

**From:** [EVELYN SKINNER](#)  
**To:** [RPS](#)  
**Subject:** Submission on Regional Policy Statement  
**Date:** Wednesday, 1 September 2021 11:00:58 a.m.

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Name of submitter: EVELYN SKINNER

This is a submission on the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021

We all rely on fresh, clean water for our survival. I call on you to prioritise the health of ecosystems, people and animals across Otago when adopting your Regional Policy Statement on freshwater.

I want to see an Otago where rivers run clear and clean, native plants and animals thrive alongside waterways, and drinking water is safe. The Regional Policy Statement must keep the health of water at its core so it can inform strong plans to clean up and protect water, and create a safe climate for all.

The National Policy Statement on freshwater says te mana o te wai must be preserved - that means that rivers, lakes, streams, wetlands and drinking water must be protected.

We know intensive dairying is a key driver of water and climate pollution. If we want rivers, lakes and drinking water to be healthy for generations to come, we need to tackle sources of pollution - like intensive dairying.

I am calling on the Otago Regional Council to:

- Put te mana o te wai first, so that all other objectives in the Regional Policy Statement are informed by the priority to care for water and keep it healthy
- Commit to phasing out synthetic nitrogen fertiliser and lowering cow stocking rates - two things that are incompatible with protecting te mana o te wai
- Tackle the climate crisis by lowering cow stocking rates and phasing out synthetic nitrogen fertiliser.
- Consider cumulative effects of pollution such as intensive dairying and too much synthetic nitrogen fertiliser, rather than simply in each individual catchment. What happens upstream affects people, plants and animals downstream.
- Act according to the national plan, which identifies limits based on environmental impacts. In order to do this, councils must phase out synthetic nitrogen fertiliser.
- Apply the precautionary principle to freshwater management. Intensive dairying and synthetic nitrogen fertiliser have long-term effects on water, climate and human health. With emerging research showing links between nitrate contamination from intensive dairying in drinking water and health effects like bowel cancer, the Council must act now to protect the health of our communities.
- Invest in regenerative organic farming that works with nature, not against it, to help mitigate the climate crisis and prevent water degradation.
- I confirm that I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
- I am not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that adversely affects the environment and does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition
- I DO NOT wish to be heard in support of my submission
- If others make a similar submission, I will NOT consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing

Sincerely,

**From:** [Evelyn Skinner](#)  
**To:** [RPS](#)  
**Subject:** Individual submission  
**Date:** Friday, 3 September 2021 2:00:49 p.m.  
**Attachments:** [form-5-written-submissions-form-on-proposed-otago-rps-2021.docx](#)

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To whom it may concern

I have attached my submission on the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement

Yours faithfully

Evelyn Skinner, 66 Fache Street, Clyde, 9330

## Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021

### Information for Submitters

Submissions must be in the prescribed form (Form 5) specified by the Resource Management Act and must be received by Otago Regional Council **by 3 pm Friday 3 September 2021**

**Privacy:** Be aware that **all submissions are considered public**, including your name and address which will be uploaded to ORC website as part of this process. The Council and further submitters will use your name and contact details for correspondence in relation to the making of the Regional Policy Statement.

#### **LODGE A SUBMISSION MANUALLY** (*USING FORM BELOW*)

A template complying with the requirements of Form 5 is provided below. Once completed, please forward to ORC by one of the following:

**Email:** [rps@orc.govt.nz](mailto:rps@orc.govt.nz) Submissions in MS Word or other editable format are preferred, if possible

**Post:** Otago Regional Council, Private Bag 1954, Dunedin 9054. Att: ORC Policy Team

**Hand Delivery at**

Dunedin: Otago Regional Council Office, 70 Stafford St, Dunedin, Att: ORC Policy Team

Queenstown: Terrace Junction, 1092 Frankton Road, Queenstown, Att: ORC Policy Team

Alexandra: William Fraser Building, Dunorling Street, Alexandra. Att: ORC Policy Team

#### **INQUIRIES**

Email: [rps@orc.govt.nz](mailto:rps@orc.govt.nz)

Phone: ORC Call Centre: 0800 474 082, Monday - Friday, 8am-5pm

## NOTES TO PERSON MAKING A SUBMISSION

If you are a person who could gain an advantage in **trade competition** through the submission, your right to make a submission may be limited by [clause 6\(4\)](#) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be **struck out** if the authority is satisfied that at least 1 of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission):

- it is frivolous or vexatious:
- it discloses no reasonable or relevant case:
- it would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further:
- it contains offensive language:
- it is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.

Go to Written Submission Form on next page

# 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)*

EVELYN MARGARET SKINNER

2. This is a submission on the **Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021**.

3. I **could not** *(Select one)* 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** *(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)*

EVELYN M SKINNER

- 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**

September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021

**Address for service of submitter** (This is where all correspondence will be directed)

**d. Contact person** (name and designation, if applicable)

EVELYN SKINNER

**e. Email:**

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**f. Telephone:**

0274493361

**g. Postal address** (or alternative method of service under [section 352](#) of the Act):

66 FACHE STREET, CLYDE, 9330

**8. My submission is:**

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
<p><i>The <b>specific provisions</b> of the proposal that my submission relates to are:</i></p> <p><i>(Please enter the relevant objective, policy, method, or 'other' provision reference where possible. For example, 'AIR-01'.)</i></p>	<p><i>I <b>support</b> or <b>oppose</b> the specific provisions or wish to have them <b>amended</b>.</i></p> <p><i>(Please indicate "support" or "oppose" or "amend")"</i></p>	<p><i>The <b>reasons</b> for my views are:</i></p>	<p><i>I seek the following <b>decision</b> from the local authority:</i></p> <p><i>(Please be as clear as possible – for example, include any alternative wording for specific provision amendments.)</i></p>
<p>LAND and FRESHWATER LF-VM-02</p>	<p>Clause (8)(c) for the Manuherikia Rohe timeframe should be amended to <b>2030</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>The river, according to available studies, is already critically challenged, through overabstraction (75%), runoff (intensification) and chronic</i></li></ul>	<p><i>That a culturally and scientifically supported minimum flow will be in place for the River Manuherikia by <b>2030 NOT</b> the later date of 2050.</i></p>

		<p><i>intervention with the original, natural flow</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The results of the Cultural Flow Preference Study (August 12<sup>th</sup> 2021) and the combined F&amp;G, F&amp;B and COES report (August 24<sup>th</sup> 2021) concluded a minimum flow for the river MUST be set prior to notification of the Land and Water Plan(2023) with the target flow arrived at by <b>2030</b>.</i></li> <li>• <i>“.....in accordance with the principle of reciprocity, any use of the river must respect the river and must enhance the mana of the river as well as the mana of the people using it”</i></li> </ul>	
<p><b>Note:</b> Additional rows for each separate provision or submission point should be added as required.</p>			

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