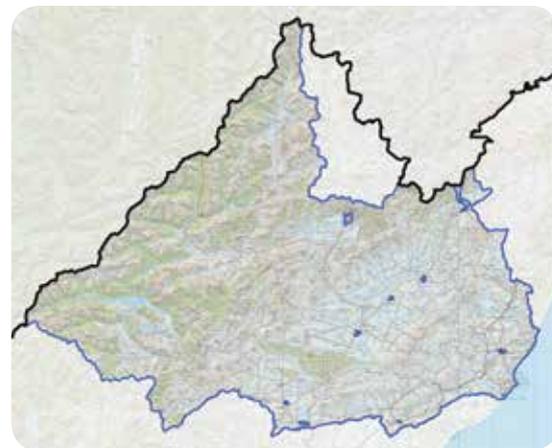


# Calling Hurunui Ratepayers

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF PLAN CHANGE 1 TO THE HURUNUI AND WAIAU RIVER REGIONAL PLAN

You are receiving this document as notice that Environment Canterbury will publicly notify Plan Change 1 to the Hurunui and Waiau River Regional Plan on **4 May 2019**.



*The plan change affects properties in the nutrient management area identified in the Hurunui and Waiau River Regional Plan. Properties in the remainder of the Hurunui Waiau water management zone are subject to the rules in the Canterbury Land & Water Regional Plan.*



On the back of this document is a copy of the Public Notice. The Public Notice sets out how you can view or obtain a copy of proposed Plan Change 1, how to make a submission on proposed Plan Change 1, and the process that will be followed after notification.

If you wish to comment on proposed Plan Change 1, you will need to make a submission to Environment Canterbury by 5pm on **31 May 2019**.

Environment Canterbury is required to notify any person who in its opinion is likely to be directly affected by proposed Plan Change 1. Some people may receive multiple copies of this document.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Customer Service on 0800 324 636 or by email to [ecinfo@ecan.govt.nz](mailto:ecinfo@ecan.govt.nz).

You can find more information about proposed Plan Change 1 at [www.ecan.govt.nz/hurunuiwaiaupc1](http://www.ecan.govt.nz/hurunuiwaiaupc1)

### What is the Hurunui and Waiau River Regional Plan?

The Hurunui and Waiau River Regional Plan is the framework for sustainable management of water resources in the Hurunui, Waiau and Jed catchments.

It is a separate plan from the Canterbury Land & Water Regional Plan, which covers the remainder of the region including a small part of the Hurunui Waiau water management zone.

### What is the proposed change?

The Hurunui and Waiau River Regional Plan currently requires all farms where nutrient losses have increased by more than 10% since 2013 to apply for a resource consent.

Dryland farms (those without irrigation) have relatively low nutrient loss rates. Small, normal changes in the way a dryland farm is run (variations in stock numbers, additional winter feed) can increase nutrient losses by more than 10% and trigger a consent requirement. The plan change addresses this situation.

### How do I know if the proposed change affects me?

If you are a resident or ratepayer, or hold a resource consent in the Hurunui and Waiau River Regional Plan area, you may be affected by or have an interest in the plan change. To read a copy of the plan change and supporting information on line, go to [www.ecan.govt.nz/hurunuiwaiaupc1](http://www.ecan.govt.nz/hurunuiwaiaupc1)

### How do I get involved?

The Public Notice on the back of this document tells you how you can get involved. Submissions (formal comments/feedback) on the plan change close on **31 May 2019**.

*IMPORTANT NOTE: This information is intended to provide a broad indication of the content of the plan change and should not be relied on to determine whether you are affected or whether you wish to make a submission. See the Public Notice on the back page to find out where to access a full copy of the proposed plan change.*

# Public Notice

## PLAN CHANGE 1 TO THE HURUNUI AND WAIAU RIVER 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 1 to the Hurunui and Waiau River Regional Plan (HWRRP).

Proposed Plan Change 1 seeks to amend the provisions of the HWRRP that address the cumulative effects of land use on water quality to better enable existing dryland farming operating in the Nutrient Management Area (described in Map 4 of the Hurunui and Waiau River Regional Plan). The specific plan sections the proposed Plan Change seeks to amend are:

- Part 2, section 2.5 (objectives and policies addressing cumulative effects of land use on water quality)
- Part 3, section 3.3 (rules addressing cumulative effects of land use on water quality)
- Part 5 (definitions and schedules)

## INSPECTION AND AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 1 TO THE HURUNUI AND WAIAU RIVER REGIONAL PLAN

From 4 May 2019 the proposal may be inspected on the Environment Canterbury website at [www.ecan.govt.nz/hurunuiwaiaupc1](http://www.ecan.govt.nz/hurunuiwaiaupc1)

Alternatively, a CD can be provided free of charge by contacting Customer Service on 0800 324 636 or by email to [ecinfo@ecan.govt.nz](mailto:ecinfo@ecan.govt.nz)

If you do not have access to a computer, you can access [www.ecan.govt.nz/hurunuiwaiaupc1](http://www.ecan.govt.nz/hurunuiwaiaupc1) from a computer at a public library.

Please contact Customer Service at [ecinfo@ecan.govt.nz](mailto:ecinfo@ecan.govt.nz) or call 0800 324 636 if you have any questions about the proposal.

## SUBMISSIONS

Submissions on proposed Plan Change 1 can 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 1 that -

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

The submission must be in form 5, copies of which are available from Environment Canterbury.

Submissions must state:

- the specific provision(s) of proposed Plan Change 1 that the submission relates to;
- whether you support or oppose the provision(s), or wish to have them amended;
- the precise detail of any relief sought (including changes to the provision(s)); and
- whether you wish or do not wish to be heard in support of your submission.

## THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS 5.00PM, 31 MAY 2019

You may make a submission by sending a written or electronic submission to Environment Canterbury:

- via ePlan ([www.ecan.govt.nz/hurunuiwaiaupc1](http://www.ecan.govt.nz/hurunuiwaiaupc1)); or
- by email to [mailroom@ecan.govt.nz](mailto:mailroom@ecan.govt.nz); or
- by post to PO Box 345, Christchurch 8140.

## PROCESS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The process for public participation in the consideration of the proposal under the Act is as follows:

- after the closing date for submissions, Environment Canterbury will prepare a summary of decisions requested by submitters and give public notice of the availability of this summary and where the summary and submissions can be inspected; and
- the following persons will have the opportunity to make a further submission in support of, or in opposition to, the submissions already made:
  - » any person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest;
  - » any person who has an interest in the proposal greater than the general public has;
  - » the local authority itself; and

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 1 and serve it on every person who made a submission.

This public notice was first published on 4 May 2019.

**Bill Bayfield**

*Chief Executive*