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	<p>commercial rules that will operate into the future for the Pacific region, and involves 12 countries. Councils have a major role in representing the public/community interest and TPP could compromise this interest. Councils including Auckland, Nelson, Tasman, Wellington and Horizons have passed resolutions calling for transparency in negotiations. Request NZ councils to adopt a set of resolutions, as attached to the submission.</p>	<p>not one for the ORC.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Jolyon Manning, Alexandra</p> <p>25 years of ORC operation Encourage Council to prepare for a wide ranging discussion on provincial wide issues to take place later in the year, and celebrate its 25th.</p>	
<p>3 cont.</p>	<p>Otago soils In 1978 the Otago regional 'food producing potential soil resource' was estimated as 2.48%. The growOTAGO information produced was good, but should move ahead with the adoption of a major Soil Policy overview, and make provision for the appointment of one or more professional soil scientists. Need an update of the remaining food potential versatile soil resource, and an appropriate monitor to determine the sustainability of this finite resource, not just mineral content but also its humus and soil biology and diversity of below surface life.</p> <p>Re climate change, is desirable to introduce a monitor in the form of phenolgy studies to catalogue seasonal timing of budding and blossoming of plants.</p> <p>Commitment to water and air policy by ORC deserves widespread support, but Council should now place stewardship of soil matters in a similar order of priority.</p>	<p>The management of soils (as part of land management) is being looked in the review of the Regional Policy Statement.</p>
<p>3 cont.</p>	<p>Port Otago Surprised plan does not provide summary of operations on it record alongside other port amenities. Overdue for inclusion in key ORC reports of appropriate commentary.</p> <p>How is the forward looking deepening of the access channel progressing?</p> <p>There are a significant number of visits of cruise ships at Port Chalmers. Insufficient thought and action has been taken to advance the assets of Port Chalmers. A more direct custom built ferry access across the harbour would be appropriate.</p>	<p>Draft annual plan is not considered the place for detailed commentary on Port Otago, which produces its own information. A copy of the POL Annual Report will be forwarded to the submitter.</p>
<p>3 cont.</p>	<p>Otago district Mayoral forum The recent census highlights the dramatic variation in residential expansion between QLDC and CODC. Queenstown is bigger than Oamaru and Wanaka will soon be bigger than Balclutha. Dunedin may not see further large scale expansion</p>	<p>Chairman to write to the submitter re mayoral forum matters.</p>

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	<p>of the tertiary education facilities that has dominated the past couple of decades and provided a balance to the continued loss of many commercial enterprises.</p> <p>Dairying has significantly impacted North Otago, South Otago and parts of Central Otago.</p> <p>There are grounds for a provincial wide reassessment of our approach to the unprecedented rebuilding in Christchurch and nearby massive irrigation led dairying.</p> <p>If these matters are not appropriate in the context of the ORC agenda, where is the leadership?</p>	
3 cont.	<p>Mayoral and Chief Executive Forum</p> <p>Ask the mayoral and chief executive forum to consider issues including sub regional growth, employment figures, Dunedin’s under utilisation of its major community cultural and recreational assets, renewable energy resources etc.</p>	
4	<p>Jeff Munro, Dunedin</p> <p>Regional Plan Water</p> <p>Have concern that the plan to “assist land owners” is a cop out. ORC should be “requiring” and “penalising”. Ratepayers are footing the bill for this work. Activities such as dairying should not be at the expense of the environment.</p>	<p>Plan is not a cop out. It provides for an effects based approach. The plan change includes a regulatory regime.</p>
4 cont.	<p>Transport</p> <p>Would like to see more use of rail both for freight and passengers.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
5	<p>Lynne Stewart, Clyde</p> <p>Biodiversity Strategy</p> <p>Threatened and at risk indigenous plant communities need to be fully protected. Measures to protect remnant indigenous ecosystems must be strengthened so they are not sprayed and/or ploughed up.</p>	<p>Policy on the land use control part of biodiversity is being addressed through the RPS review and development of a biodiversity strategy.</p>
