

## NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT FOR FRESHWATER MANAGEMENT

The National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014 (amended 2017) identifies that the quality, health, availability and economic value of fresh water, both surface and groundwater, in New Zealand is under threat and gives direction to regional councils to manage water in an integrated and sustainable way.

Regional councils are required to implement the policy 'as promptly as is reasonable in the circumstances', so that it is fully implemented no later than 31 December 2025 or by extension, December 2030. A staged approach can be adopted with public notification.

This timeline shows our intended staged approach.

### ESTABLISH FRESHWATER MANAGEMENT UNITS (FMUS)

Objective CA1 and Policy CA1 outline the process for setting Freshwater Management Units. This would be confirmed by Council resolution.

**BY APRIL 2019**



### TECHNICAL AND SPECIALIST WORK PROGRAMME TO UNDERSTAND BASELINE KNOWLEDGE

Stocktake of baseline information for each Freshwater Management Unit (FMU)

**BY AUGUST 2019**



### VALUES CONVERSATION

Policy CA2 outlines the value setting process involving conversations with community and stakeholders to identify values, and set objectives and limits

**COMMENCE OCTOBER 2019**



**COMMENCE FEBRUARY 2019**

### DEVELOP FRAMEWORK FOR WATER MANAGEMENT IN OTAGO

- S79 review of Water Plan, including three waters, starting Feb 2019
- Land use gaps identified by July 2019
- Stocktake and gap analysis of water plan against the NPSFM, NES Drinking Water, completed by April 2019
- Analysis and alignment with Rural Water Quality Strategy, where practical



**COMMENCE AUGUST 2019**

### TECHNICAL AND SPECIALIST WORK PROGRAMME IDENTIFIED AND COMMENCED TO SUPPORT LIMIT SETTING

Building on the values to understand the technical work programme required to set objectives and limits



**PLAN REVIEW NOTIFIED DECEMBER 2025**