

Restoring the mauri of Te Waihora while maintaining the prosperous land-based economy and thriving communities

– Vision of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Selwyn-Waihora Zone Committee

A special feature of the Selwyn Te Waihora sub-region – and a key feature of Plan Change 1 of the Canterbury Land & Water Regional Plan - is the Cultural Landscape/Values Management Area, an area encompassing the lake, its margins, wetlands, springs and tributaries.

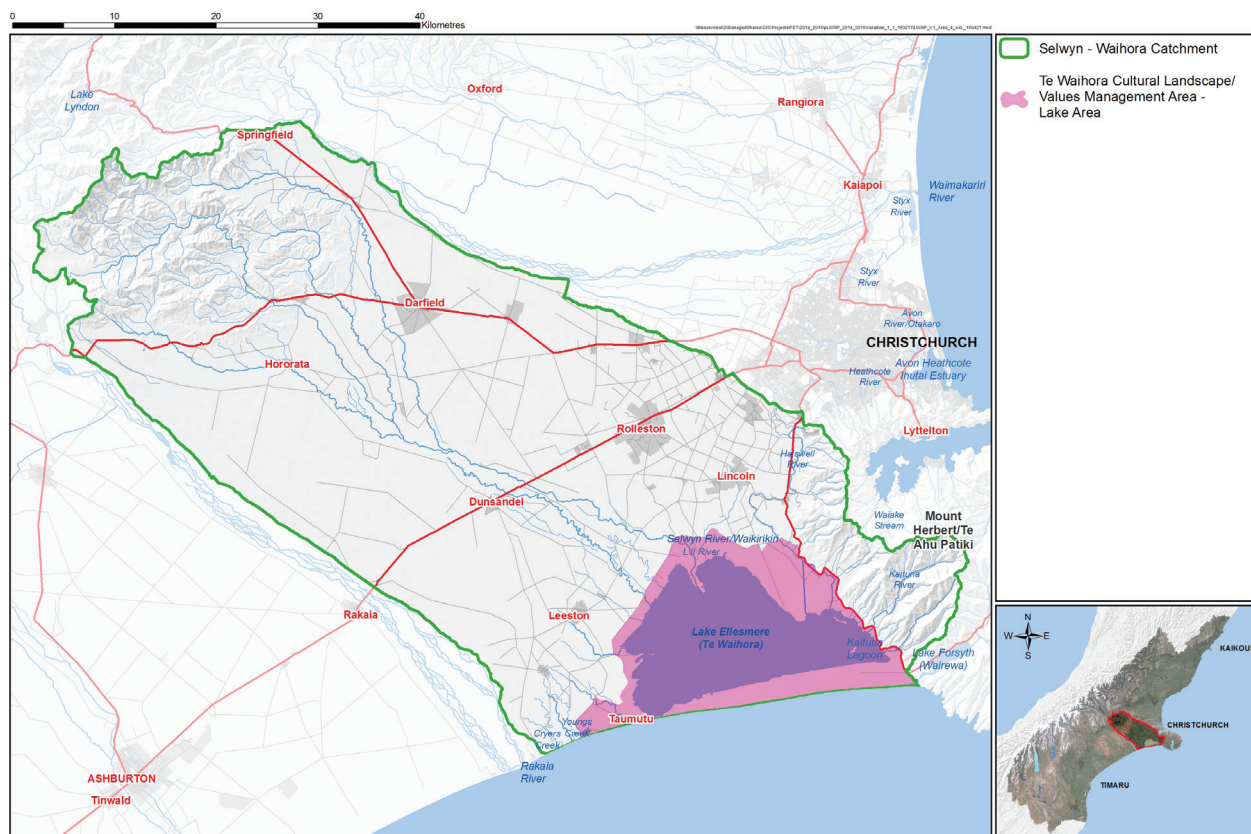
The Cultural Landscape/Values Management Area recognises the significance of Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere to Ngāi Tahu. The Area will be managed as a single integrated freshwater mahinga kai system with outstanding values in order to:

- Protect mahinga kai, wāhi tapu and wāhi taonga
- Restore the health of the lake
- Recognise the cultural and ecological sensitivity of the Area to discharges of contaminants and the taking and use of fresh water.