5 cont.	<p>Water Quality</p> <p>Ecosystem health and human health are closely linked. ORC needs to halt farm conversions to dairy on all free draining land, so we are not lumbered with the costs to clean our rivers.</p> <p>Water polluters must be heavily fined until they stop polluting. Prosecute offending polluters.</p> <p>Water quality needs to be better monitored, so easier to find where pollutants are entering rivers and streams. Monitoring</p>	<p>The Water Plan sets water quality limits for rivers and lakes, and thresholds re the quality of discharges into rivers and lakes.</p> <p>We do this now.</p> <p>Have doubled monitoring in last year, and continually reviewing.</p>

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	<p>must be all contaminants and tested more often.</p> <p>If a river is unsafe for human use, must be signposted at the public access point, not just mentioned on an ORC web page, as has been the case in the past.</p>	<p>ORC erects signposts at the access points.</p>
6	<p>OSPRI NZ, William McCook</p> <p>Bovine TB control funding Significant progress has been made in Otago re vector control, movement restrictions and disease management. The number of infected herds is now 7, down from 300 in the mid 1990's.</p> <p>Appreciate Council's commitment to funding a component of the regional share.</p> <p>A wider independently chaired review of funding has been commissioned by OSPRI, and will assist the evaluation of the benefits of TBfree NZ's wild animal control programme.</p>	<p>Thank you for submission.</p>
7	<p>TBfree NZ, Ross Beckingsale</p> <p>Bovine TB control funding Appreciates the Council's continued contribution toward TB vector control work in Otago.</p>	<p>Thank you for submission.</p>
8	<p>Chalmers Community Board, Steve Walker</p> <p>Biodiversity Strategy - Sycamores There is an invasion of sycamore in parts of the West Harbour, particularly in Ravensbourne and along SH88 to Port Chalmers. They are classified as an A Category invasive weed by DoC. Ask ORC to include discussions on sycamore trees when it develops its Biodiversity Strategy, and align this strategy with work being carried out by the DCC and other interested community groups.</p>	<p>Would need to review under the Pest Plan if action was required.</p> <p>Will be considered.</p>
8 cont.	<p>SH88 Cycle / Walkway The cycle/walkway from Dunedin to St Leonards is one of best used amenities in Dunedin. Ask for on going support to agencies to complete path to Port Chalmers. Request the Regional Land Transport Committee include it the RLTP.</p>	<p>This is provided for in the Regional Land Transport Plan.</p>
8 cont.	<p>Transport Applaud survey carried out by ORC to determine viability of some of the bus routes within the West Harbour area. Ask that the current levels of service are maintained, and if demand calls for it, some routes be considered for increased services.</p> <p>Ask that ORC looks to define a stopping location at the top of Gray Street at the bottom of the Constitution St/Island Terrace intersection in Port Chalmers.</p>	<p>Thank you.</p> <p>Advised that this has been dealt with by the DCC.</p>

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9	<p>Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group (OPBG), Cathy Rufaut</p> <p>In Kind support OPBG to embark on further possum control work and will begin implementing the next stages of its strategic plan, looking ahead to other pest species and biodiversity goals. In the past OPBG has received assistance from ORC re staff resources, data and expertise. Indebted to Council for this, and ask that similar levels of support, in kind, be continued in the future.</p>	
9 cont.	<p>Biodiversity Strongly supportive of ORC developing a biodiversity strategy. Urge ORC to state clearly in the Annual Plan exactly how this strategy will translate into biodiversity gains. Strategic plans kill fewer pests than people with traps and poison baits.</p> <p>Suggest, as part of the strategy that Council specifically commit to consultation with organisations and groups seeking to maintain and enhance biodiversity values.</p>	<p>Future annual plans will provide such information, once the strategy has been developed and the ORC role in biodiversity defined.</p> <p>Consultation will take place as part of the 2015/25 LTP.</p>
