

Public Notice of Proposed Plan Change 1 to the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan

Pursuant to Clause 5 and Clause 26 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury) gives public notice of proposed Plan Change 1 to the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan ("proposed Plan Change 1").

The Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury) has accepted the request by Meridian Energy Limited for the following proposed plan change to the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan (WCWARP).

Proposed Plan Change 1 seeks to amend the WCWARP to allow Lake Pukaki to be managed for emergency electricity supply for New Zealand or the South Island by permitting the Lake to be operated between the levels of 513 m (amsl) and 518 m (amsl) during times of independently determined electricity shortage. To achieve this, proposed Plan Change 1 includes amendments to Policy 36 and Rules 3 and 17 of the WCWARP.

Inspection and availability of proposed Plan Change 1

A copy of proposed Plan Change 1 is available for public inspection at:

- The offices of Environment Canterbury at: Ellesmere Centre, 24 Edward Street Lincoln; 75 Church Street Timaru.
- The office of MacKenzie District Council at Main Street, Fairlie.
- All open public libraries in the Canterbury Region (excluding those that are closed due to the earthquakes).
- On the Environment Canterbury website: www.ecan.govt.nz/pukaki-wcwarmp

A paper copy of proposed Plan Change 1 is available from Customer Services at a cost \$36.00. Proposed Plan Change 1 can be downloaded free of charge from the Environment Canterbury website, or alternatively a CD can be provided free of charge through Customer Services, Environment Canterbury, PO Box 345, Christchurch or on 03 353 9007 or toll free on 0800 32 4636 (ECINFO).

Please contact Sarah Drummond ph 0800 324 636 or at sarah.drummond@ecan.govt.nz, if you have any questions about the proposal.

Submissions

Any person may make a submission on proposed Plan Change 1, however, if the person could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, then the person may do so only if the person is directly affected by an effect of proposed Plan Change 1 that

- adversely affects the environment; and
- does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition

You may make a submission by sending a written or electronic submission to Environment Canterbury at; **By Email** to mailroom@ecan.govt.nz.

Freepost 1201,

Plan Change 1 to the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan,
Environment Canterbury
P O Box 345 Christchurch 8140

The submission must be in form 5 and must state whether or not you wish to be heard on your submission. Copies of the submission form can be obtained from:

- Offices of Environment Canterbury.
- The Environment Canterbury website: www.ecan.govt.nz/pukaki-wcwarmp
- Customer Services, Environment Canterbury, PO Box 345, Christchurch or on 03 353 9007 or toll free on 0800 32 4636 (ECINFO).

THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS 5:00PM ON FRIDAY 6 JULY 2012.

The process for public participation in the consideration of proposed Plan Change 1 under the RMA is as follows:

After the closing of submissions, Environment Canterbury will publicly notify the availability of a summary of all decisions requested in submissions, and will allow a period for further submissions in support of, or in opposition to, those submissions already made. Only the following persons may make a further submission:

- any person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest;
- any person that has an interest in proposed Plan Change 1 to the WCWARP greater than the interest that the general public has; and
- the local authority itself.

If a person making a submission asks to be heard in support of his or her submission, a hearing must be held

Environment Canterbury must give its decision on the provisions and matters raised in the submissions (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions) and give public notice of its decision within 2 years of notifying the proposal and serve it on every person who made a submission at the same time.

Bill Bayfield

CHIEF EXECUTIVE