

Progressive Implementation Programme 2018 (NPSFM)

Canterbury Regional Council's Programme for implementing the Policies contained in the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management is set out below. At present, Environment Canterbury enacts policies and rules through the Land and Water Regional Plan, and uses sub-regional and collaborative processes with the underlying philosophy of Ki Uta Ki Tai to achieve water quality and quantity outcomes. This Programme replaces and builds upon the previous Programme that was adopted by Council in December 2015. Where earlier versions of the NPS-FM are already included and operative within regional plans, provision is made for updating these plans to align with future versions of the NPS-FM. The current Programme is subject to change in order to meet contemporary planning processes, frameworks, and community expectations.

Notification	Stages/Implementation Mechanisms	Summary of Approach
Operative	Hurunui-Waiiau Sub-Region	The Hurunui Waiiau Zone Committee collaborated to provide a solutions package which has resulted in the operative Hurunui Waiiau River Regional Plan and Sub-Region Wide Limit Setting in line with the NPSFM 2011.
Operative 1 February 2016	Selwyn-Te Waihora Sub-Region (PC1 Land and Water Regional Plan)	The PC1 changes to the Selwyn-Te Waihora Sub-Region introduce policies, rules and limits into the LWRP to manage water quality and water quantity in the Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere catchment in line with the NPSFM 2014. PC1 places particular emphasis on the long-term health of Te Waihora.
Operative 1 June 2018	Hinds/Hekeao Sub-Region (PC2 Land and Water Regional Plan)	The PC2 changes to the Hinds/Hekeao Sub-Region of the LWRP introduces water quality and quantity limits and targets to achieve the outcomes of the Ashburton Zone Committee's Zone Implementation Programme Addendum in line with the NPSFM 2014.
Operative 1 September 2017	South Coastal Canterbury Sub-Region (PC3 Land and Water Regional Plan)	The PC3 changes to the South Coastal Canterbury Sub-Region created Section 15A of the LWRP and set water quality and quantity frameworks to deliver community-driven outcomes for water quality in line with the NPSFM 2014.
Operative 11 March 2017	Omnibus - (PC4)	The PC4 changes to the LWRP provide a suite of policy and rule changes and additions which act to deliver on NPSFM 2014 policies.
Operative 1 September 2017	Wairewa Sub-Region (PC6 Land and Water Regional Plan)	The PC6 changes to the Wairewa catchment focus on improving the health of Te Roto o Wairewa (Lake Forsyth) and introduced new policies and rules to

		manage the quality and quantity of water in the catchment in line with the NPSFM 2014.
Notified February 2016	Waitaki Sub-Region and Nutrient Management (PC5 Land and Water Regional Plan)	The PC5 changes to the Waitaki Sub-Region and the “Region-Wide” sections of the LWRP have been prepared to manage loss of nutrients from farming activities. PC5 Part A incorporates the region-wide Farm Portal, ‘Good Management Practice’ matrix, and amends relevant policies, rules, and schedules. Part B amends Section 15B of the LWRP to introduce new policies, rules and limits in the Waitaki Sub-Region that have been developed through a collaborative planning process and outcomes in line with the NPSFM 2014.
To be notified 2019	Hurunui and Waiau River Regional Plan -targeted plan change	The Hurunui Waiau Zone Committee has collaborated to provide solutions to better achieve the targets and limits set in the Hurunui Waiau River Regional Plan in 2013. This includes identifying alternative methods for nutrient management for dryland farms and a small re-distribution of nutrient allocation from irrigated farms to dryland farms.
To be notified 2019	Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Sub-Region	The OTOP Zone Committee has collaborated to provide a solutions package for the sustainable management of water resources within the OTOP Zone. This includes setting water quality and quantity limits and targets, biodiversity and ecosystem health outcomes, cultural outcomes, and to provide support for the ongoing management of water resources in the catchment. The solutions package incorporates statutory and non-statutory measures to enable short-term and long-term improvements to water quality that meet community and legislative expectations.
To be notified 2019	Waimakariri – Ashley Sub-Region	The Waimakariri-Ashley Zone Committee has collaborated to provide a solutions package for the sustainable management of water resources within the Zone. This includes setting water quality and quantity limits and targets, biodiversity and ecosystem health outcomes, cultural outcomes, and to provide support for the ongoing management of water resources in the catchment. The solutions package incorporates statutory and non-statutory measures to enable short-term and long-term improvements to water quality that meet community and legislative expectations.
2022	Christchurch- West Melton – National Planning Standards	<i>Intention</i> - Zone Committee and community collaborative approach to setting limits and targets to manage water quality and quantity in the catchment.

2022	Rakaia/Ashburton Groundwater – National Planning Standards	<i>Intention</i> - Zone Committee and community collaborative approach to setting limits and targets to manage water quality and quantity in the catchment.
2022	Waitaki (Water Quantity Only) – National Planning Standards	<i>Intention</i> - Zone Committee and community collaborative approach to setting limits and targets to manage water quality and quantity in the catchment.
2026/27	Kaikōura Sub-Region	<i>Intention</i> - Zone Committee and community collaborative approach to setting limits and targets to manage water quality and quantity in the catchment.
2025/26	Updates to: - Plan Change 1 (Selwyn-Te Waihora) - Plan Change 2 (Hinds/Hekeao Plains) - Plan Change 3 (South Coastal Canterbury)	<i>Intention</i> - Updates to PC1, PC2, and PC3 will align the existing water management plans to the NPSFM as amended in 2017 (or any subsequent amendment in the intermediary).

Collaborative Approach to Planning

Council has collaborated with Ngāi Tahu and Papatipu rūnanga, stakeholders, and interested parties in the implementation of the NPS-FM to date. This has occurred through the representation of various interests in collaborative catchment-wide Zone Committees and participation in the regional plan development process by stakeholder groups. Opportunity for wider community and landowner participation has also been provided through targeted engagement and feedback on draft Zone Implementation Programme Addendums. The Canterbury Regional Council anticipates that these forms of participation (and potentially others such as Mana Whakahono a Rohe agreements) will continue to inform the ongoing implementation of the NPSFM through the regional planning framework in Canterbury.