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Zone Committee members learning more about the Upper Rangitata River

Public Notice of Proposed Plan Change 4 to the Canterbury Land & Water Regional Plan ►►

Proposed Plan Change 4 to the Land & Water Regional Plan has effect throughout the Canterbury region

Changes to water management

Big changes are happening in Canterbury in terms of the way we manage our water resources.

What is the Land & Water Regional Plan?

The Land & Water Regional Plan sets out the framework for the management of land and water resources in Canterbury. It is one of the key methods for giving effect to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy, a community led collaborative approach to improve water outcomes throughout the region.

What is the proposed change?

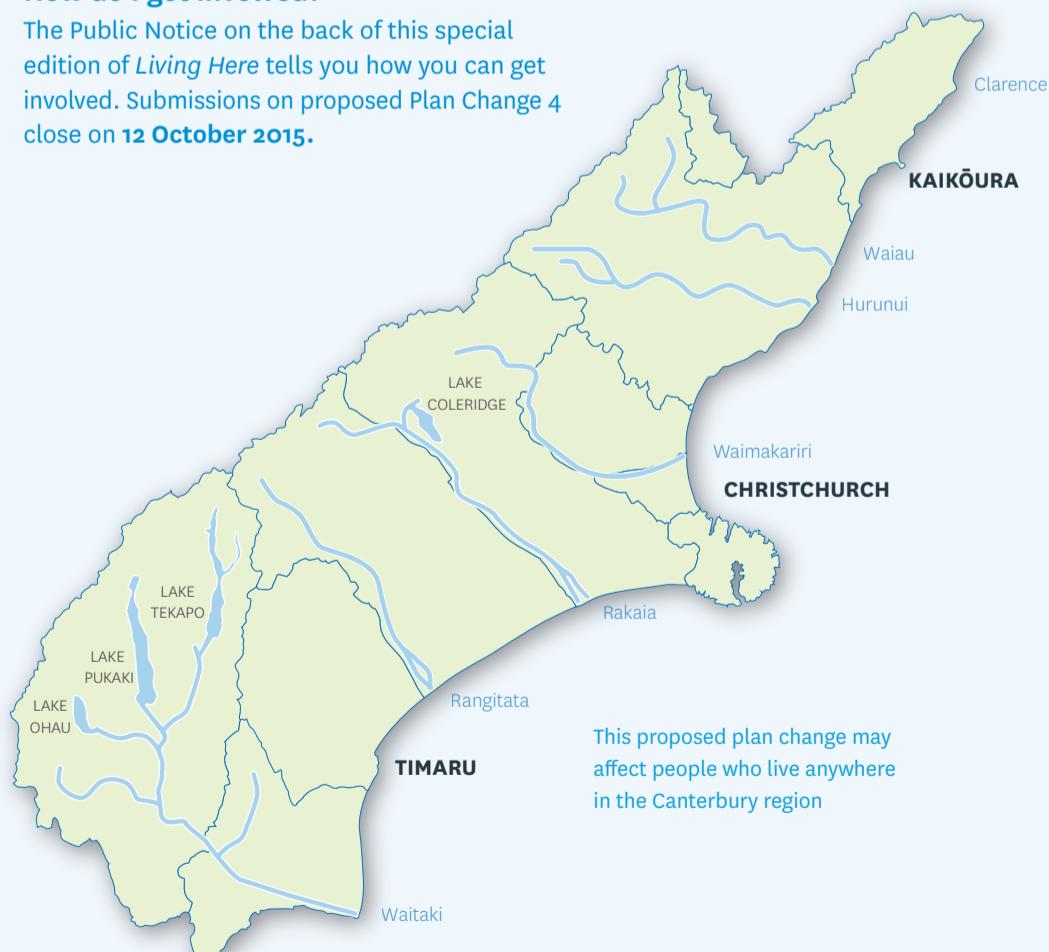
The changes proposed by Plan Change 4 address implementation and other resource management issues identified since the Land & Water Regional plan was notified in 2012.

How does the proposed change affect me?

If you are a resident or ratepayer, or you hold a resource consent in the Canterbury region, you may be affected by proposed Plan Change 4.

How do I get involved?

The Public Notice on the back of this special edition of *Living Here* tells you how you can get involved. Submissions on proposed Plan Change 4 close on **12 October 2015**.



You are receiving this special edition of *Living Here* as notice that Environment Canterbury will publicly notify proposed Plan Change 4 to the Canterbury Land & Water Regional Plan on **12 September 2015**.

On 27 August 2015, Environment Canterbury (the Canterbury Regional Council) resolved to notify proposed Plan Change 4 to the partially operative Canterbury Land & Water Regional Plan.

