

NOTICE

WATER SHORTAGE DIRECTION

OPIHI RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES

The Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury) notifies the following Water Shortage Direction pursuant to Section 329 of the Resource Management Act 1991. The notification relates to the present serious temporary shortage of water and the restriction on the taking of water under resource consents from the Opihi River and its tributaries. This notice does not include the Temuka River and its tributaries.

Interpretation

“**Dam Company**” means Opuha Water Limited which holds water permit CRC950578.1 to release water from Opuha Dam to augment flows, generate power and supply shareholders and which is the owner and operator of Opuha Dam.

Lake water levels (**RL metres**) refer to metres above mean sea level in terms of Lyttelton Datum (1937)

Dam Operation

1. The Dam Company shall operate the Opuha Dam in accordance with the existing consents CRC950577.5 and CRC950578.1 **EXCEPT THAT** when the water level in Lake Opuha is above RL375, the Dam Company shall maintain a minimum flow, at Opihi River at Saleyards Bridge of 5.2 cubic metres per second

Term of Notice

2. This notice is current for a term of **14 days** from the issue of this notice. This notice may be amended, revoked or renewed by the Regional Council.

Lake Opuha water levels are available at the Canterbury Regional Council's website www.ecan.govt.nz. Click river flows then southern regional then scroll down to Opuha Lake

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