

Written Submission on Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021

(Submissions must be received by Otago Regional Council by 3 pm Friday 3 September 2021)

To: Otago Regional Council

1. **Name of submitter** *(full name of person/persons or organisation making the submission. Note: The submissions will be referred to by the name of the submitter)*

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2. This is a submission on the **Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021**.
3. I **could not** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission. *(See notes to person making submission)*
4. I **am not** *(Select one)* directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that
- a. adversely affects the environment; and
 - b. does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition *(See notes to person making submission)*
5. I **wish/ do not wish** *(Select one)* to be heard in support of my submission
6. If others make a similar submission, I **will** *(Select one)* consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing

7. Submitter Details

- a. **Signature of submitter** *(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)*

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- b. **Signatory name, position, and organisation** *(if signatory is acting on behalf of a submitter organisation or group referred to at Point 1 above)*

Name

Position

Organisation

- c. **Date**

1/09/2021

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8. My submission is:

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
<i>The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to are:</i>	<i>I support, oppose or seek an amendment</i>	<i>The reasons for my views are:</i>	<i>I seek the following decision from the local authority:</i>
See relief below	Amend and incorporate proposed relief below.	The proposed RPS has ignored the unique history and contribution mining has made to Otago, or the value of mining to our region. Nationally, mining generates around \$1.0 billion export earnings a year. The previous versions of the RPS recognised and provided for the extractive industry in Otago. The proposed RPS is silent.	That the following relief giving recognition and regional value to the extractive industry is incorporated into the RPS.

		<p>The modern world simply can't function without mining. Mineral products are essential components for the green transition, cell phones, cars, energy towers, solar panels, wind turbines, fertilizers, machinery and construction.</p> <p>We note the recent consent application publicly notified by the Central Otago District Council by Foothill Mining Ltd (RC210111). The Otago Regional Council lodged an opposing submission against this application sighting the proposal is within an Outstanding Natural Landscape and "is inconsistent with the objectives and policies of the RPS 19 and the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021".</p> <p>It is not accepted the proposed is inconsistent with the RPS19, and of course the proposal is inconsistent with the PRPS2021 because any objectives and policies recognising and providing for the extractive industry in former plans have not been carried into the new RPS.</p>	
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Proposed Relief

That the following objectives and policies are incorporated into the RPS.

Objective X.X

Sufficient land is managed and protected for economic production

Policy X.X.1

Manage activities in rural areas and support the region's economy and communities, by:

- a) Enabling primary production and other rural activities that support that production;
- b) Providing for mineral exploration, extraction and processing;

Policy X.X.2

To recognise the functional needs of mineral exploration, extraction and processing activities to locate where the resource exists.

Policy X.X.3

Manage adverse effects from the exploration, extraction and processing of minerals, by:

- a) Giving preference to avoiding their location in the following:
 - i. Areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna in the coastal environment;
 - ii. Outstanding natural character in the coastal environment;
 - iii. Outstanding natural features and natural landscapes, including seascapes, in the coastal environment;
 - iv. Areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna beyond the coastal environment;
 - v. Outstanding natural character in areas beyond the coastal environment;
 - vi. Outstanding natural features and landscapes beyond the coastal environment;
 - vii. Outstanding water bodies or wetlands;
 - viii. Places or areas containing historic heritage of regional or national significance where the effects on that historic heritage cannot be avoided;
- b) Where it is not practicable to avoid locating in the areas listed in a) above due to the functional needs of that activity, the activity shall:
 - i. Avoid, remedy or mitigate, as necessary, adverse effects on values in order to maintain the outstanding or significant nature,
 - ii. Consider first biological diversity offsetting, and then biological diversity compensation for residual adverse effects,
 - iii. Consider environmental compensation if adverse effects on indigenous biological diversity, cannot practically be avoided, remedied or mitigated;
 - iv. Avoiding, remedying, or mitigating adverse effects on other values including highly valued natural features, landscapes and seascapes in order to maintain their high values;
 - v. Reducing unavoidable adverse effects by staging development for longer term activities and progressively rehabilitating the site, where possible.