

## Written Submission on Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021 – Freshwater Provisions

To: Otago Regional Council ([rps@orc.govt.nz](mailto:rps@orc.govt.nz))

1. This is a submission by **Mr Duncan Kenderdine** on the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021 – Freshwater provisions. Mr Kenderdine:
  - a. Cannot gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
  - b. Is 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.
  - c. Does wish to be heard in support of this submission.
  - d. Will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing if others make a similar submission.

### Submission

2. This submission affects all provisions on the RPS to the extent that they are relevant to the matters stated this submission below.
3. Mr Kenderdine seeks that the RPS be amended to include clear and directive:
  - a. Objectives, policies, and methods to as relevant or required to clarify and direct that water allocated under a resource consent (historically and into the future) cannot be transferred or used for a different use.
  - b. Objectives, policies, and methods as relevant ore required to clarify or direct that the baseline state for consideration of water quality and water quantity is that of a natural state, i.e. the state the water would be without human intervention.
  - c. Objectives, policies, and methods as relevant or required to clarify or direct that water quality and quantity is managed under the RPS to uphold the priorities of *te mana o te wai* (set out in the NPSFM 2020) and apply an integrated management approach consistent with the concept of *ki uta ki tai*
  - d. Objectives, policies, and methods as relevant or required to clarify that many of Otago’s freshwater bodies are actually or effectively degraded (in respect of water quality) and are actually or effectively overallocated (in respect of water quantity), and consequently waterbodies need to be restored and further contamination prevented.
4. In addition, Mr Kenderdine seeks the following decisions:
  - a. Amendments to all the provisions of the RPS in accordance with and in no way limited to the changes set out on the following pages;
  - b. Or alternatively other amendments, including any such combination of provisions as may be appropriate, to address the matters raised in this submission, and to achieve the intent of this submission.
  - c. Any similar, alternative, consequential and/or other relief as necessary to address the issues raised in this submission.
5. The **reasons** for this submission are primarily that the above relief will in principle be the most appropriate way of implementing the purpose of the Resource Management Act, including the NPSFM, and will be consistent with what many people in Otago aspire to, as raised in submissions by other parties.

### 6. Address for service

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