

Written Submission on Freshwater Planning Instrument Parts of Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021

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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)

Otago Regional Council (ORC)

2. This is a submission on the **Freshwater Planning Instrument Parts of Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021**.
3. I ~~could~~/**could not** (Select one) gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission. (See notes to person making submission)
4. I ~~am~~/**am not** (Select one) 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 (See notes to person making submission)
5. I **wish**/~~do not wish~~ (Select one) to be heard in support of my submission
6. If others make a similar submission, I **will**/~~will not~~ (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)



- 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 Gretchen Robertson

Position: Chairperson

Organisation: Otago Regional Council

- c. **Date**

29 November 2022

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8. My submission is:

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
<p><i>The specific provisions 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-O1'.)</i></p>	<p><i>I support or oppose the specific provisions or wish to have them amended.</i></p> <p><i>(Please indicate "support" or "oppose" or "amend")"</i></p>	<p><i>The reasons for my views are:</i></p> <p><i>Please see separate attachment for submission details.</i></p>	<p><i>I seek the following decision 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>Note: Additional rows for each separate provision or submission point should be added as required.</p>			

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Purpose:

This document forms a submission on the Freshwater Parts of the Otago Regional Policy Statement (ORPS) from the Otago Regional Council (ORC).

Introduction:

Otago Regional Council is developing a Land and Water Regional Plan (the Plan), supported by scientific evidence. The Plan will implement and give effect to the ORPS.

The timelines for developing the ORPS, scientific evidence work programme, and the Land and Water Regional Plan require much of these related work packages to be carried out in parallel.

The intent of this submission is to ensure the hearings panel and other parties to the ORPS process are aware of the most up to date science information that is relevant to the ORPS, specifically the visions.

Background:

ORC is compiling scientific evidence to support the development of the Land and Water Regional Plan. This includes modelling to assess the magnitude of change achievable for some in water quality parameters by applying certain rule sets. Water quality parameters include periphyton, sediment, and macro invertebrate scores.

This work is not yet complete, but some preliminary trends have been identified.

Submission:

The freshwater visions for the Catlins FMU and the Upper Lakes rohe are anticipated to be achieved by 2030.

Current modelling for periphyton, for the two scenarios that ORC can support, show that meeting draft target attribute states by 2030 is unlikely.

For our future

There is no recommended alternative date, and this submission is simply to provide some awareness and visibility for the Freshwater Panel.

If on ground mitigations, in addition to those included in the GMP and GMP + scenarios, are included in the pLWRP, then the visions are potentially still appropriate. Mitigations could be identified through other activities such as community consultation.

As modelling inputs are refined, future modelling results may show the visions are still appropriate.

Signatory Name: Gretchen Robertson – Chairperson – Otago Regional Council

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gretchen Robertson', is positioned above the printed signature label.

Signature:

Date: 29 November 2022