9 cont.	<p>Pest Management Given the nationally recognised significance of possums, urge council to place possums high on list of targets when the South Island wide collaborative approach to pest management is developed. Urge ORC to add possums to its strategy when reviewed in 2016/17.</p> <p>OPBG is funded through the efforts of the local Peninsula community, with no cost to landowners for possum control on their properties. Possum control over much of the remainder of Otago is subsidised via TBfree.</p> <p>Ask to be advised in advance of any future ORC pest operations on the Peninsula, to avoid duplication of effort, and take advantage of possible joint operations.</p> <p>The funding impact statement for Land (pg 45) shows a surplus of \$165,000. Suggest redirecting this towards Regional Services, specifically to monitor possums on the Peninsula. It would bring professional standards to the monitoring, relieve the OPBG of a financial commitment it would otherwise be fundraising for, and could be seen to be in lieu of any contribution the ORC makes to the AHB in the event of Tb being found on the Peninsula.</p>	<p>The question of possums will be considered, as part of the review of the Pest Plan review, undertaken in conjunction with the development of the South Island Pest Plan.</p> <p>Rabbit operations will be notified.</p> <p>This surplus is used to subsidise general rates.</p> <p>Request for monitoring to be undertaken by ORC staff accepted. Staff resources will be made available to undertake the work.</p>
10	<p>Friends of Lake Hayes, Kerry Dunlop</p> <p>Request for support and funding Group formed due to concern of lake's water quality which is adversely affected by algae. Would like support of ORC to apply to Central Lakes Trust for funding a deep water monitoring buoy. Could be a joint application from the Guardians of Lake Wanaka and Lake Hawea who would also benefit from</p>	<p>Agree will support funding application.</p> <p>Committed to looking at mitigation options, and a paper has been written</p>

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	<p>information from having deep water monitoring buoys.</p> <p>Before cost effective methods can be applied to resolve the level of algae blooms, more study is needed. Ask that ORC provides funding for a masters student from Otago University.</p>	<p>on this.</p> <p>There has been a change in policy on providing for PhD funding so will not be providing funding for further study.</p>
11	<p>Clutha River Parkway Group, Lewis:Verduyn-Cassels</p> <p>Request for support</p> <p>Proposal is for creating a riverside park on land currently for sale by Contact Energy, on riverside land adjoining the Luggate Red Bridge. Park would function as a resource and education centre for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freshwater management and research • Outdoor education (kayaking, water safety etc) • Ecological restoration (native nursery, volunteers) • Historical education (gold mining, punt etc). <p>Plan for constructed habitats for endangered Longfin eel, rare indigenous plants, native birds and skinks.</p> <p>The Red Bridge River Park Trust would form partnerships with DoC, Te Kakano, NIWA and others. Wish to gauge ORC's interest in this proposal. Would appreciate an expression of support in principle.</p>	<p>Decline request. This is not an ORC activity, and there is no strong relevance or link to ORC activities. ORC has its own educational programmes.</p>
12	<p>Nick Loughnan, Alexandra</p> <p>Stock truck effluent disposal sites</p> <p>The effluent problem on our roads is associated almost exclusively with the movement of large numbers of Southland dairy cows into Central Otago in May for winter grazing. The practice of emptying cows before transportation would appear to be ignored by many.</p> <p>For the rest of the year, with thousands of truck movements of stock out of Central Otago, we don't have an ongoing problem. We seem unwilling to stop the problem trucks trailing effluent, identifying the offending stock owners and fining them.</p> <p>Wrong to mop up after them and expect the installation and maintenance costs of these sites to be paid for by the wider ratepayer.</p> <p>The target (pg 78) re "increase in the amount of effluent removed from each site" is inconsistent with the intentions of 6A water targets based on farmers taking responsibility for the wider effects of their operations.</p> <p>Should insist that the effluent stays on the farms of those that produce it and not become another cost borne by New Zealand Transport Agency, ORC reserves and ratepayers.</p>	<p>A STED committee has been established. Submission will be passed on to this committee for its consideration.</p> <p>Law does not allow for ORC to take action unless the effluent is entering waterways.</p> <p>Sites will be utilised, but need to be managed to meet peak periods.</p> <p>The target is not intended to replace farmer responsibility; rather it is to measure the level of service of having clean Otago roads.</p>