The Cultural Landscape/Values Management Area comprises a Lake Area and a River Zone.

Lake Area

The Lake Area encompasses Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere, its margins and wetlands as shown in the map.



River Zone

The River Zone encompasses 20 metres each side of the rivers listed below from their source to the lake (unless specified), excluding all ephemeral tributaries* and artificial watercourses (except in the Waikekewai catchment):

- Selwyn River/Waikirikiriri, below the confluence with the Hawkins River
- Waikekewai Creek
- Birdlings Brook
- Te Raki
- Harts Creek/Waitatari
- Boggy Creek
- Irwell River/Waiwhio
- Silverstream
- LII River/Ararira
- Halswell River/Huritini
- Kaituna River
- Prices Stream
- Waikoko Stream

*An ephemeral tributary is one that does not flow all year round.

Activities affected by the Cultural Landscape/Values Management Area

Activity	Planning provision
Farming	Properties larger than 10 hectares wholly or partially within the Lake Area will need a resource consent. Properties wholly or partially within the River Zone to the Cultural Landscape/Values Management Area do not automatically require a resource consent. If, however, the farm requires a farming activity consent because it is in the Phosphorus and Sediment Risk Area and/or nitrogen losses are greater than 15 kilograms of nitrogen per hectare per year, additional matters need to be considered and addressed on your property.
Stock	Farmed cattle, farmed deer or farmed pigs are prohibited within the bed, including the banks, of rivers, drains with water in them, and the lake. All other stock requires a resource consent
Wastewater - domestic	The region-wide permitted activity rules for on-site wastewater systems apply in this area; however, if you are unable to comply with the existing use conditions or you are proposing to install a new, modified or upgraded system within the Cultural Landscape/Values Management Area, you will be required to apply for a resource consent and you will need to consider any adverse effects on mahinga kai, wāhi tapu or wāhi taonga
Stormwater	New stormwater discharges into the Halswell River/Huritini catchment require a resource consent If you are applying for a resource consent for existing stormwater discharges from reticulated stormwater systems you will need to consider any adverse effects on mahinga kai, wāhi tapu or wāhi taonga
Offal and farm rubbish pits	The region-wide permitted activity rules apply in this area; however, if the activity does not comply with the conditions of the permitted activity rule, a resource consent application to undertake the activity in the Cultural Landscape/Values Management Area will need to take account of any adverse effects on mahinga kai, wāhi tapu or wāhi taonga
Stockholding areas and animal effluent	The region-wide permitted activity rules apply in this area; however, if the activity does not comply with the conditions of the permitted activity rule, a resource consent application to undertake the activity in the Cultural Landscape/Values Management Area will need to take account of any adverse effects on mahinga kai, wāhi tapu or wāhi taonga
Silage pits and compost	The region-wide permitted activity rules apply in this area; however, if the activity does not comply with the conditions of the permitted activity rule, a resource consent application to undertake the activity in the Cultural Landscape/Values Management Area will need to take account of any adverse effects on mahinga kai, wāhi tapu or wāhi taonga
Community sewerage	Additional conditions relate to the nitrogen load limit for community sewerage systems and a requirement for the best practicable option to be used for the treatment and discharge of wastewater
Industrial and trade waste	Discharge of wastewater, liquid waste or sludge waste from industrial or trade processes, including livestock processing, requires a resource consent
Vegetation and lake and river beds	Removal of existing vegetation by or on behalf of a local authority must be undertaken in accordance with a drainage management plan that identifies and avoids or mitigates effects of the activity on mahinga kai, wāhi tapu and wāhi taonga
Surface water and groundwater takes	If you are applying for a resource consent for surface water and groundwater takes you will need to consider any adverse effects on mahinga kai, wāhi tapu or wāhi taonga

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