



OUR VISION FOR OTAGO · TĀ MĀTAU WHAIKA KI ŌTĀKOU



Communities that connect with, and care for, Otago’s environment



Communities that are resilient in the face of natural hazards, climate change and other risks



Sustainable, safe and inclusive transport



An environment that supports healthy people and ecosystems



Te Ao Māori and Mātauranga Kāi Tahu are embedded in Otago communities



A sustainable way of life for everyone in Otago

OUR MISSION · TE KAUPAPA

Enriching life in a way that ensures positive relationships between environment, people and place, now and for our future.

Whakahaumakohia te ao kia whiria te taura ora ki waeka i te taiao, i te tai-takata, i te tai-whenua mō nāianei, mō te āpōpō hoki.

VISION FOR ORC · TE WHĀIKA KI ORC

Otago’s communities, through engagement, trust us to make well-informed decisions and enable solutions.

OUR VALUES
Ō MĀTAU UARA

- Accountable
- Caring
- Creative
- Collaborative
- Trustworthy
- Open and honest



OUR COMMITMENTS · Ō MĀTAU HAEPAPA

- Focus on customer needs
- Collaborate to deliver
- Implement central government directions in the regional context
- Partner with mana whenua and make Mātauranga Kāi Tahu an integral part of our decision-making
- Deliver integrated environmental management
- Make decisions that are evidence-based and timely
- Effectively engage communities

ENABLING A HIGH-PERFORMING ORGANISATION THROUGH:
WHAKARITEA ANA HE OHU E MAHI TIKA RAWA ANA MĀ:

- An engaged, resilient and inclusive workforce
- Continuous improvements to information management, business processes and technology
- Prudent, fair, and transparent financial management



WHAT WE WILL DO

Protect, Connect, Enhance, Enable

KA AHA MĀTAU

Ka tāwharau, ka whakahono, ka whakaniko, ka whakamana

The wellbeing of Otago's communities – now and in the future - is at the heart of what we do.

We strive to ensure communities can rely on the Otago Regional Council for **knowledge** about the region's environment and communities; to **lead environmental management** in Otago in **partnership with mana whenua**; to **collaborate** to create **resilient and sustainable communities**; and to **advocate for Otago communities** on issues affecting the region.

We will enhance environmental management in Otago by:

- ▶ Taking an **integrated catchment management** approach;
- ▶ Putting more emphasis on **spatial** planning;
- ▶ Enhancing **access to and communication of data and knowledge**.

Sustainable, safe and inclusive transport

Collaborate with partner agencies to:

- Integrate transport infrastructure and public transport into urban planning
- Promote the transition away from private fossil-fuel passenger transport together with partner agencies
- Promote safe land-based and maritime transport

Sustainable and quality urban development

Set directions on managing urban development in the region for environmentally sustainable growth

Promote and enable initiatives that support environmentally sustainable communities

Collaborate to integrate urban planning, infrastructure planning and environmental management

Healthy water, soil and coast

Promote and enable:

- Best practice land management, for soil conservation, water quality and using water efficiently
- Initiatives for the enhancement of Otago's waterbodies and coast

Engage with communities and iwi partners to increase collective understanding of Otago's catchments

Protect our land, water and coast from inappropriate activities

Maintain river channels, waterways and coastal mouths

Monitor and investigate the health of Otago's fresh and coastal water, and soil resources

Provide the best available information on Otago's water, land and coastal resources

Regional leadership

Engage with our communities, and collect relevant information about wellbeing

Take appropriate actions to address the region's identified significant wellbeing issues

Effective response to climate change

Lead a regional approach to climate change to:

- Enable climate change mitigation and meeting New Zealand's emission targets
- Support Otago communities adapting to climate change effects

Engage communities to increase understanding about climate change and its impacts

Monitor the region's carbon-footprint and set an example to manage emissions as an organisation

Good air quality

With our partners, promote and enable clean heating and support warm and energy-efficient homes

Protect Otago's communities against the effects of the emission of harmful air pollutants

Monitor air quality in the region and investigate pollution sources

Provide best available information on Otago's air quality

Community resilience to natural hazards

Set directions to manage natural hazard risks; and support decision-making to mitigate these

Engage with people, communities, iwi partners, and other stakeholders to increase understanding of natural hazard risks in the region

Lead regional emergency management response and planning

Deliver flood protection and land drainage infrastructure

Monitor and investigate natural hazard risks in the region

Provide flood warning information

Healthy and diverse ecosystems

Coordinate collaboration on biodiversity programmes and initiatives within the region

Deliver biodiversity management

Lead biosecurity management in the region

Promote and enable good land management and environmental initiatives to protect and enhance Otago's biodiversity and ecosystems

Monitor and investigate the health of Otago's ecosystems

Provide best available information on Otago's ecosystems

Engage with communities and iwi partners to increase collective understanding of ecosystems