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13	<p>Ross McLeary</p> <p>Pest Plants and Animals Nodding thistle is spreading to new places. Lack of knowledge and caring given by ORC, need to be more proactive and have greater respect of this plants repeated and invasive nature. The rules are less than responsible, and cannot do the work, in need of a more serious and effective approach, i.e., mapping existing areas and monitoring farms, forestry, river banks etc.</p> <p>Rabbit control also seems ineffective and needs a serious look at. ORC to step up to the standard required on these issues.</p>	<p>Management will review compliance. As part of the Pest Management Strategy review will look at the 100 metre boundary.</p>
14	<p>Vision Port Chalmers, Bill Brown</p> <p>Harbour Safety The plan should include activities to maintain parts of the Otago Harbour that are used by the recreation and commercial boat operators. Access to the Port Chalmers Fisherman’s Wharf area, Carey’s Bay, Back Beach Port Chalmers and Otago Yacht Club boat harbour is limited due to lack of dredging and maintenance. Can only operate in these areas at high tide.</p> <p>Believe these are being overlooked by the ORC. ORC is responsible for the sea bed from the mean high tide. The Coast Plan, chapter 9, rules 9.5.4 and 9.5.4.1 means ORC already has consents in place for this maintenance and it can therefore be done without great expense.</p> <p>The annual plan should include the dredging and maintenance of the Fisherman’s wharf area and other harbour water front access areas mentioned above.</p> <p>Now have the opportunity to provide access by boat from the Otago Peninsula to Aramoana and Port Chalmers to allow cyclists and walkers to complete a round trip of the Otago Harbour. Dredging and maintenance will allow the cycleway project to further involve boat access across the harbour and produce optional returns for Otago, economically and socially.</p> <p>Set up a harbour maintenance and enhancement fund involving \$100,000 per year. Projects not likely to come up every year, so fund could build up for when new projects do arise.</p>	<p>ORC is to investigate what roles the ORC, DCC, and other harbour users have in respect of harbour issues, and to consider what the priorities are around harbour maintenance.</p>
15	<p>Otago Peninsula Community Board, Christine Garey</p> <p>Tomahawk Lagoon Concerned with incidents of algal bloom at Tomahawk Lagoon. Recently met with ORC staff to discuss the issue. The Board supports the ORC in working with the community and Board to ensure good communication and scientific information is shared. Is a complicated environmental issue that has implications for environmental and human health.</p>	<p>A community meeting is being set up to explain the report presented to the April meeting of the Technical Committee.</p>

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	<p>Understand that possible remedies are complicated and further information is required. Asks that ORC continue with ongoing monitoring and scientific analysis to provide for a longer term solution.</p>	<p>ORC will undertake visual inspections 1 October to 30 April each fortnight, and weekly sampling if bloom detected (same for Lake Waiholo).</p>
16	<p>Tom Lamb, Alexandra</p> <p>Water Quality Refer 7.B.4 (a) – Council to be cautious re potential nitrogen leaching into the waterways with the increased potential level of dairying in Central Otago.</p> <p>It is too late measuring the leachate coming off land as it enters waterways, it needs to be measured at point of application, limit volume per hectare. The high use of nitrogen in intense agriculture can not be self regulated.</p>	<p>Effects based policy does not allow for this.</p>