Proposed Plan Change 4 seeks to amend sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 16 of the Canterbury Land & Water Regional Plan, and the Canterbury and Christchurch Land and Water Regional Plan Map Series (the Planning Maps). The changes proposed as part of proposed Plan Change 4 seek to address implementation issues and other resource management matters identified following the implementation of the Canterbury Land & Water Regional Plan. These changes give effect to Environment Canterbury's functions as set out in section 30 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Proposed Plan Change 4 has effect throughout the Canterbury region. We have identified that you are likely to be directly affected by proposed Plan Change 4 because you are either a resident or a ratepayer, or hold a resource consent in the Canterbury region.

On the back of this *Living Here* is a copy of the Public Notice. The Public Notice sets out how you can view or obtain a copy of proposed Plan Change 4, how to make a submission on proposed Plan Change 4, and the process that will be followed after notification.

If you wish to comment on proposed Plan Change 4, you will need to make a submission to Environment Canterbury by 5pm on **Monday 12 October 2015**.

Environment Canterbury is required to notify any person who in its opinion is likely to be directly affected by proposed Plan Change 4. Some people may receive multiple copies of this document.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Customer Services on 03 353 9007 if you are calling from Christchurch or 0800 324 636 if you are calling from outside Christchurch, or by email to ecinfo@ecan.govt.nz.

You can find more information about proposed Plan Change 4 at www.ecan.govt.nz/lwrp-pc4.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This information should not be relied on for the purposes of understanding Plan Change 4, or for determining whether you are affected or whether you wish to make a submission.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLAN CHANGE 4 TO THE CANTERBURY LAND AND WATER REGIONAL PLAN

Pursuant to Clause 5 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury) gives public notice of proposed Plan Change 4 to the partially operative Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan ("proposed Plan Change 4").

Proposed Plan Change 4 seeks to amend sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 16 of the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan, and the Canterbury and Christchurch Land and Water Regional Plan Map Series (the Planning Maps). The changes proposed as part of Plan Change 4 seek to address implementation issues and other resource management matters identified following the implementation of the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan. These changes give effect to Environment Canterbury's functions as set out in section 30 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Legal effect of rules in proposed Plan Change 4

In accordance with section 86B(1)(a) and (3) of the Resource Management Act 1991, the rules contained in proposed Plan Change 4 have immediate legal effect on and from the date of public notification of proposed Plan Change 4 (12 September 2015).

Inspection and availability of proposed Plan Change 4

A copy of proposed Plan Change 4 and the Section 32 Report is available for public inspection at:

- The offices of Environment Canterbury at:
 - 17 Sir Gil Simpson Drive, Christchurch;
 - 75 Church Street, Timaru; and
 - 73 Beach Road, Kaikoura.
- All open public libraries in the Canterbury region.
- The Environment Canterbury website:
www.ecan.govt.nz/lwrp-pc4

Paper copies of proposed Plan Change 4 and the Section 32 Report are available from Environment Canterbury's Customer Services for a cost as set in the Long-Term Plan 2015-2025. The documents can be downloaded free of charge from the Environment Canterbury website, or alternatively a CD can be provided free of charge by contacting Customer Services on 353 9007 if you are calling from Christchurch, or on 0800 324 636 if calling from outside Christchurch, or by email to ecinfo@ecan.govt.nz.

Submissions

Submissions on proposed Plan Change 4 may be made in the prescribed form (Form 5) by any person; however, if the person could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, then the person may only lodge a submission if the person is directly affected by an effect of proposed Plan Change 4 that:

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

Submissions must include:

- the specific provisions of proposed Plan Change 4 that the submission relates to;
- whether you support or oppose the provision or wish to have them amended;
- the precise detail of any relief sought (including the changes to the provision(s)); and
- whether you wish or do not wish to be heard in support of your submission.

Submission forms can be obtained from:

- Offices of Environment Canterbury
- The Environment Canterbury website:
www.ecan.govt.nz/lwrp-pc4
- Customer Services on 353 9007 if you are calling from Christchurch, 0800 324 636 if calling from outside Christchurch, or by email to ecinfo@ecan.govt.nz.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS 5:00 PM MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2015.

Please email submissions to: mailroom@ecan.govt.nz or post to:

Freepost 1201
Plan Change 4 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan
Environment Canterbury
PO Box 345
Christchurch 8140

The process for public participation in consideration of proposed Plan Change 4 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 4 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan greater than the interest that the general public has; and
- Environment Canterbury itself.

All submitters giving notice of their wish to be heard will be advised of the Council hearing. 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 that decision within 2 years of notifying proposed Plan Change 4 and serve it on every person who made a submission.

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