

# Freshwater farm plans



## December 2023 Update

Kia ora,  
Welcome to the December issue of ORC's Freshwater Farm Plans newsletter.

## National training is open

If you're interested in becoming a certifier of Freshwater Farm Plans in Otago, the national training is now open.

Applications are being accepted for the Otago region. Start your path on this rewarding journey now. You need to have completed the national training before you can start your regional training.

You can check your eligibility and apply [here](#)

Regional training will start on 1 February 2024 and will include the following online modules:

- Otago context
- Intensive Winter Grazing (IWG)
- Dairy effluent
- Otago science
- Waterways and wetlands
- How to use the 'Bridge' – the system certifiers will use

After completing the online modules, there will be an in-person component of the regional training which you will need to attend. This first session will be run in March 2024. Regional training will then be run every quarter next year with other in-person days in June, September and November.

You can register your interest in the March training session by emailing [farmplans@orc.govt.nz](mailto:farmplans@orc.govt.nz)

We'll share more details as it becomes available.

## Have your say

The draft North Otago Catchment Context, Challenges and Values (CCCV) information has now been compiled and can be viewed online [here](#).

The regulations state that a CCCV should include the following in relation to a local area:

- Existing information on landforms, soil data, climate data, freshwater data, freshwater bodies, contaminants, sites that are significant to the community, and significant species or ecosystems
- Identified cultural matters of importance to tangata whenua including the cultural significance of the local area, the traditional names of freshwater bodies in the local area and sites and species in the local area that are significant to tangata whenua;
- Any objectives, policies, and rules relevant to the management of freshwater or freshwater ecosystems in policy statements or the regional plan
- Any relevant freshwater matters in planning documents that are recognised by iwi authorities and lodged with the regional council;
- The National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management and any action plans made by the regional council; and
- Any secondary legislation made under the Act that is relevant to the management of freshwater or freshwater ecosystems.

We'd like to hear your feedback on the content, for example: what areas you found helpful or if you think something is missing.

Please be specific.

The feedback form is at the bottom of the page of the draft CCCV.

Please note: some resources to support the CCCV are still under development and will be available by 1 February 2024.

A PDF summary of the CCCV will also be available for download from 1 February 2024.

## Consents and Compliance

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# Draft North Otago Freshwater Management Unit (FMU) Catchment Context, Challenges and Values (CCCV)

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## Overview of the North Otago FMU

The North Otago FMU covers about 296,000 hectares and extends from Waitaki Bridge down through Ōamaru, Moeraki, and Palmerston townships to the bottom of the southern branch of the Waikouaiti River. Some major river catchments within the FMU include the Kākaunui, Waihemo Shag, Waikouaiti and Pleasant.

### Freshwater Farm Plans - Freshwater Management Units



## Getting started

Not sure where to start with your freshwater farm plan?

We have a Getting Started section with some simple steps to ensure you're on the right track to completing your freshwater farm plan and some handy resources if you'd like to learn more about what goes into one of these plans.

[Get started today!](#)

## Government updates

We will continue to keep a close eye on any updates from the Government relating to freshwater farm plans and will share with you as we receive them.



## Contact us

If you have any questions about freshwater farm plans, the timeline or process, what support is available or can't find an answer in the [FAQ section](#) on our website, please don't hesitate to email us at: [farmplans@orc.govt.nz](mailto:farmplans@orc.govt.nz)

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