17	<p>Central Otago Wastebusters, Ruth McNamara</p> <p>Waste Still no solution of environmentally friendly disposal of hazardous and chemical waste. Ag Recovery takes used containers from commercial activities, but there is nothing for residential, and nothing locally for the safe disposal of the hazardous content.</p> <p>Amnesty days no longer happen. There is a need for somewhere hazardous and chemical waste can be dropped off at any time during the year.</p> <p>Little importance is given to the disposal of hazardous and chemical waste as it doesn't even show in the annual plan, but is a huge problem in Central Otago. It has been brought to ORC's attention many times. Recommend ORC immediately find a workable solution for the disposal of these wastes.</p>	<p>This is an issue for territorial authorities, noting that MfE has a Waste Minimisation Fund which is contestable, and can be used for the disposal of hazardous waste.</p>
18	<p>Federated Farmers, Stephen Korteweg</p> <p>Forecast Rates increases Supports forecast 2.49% proposed general rate increase. Recommend Council adopts the rate increase, and retains a prudent approach to investments, and minimises commitments to activities that fall outside the Council's core obligations.</p>	<p>Support noted.</p>
18 cont.	<p>UAGC Ask that Council investigate greater use of the UAGC to fund activities where all ratepayers can be assessed to receive equal benefit, with a view to including consultation on a significant change to the UAGC when doing the 2015/25 LTP.</p>	<p>A review of the level of UAGC will take place as part of the preparation of the 2015-25 LTP.</p>

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<p>18 cont.</p>	<p>Regional Plan: Water, Plan Change 6A Support Council dedicating a high level of resources to implementation and communication, but concerned that this is not reflected in the Funding Impact Statement.</p> <p>Council to follow up as soon as possible, its commitment to establishing Stakeholder Reference Groups.</p> <p>As water quality affects everyone, Council to ensure the contribution to initiatives associated with the plan change comes from general rates.</p> <p>Council to focus on increasing the promotion, education, information, communication and use of trial farms to enable appropriate implementation of the plan change.</p> <p>Council to commit fully to involvement in catchment and sub catchment programmes. Support given to the submission from the Pomahaka Catchment Group (# 29).</p> <p>Terminology in the annual plan should reflect the mediation version of the plan change, for example, discharge limits should be discharge thresholds.</p> <p>The use of OVERSEER in areas of high rainfall is of concern, given Council’s reliance on the resulting data. Ask that Council validates the use of OVERSEER in high rainfall areas.</p> <p>Work requested by third parties is to be funded 100% from fees and charges.</p> <p>Council to provide detail on why there is a projected \$421,000 increase in fines and infringements.</p>	<p>Consider the level of funding provided to be appropriate.</p> <p>In the process of forming a stakeholder group, and anticipate a recommendation will go to council by the end of June 2014.</p> <p>Will amend plan to reflect change.</p> <p>Planning to do this in the 14/15 year in the Wakatipu /Wanaka catchments where rainfall exceeds 1,500 mm/yr.</p> <p>Revenue policy provides for this.</p> <p>The increase is “other receipts” being dividend “applied” to this activity.</p>
<p>18 cont.</p>	<p>Regional Plan: Water, Plan Change 1C Council to commit to continued liaison with affected stakeholders, and that this be funded by general rates. Work requested by third parties to be funded by fees and charges.</p>	<p>Revenue policy provides for this now.</p>
<p>18 cont.</p>	<p>Air Quality Recommend that Council provides appropriate support to the community and develops fact sheets to greater inform the public of issues and responsibilities. Any contribution to appliances to come from mix of targeted rates, sponsorship and homeowner contributions.</p>	<p>Development of fact sheets provided for in the annual plan, along with expos on clean heating appliances. Review of the Air strategy will consider education needs.</p>
<p>18 cont.</p>	<p>South Island Pest Management Plan Supports in principle Council working with other South Island councils to ensure a consistent approach is taken to pest management plans. Otago still to recognise the specific and distinct challenges and preferences of land owners in the region.</p>	<p>No pest identified in Otago will be removed from its schedule within the Plan.</p>

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18 cont.	<p>Wilding Trees</p> <p>Support preparation of a discussion paper. Discussions to consider a framework for more co-ordinated and strategic inter agency action in controlling and managing wilding conifers.</p>	Support and comments noted.
