
i Lake Tekapo	a) A minimum lake level of 701.8 metres a.m.s.l. during the months of April to September inclusive  b) A minimum lake level of 704.1 metres a.m.s.l. during the months of October to March inclusive except as provided for in (c)  c) An extreme minimum lake level of 701.8 metres a.m.s.l. during the months of October to March for hydro-electricity generation uses when the aggregate storage for the nation or for the region that includes the Waitaki catchment is below the second (emergency) zone established by the Electricity Commission in accordance with the Government Policy Statement in relation to Electricity Industry Governance.

ii	Lake Pukaki	<p>a) A minimum lake level (<u>normal</u>) of 518.0 metres a.m.s.l.</p> <p>b) <u>A minimum lake level (electricity supply emergency) of 513.0 metres a.m.s.l, during the period when the System Operator, defined as Transpower in Section 8 of the Electricity Industry Act 2010 (or its delegate or any other statutory body exercising like powers and functions), has commenced an official conservation campaign in accordance with Part 9 of the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 (or subsequent equivalent) provided that:</u></p>
		<p>(i) <u>The Canterbury Regional Council shall be advised that the above circumstances exist before Lake Pukaki is reduced below 518 metres a.m.s.l; and</u></p> <p>(ii) <u>Once the official conservation campaign ends in accordance with Part 9 of the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 (or subsequent equivalent), Lake Pukaki shall be restored to the minimum lake level of 518 metres a.m.s.l as soon as practicable, and during the period within which this is achieved the Canterbury Regional Council shall be advised weekly of the strategies adopted to accomplish this and of lake levels.</u></p>
iii	Lake Ohau	A minimum lake level of 519.45 metres a.m.s.l.

**3. Amend Rule 17 as follows:**

Any activity that complies with both Rules 3 and 6 is a discretionary activity. In considering an application to which this rule applies the consent authority will have regard, among other matters, to:

Policy 1 (a whole-catchment approach) Policy 9 (mixing of waters)

Policy 13 (water quality considerations for irrigation) Policy 14 (consideration of in-catchment needs) Policies 15 - 20 (efficient and effective use)

Policy 21 (water metering)

Policy 28 (replacement consents)

Policy 38 (Tekapo, Pūkaki and Ōhau Rivers).

Except that for Lake Pukaki, the take, use, dam or divert of surface water for hydro-electricity generation resulting from compliance with Rule 3, Table 4(b) (minimum lake level (electricity supply emergency)) is a permitted activity.

*Except that for Lake Pukaki, the take, use, dam, or diversion of surface water for hydro-electricity generation that complies ~~resulting from compliance~~ with Rule 3, Table 4(ii)(b) (minimum lake level(electricity supply emergency) is a permitted activity.*

