

Part VII

Cross-Boundary Issues



19.1 Introduction

An activity which discharges into Otago's air resource can create adverse effects beyond the immediate vicinity of the activity. Due to the mobile nature of the air resource the effects of a discharge into air may occur across district and regional boundaries.

It is important that the cross-boundary issues are identified, agreed to and are dealt with in an efficient and effective manner in order that any adverse effects of discharges are avoided, remedied or mitigated.

Where the adverse effects of an activity occur in an area under the management of another agency, administrative processes are required to ensure that the cross-boundary nature of the effect is considered, and where necessary taken into account by the agency responsible for the management of that resource. Establishing processes between local authorities in order to deal with those cross-boundary issues is required.

19.2 Methods

In order to deal with cross-boundary issues as they arise, the Otago Regional Council will use the following methods:

- 19.2.1 To liaise with adjacent regional councils over issues of concern related to the management of the air resource.
- 19.2.2 To promote and encourage the development of protocols with Otago's city and district councils and adjacent regional councils for resolving cross-boundary issues.
- 19.2.3 To consult with all agencies having responsibilities for the sustainable management of aspects of Otago's environment.
- 19.2.4 To promote and encourage joint working groups, joint council committees and other joint approaches between appropriate city and district councils and the Regional Council to consider cross-boundary issues.
- 19.2.5 To combine with appropriate city and district councils and regional councils in jointly processing resource consent applications that cross administrative boundaries.
- 19.2.6 To consider transferring functions to city and district councils under Section 33 of the Resource Management Act where it is more efficient, effective and appropriate to manage the air resource.

Explanation and principal reasons for adopting

Processes to resolve cross-boundary issues will be based on consultation and communication between Otago's city and district councils, adjacent regional councils and central government. Various approaches employing joint groups, committees or other means can be used to facilitate the consideration and decision-making between different authorities over issues that cross their boundaries.