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Wetlands



10.1 Introduction *[Repealed – 1 October 2013]*

10.2 Issues *[Repealed – 1 October 2013]*

10.3 Objectives

10.3.1 Otago’s wetlands and their individual and collective values and uses will be maintained or enhanced for present and future generations.

10.3.2 Otago’s Regionally Significant Wetlands and their values and uses are recognised and sustained.

10.4 Policies

10.4.1 Otago’s regionally significant wetland values are:

- A1 Habitat for nationally or internationally rare or threatened species or communities;**
- A2 Critical habitat for the life cycles of indigenous fauna which are dependent on wetlands;**
- A3 High diversity of wetland habitat types;**
- A4 High degree of wetland naturalness;**
- A5 Wetland scarce in Otago in terms of its ecological or physical character;**
- A6 Wetland which is highly valued by Kai Tahu for cultural and spiritual beliefs, values and uses, including waahi taoka and mahika kai;**
- A7 High diversity of indigenous wetland flora and fauna;**
- A8 Regionally significant wetland habitat for waterfowl; and**
- A9 Significant hydrological values including maintaining water quality or low flows, or reducing flood flows.**

10.4.1A A Regionally Significant Wetland is any wetland that is:

- (a) Listed in Schedule 9 and mapped in maps F1-F63; or**
- (b) Within a wetland management area listed in Schedule 9 and mapped in maps F1-F63; or**
- (c) Higher than 800 metres above sea level.**

10.4.2 Avoid the adverse effects of an activity on a Regionally Significant Wetland or a regionally significant wetland value, but allow remediation or mitigation of an adverse effect only when the activity:

- (a) Is lawfully established; or**
- (b) Is nationally or regionally important infrastructure, and has specific locational constraints; or**

- (c) **Has the purpose of maintaining or enhancing a Regionally Significant Wetland or a regionally significant wetland value.**

10.4.2A **Where the avoidance, remediation or mitigation of adverse effects on any Regionally Significant Wetland or any regionally significant wetland value is not adequate, financial contributions, determined in accordance with Chapter 17, may be required.**

10.4.3 *[Repealed – 1 October 2013]*

10.4.4 *[Repealed – 1 October 2013]*

10.4.5 *[Repealed – 1 October 2013]*

10.4.6 **To promote the conservation, creation and reinstatement of wetland areas and enhancement of individual and collective wetland values by:**

- (a) **Educating Otago’s people and communities about land use activities that may affect wetlands and their values;**
- (b) **Promoting the fencing of wetlands;**
- (c) **Initiating or supporting investigations and monitoring of wetlands and their values;**
- (d) **Supporting voluntary community and landholder programmes;**
- (e) **Initiating or undertaking works in consultation with local communities;**
- (f) **Providing information on wetlands and their values; or**
- (g) **Providing for the restoration or enhancement of wetlands and wetland values.**

10.4.7 *[Repealed – 1 October 2013]*

10.5 Anticipated Environmental Results *[Repealed – 1 October 2013]*