

PUBLIC NOTICE

AMENDMENTS TO CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL'S FRESHWATER PLANS

Environment Canterbury gives notice that, in accordance with s55(2) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), policies in the following freshwater plans have been amended to give effect to changes made to Policy A4 of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPSFM):

- Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan
- Hurunui and 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
- Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan

BACKGROUND

Policy A4 of the NPSFM sets out a list of matters that consent authorities must have regard to when considering any application for a discharge consent. This policy also directs regional councils to include these listed matters as a policy within any relevant regional plan.

On 7 August 2017, changes to the NPSFM were gazetted and these amendments came into force on 7 September 2017. Changes made to the NPSFM included amendments to clauses 2(a) and (b) of Policy A4 as follows:

When considering any application for a discharge the consent authority must have regard to the following matters:

- The extent to which the discharge would avoid contamination that will have an adverse effect on the health of people and communities as affected by their secondary contact with fresh water; and*
- The extent to which it is feasible and dependable than any more than minor adverse effect on the health of people and communities as affected by their secondary contact with freshwater resulting from the discharge would be avoided.*

Accordingly, Environment Canterbury has amended policies within the relevant regional plans to reflect the above changes.

INSPECTION AND AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY'S PLANS

Copies of all of Environment Canterbury's regional plans can be accessed at the following locations (during normal office hours):

- The offices of Environment Canterbury at:
 - 200 Tuam St, Christchurch; 75 Church Street, Timaru; 73 Beach Road, Kaikōura.
- All open public libraries in the Canterbury Region.
- The Environment Canterbury website at www.ecan.govt.nz/regionalplans

Paper copies of the Plans are available from Environment Canterbury's Customer Services for a cost set in the Fees and Charges Policy 2015. Plans can also be downloaded free of charge from the website specified above, 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.

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- Christchurch Press
- Marlborough Express
- Ashburton Guardian
- Timaru Herald
- Otago Daily Times.

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