

Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement

Public Notice of Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement Using Freshwater Planning Process

The Otago Regional Council has prepared the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement (PORPS 2021). The PORPS 2021 sets out how Council will achieve integrated management of Otago's natural and physical resources.

Freshwater Planning Instrument

The Otago Regional Council is satisfied that the whole of the PORPS 2021 is a freshwater planning instrument and therefore will be subject to the freshwater planning process set out in Section 80A of the Resource Management Act 1991.

The PORPS is considered to meet the requirements of Section 80A(2)(a) and 80A(2)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991 because the Chapters of the PORPS 2021 are either giving effect to any national policy statement for freshwater management or relate to freshwater.

The single purpose of the Resource Management Act 1991 is to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources. That purpose can only be achieved through an integrated approach to the task of managing those resources. The PORPS 2021 has been prepared to achieve that outcome. To not have it considered a freshwater planning instrument would be to defeat that purpose.

The PORPS 2021 and Section 32 Evaluation Report may be inspected at:

- www.orc.govt.nz/RPS
- Otago Regional Council offices:
 - 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin
 - William Fraser Building, Dunorling Street, Alexandra
 - Terrace Junction, 1092 Frankton Road, Queenstown
- All public libraries, and city and district council offices throughout the Region

Please contact 0800 474 082 if you have any questions about the PORPS 2021

Submissions on the PORPS 2021

The following persons may make a submission on the proposal:

- the local authority, in its own area; and
- any other person, but if the person could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, then the person may do so only if the person is directly affected by an effect of the proposal 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 and state whether you wish to be heard in support of your submission. Submission forms (Form 5) can be found on our website www.orc.govt.nz/RPS and are available by phoning 0800 474 082.

Form 5 is also available at <https://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2003/0153/latest/DLM195860.html>

Submissions must be received by 3pm on Friday 3 September 2021

Online: www.orc.govt.nz/RPS

Email to RPS@orc.govt.nz

Post to: Proposed RPS, Otago Regional Council, Private Bag 1954, Dunedin 9054

Deliver to:

- 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin
- William Fraser Building, Dunorling Street, Alexandra
- Terrace Junction, 1092 Frankton Road, Queenstown

The process for public participation in the consideration of the PORPS 2021 under the Resource Management Act 1991 is:

- After submissions close, Council prepares a summary of decisions requested and publicly notifies the availability of that summary
- Certain persons may make a further submission supporting or opposing submissions already made
- At the hearing of submissions by the Freshwater Hearing Panel you may speak in support of your submission
- The Council gives notice of its decision on the recommendations of the Freshwater Hearing Panel
- There are limited rights of appeal to the Environment Court

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Signed on behalf of the Otago Regional Council

Friday 25 June 2021

Notified in accordance with Clause 5 of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991



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