18 cont.	<p>Biodiversity Strategy</p> <p>Support a cohesive approach to the management of biodiversity within the region. Strategy to recognise and reflect the need to work in partnership with landowners.</p>	Noted
18 cont.	<p>Regional Policy Statement</p> <p>To undertake full collaboration with affected stakeholders over the course of this review. The Plan Change 6A Stakeholder Reference Group, should be fully utilised in seeking feedback and information as part of the RPS review.</p>	Noted.
18 cont.	<p>Financial Contributions</p> <p>Council to continue to commit funding initiatives for the AHB, Otago Rescue Helicopter and the Ballance Environment Awards</p>	Already provided for in the plan.
18 Cont.	<p>Flood Protection & Control Works</p> <p>A review of the public/private good component of rating for these schemes is overdue. Council to review the funding policy for flood protection and drainage schemes, particularly the Taieri flood and drainage schemes. Other regions policies show there is an established case for community wide benefit. Wider economic and access benefit needs to be assessed. Consider this approach has been used for the Leith scheme.</p>	The funding policy for West and East Taieri Drainage Schemes and Lower Taieri Flood Protection Scheme was reviewed as part of the preparation of the 2012/22 LTP. It along with all other funding policies will be reviewed as part of the 2015/25 LTP.
18 cont.	<p>Stock Truck Effluent Disposal</p> <p>Support the provision of additional stock truck effluent disposal sites within Central Otago, and their proposed funding. Ask that Council fully consults with transport companies as to the design of the sites.</p>	A STED committee has been established. Submission will be passed on to this committee for its consideration.
19	<p>Heritage NZ, Rob Hall</p> <p>Otago Coastal Heritage Inventory Project</p> <p>Continue to encourage council to commit to a regional coastal heritage inventory project. Ask that pilot project be developed and implemented in the 2014/15 year, in partnership with Heritage NZ, ORC, DoC, DCC, CDC or WDC and local iwi. Suggest funding of \$5,000 per organisation. The information would be available to inform a review of the Regional Plan: Coast.</p>	Decline request for funding.
20	<p>Liz Nash, Dunedin</p> <p>Air Quality</p> <p>Ban the use of coal. Most communities banned it 50 years ago...what's holding ORC up?</p>	Have an effects based approach to air quality. Not intending to ban any fuel, but enforcement provisions will apply.

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20 cont.	Transport Public transport not working. It should go to the DCC.	Noted.
21	Cromwell & Districts Community Trust, Jacqui Rule South Island Pest Management Plan Pleased to see the review, but concerned our unique conditions and plants will be lost in the collective review.	No pest identified in Otago will be removed from our schedule in the Plan.
21 cont.	Stock Truck Effluent Disposal Agree a need to install additional sites. Victoria Flats is better location for trucks coming from Southland, and those heading south from the Maniototo/Mackenzie districts. Would the Cromwell waste water treatment plant be able to handle this?	A STED committee has been established. Submission will be passed on to this committee for its consideration.
21 cont.	Water Pleased that plan to visit all farms planning dairy conversions. Note a lot of work will be undertaken on allocation regimes and replacing consents. Communication to be clear and effective.	Noted.
21 cont.	Air Quality Thank you for continued monitoring. Pleased undertaking more detailed studies in addition to the monitoring programme.	Studies are included in the plan for Cromwell and Alexandra.
21 cont.	Pest Plants & Animals Biggest complaint is about pest plants and animals on Crown land bordering lakes, rivers and road. How will ORC address this issue? Pleased to see preparation of a wilding tree discussion paper.	This is addressed by an amendment to the Biosecurity Act which has a Good neighbour rule that applies to the Crown, and by the National Policy Direction.
21 cont.	Regulatory Thanks for audits on local authority waste water treatment facilities and urban stormwater discharges into Lake Dunstan.	Noted
21 cont.	Natural Hazards Note there are specific investigations of seismic hazards in four areas, but none planned for the Cromwell Basin. There are a number of mining shafts, air vents and uncertified fill in this area. Inclusion of Cromwell Basin would be prudent.	The areas included in the annual plan to be have a higher priority. May consider in future years.
21 cont.	Walkways Disappointed no reference to these in the plan. Now have a final draft of the feasibility of the Cromwell to Clyde Trail.	Noted.
22	Dairy NZ, James Ryan Stock Truck Effluent Supports proposal to construct two additional sites and upgrade the existing site. To be congratulated on taking a proactive approach.	A STED committee has been established. Submission will be passed on to this committee for its consideration.

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<p>22 cont.</p>	<p>Water</p> <p>Dairy NZ committed to working with ORC to ensure clear and consistent good practice messages are communicated to farmers re plan change 6A. Understand ORC will involve the dairy sector in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A stakeholder reference group • A review of the nitrogen loss rate based on robust science and socio-economic analysis. <p>Concerned some terminology in the draft plan does not reflect the mediation version of Plan Change 6A, e.g., discharge limits should be discharge thresholds.</p> <p>Supports need for an updated report on current land uses and water quality. An additional step is needed that evaluates current and future risks to water quality. Recommend following additional activity:</p> <p><i>“The report will include an assessment of the current and future risks to groundwater and surface water quality of the Otago Region from current land uses and future land use changes. This will enable appropriate prioritisation of further investigations, compliance efforts and land owner engagement.”</i></p> <p>Suggest following amendments to activities:</p> <p><i>“In conjunction with agricultural representatives, develop and undertake region wide promotion and education about Plan Change 6A to ensure that all landholders, consultants and agricultural stakeholders industry representatives have a good understanding of the plan change and how to meet it.”</i>, and</p> <p><i>“In conjunction with relevant agricultural organisations, establish monitor farms to measure compliance with Plan Change 6A, identify practices that protect and enhance water quality, and share the results with the community.”</i></p> <p>The mediation version of 6A included a commitment to maintain a groundwater programme that investigates groundwater quality, reviews and sets nitrogen leaching rates, and if necessary, introduce plan changes. This should be included as an activity in the annual plan.</p> <p>ORC committed to develop, in conjunction with relevant stakeholders, a protocol for the implementation of Rules 12.C and associated Schedule 16 of Plan Change 6A. Dairy NZ considers itself a relevant stakeholder. Would like to see this commitment reflected in the Annual Plan as follows:</p> <p><i>“Develop in consultation with relevant stakeholders, a protocol for the monitoring of compliance with Rules 12.C.”</i></p>	<p>Plan is being amended to reflect new wording.</p> <p>Nitrogen leaching maps are being prepared as part of the 6A implementation. No change required to performance target.</p> <p>All rural landowners are stakeholders, not just agricultural sector, e.g., forestry etc.</p> <p>This is part of our core SOE groundwater monitoring programme. Results are reviewed and follow up undertaken where necessary.</p> <p>Draft protocols have been completed and will be consulted on with the mediation group.</p>

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23	<p>Jenny Olsen, Dunedin</p> <p>Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement Need to safeguard the people and land of Otago for future generations, and this trade agreement jeopardises that safety.</p> <p>The agreement is being conducted in secret. The resolution is intended to demonstrate to the government that people do not want to lose their rights over their own resources.</p>	<p>This is a Central Government role and not one for the ORC.</p>
24	<p>Save the Otago Peninsula, Moira Parker</p> <p>South Island Pest Management Plan Have reservations about this proposal. Agree it could work well for animal pests, but there are more pest plant species than animal pest species, and some in quite localised areas. Would be very worried if Bomarea was removed from the pest plant list because this is not a problem in Canterbury.</p>	<p>No pest identified in Otago will be removed from our schedule within the Plan. Will still be specific Otago section.</p>
24 cont.	<p>Pest Plants Support the inspection of plant nurseries for potential sale of banned plant species. Aware that Buddleia has been stocked by a plant nursery in the past.</p> <p>Pleased to see that properties with previous infestations of pest plants for eradication will be inspected.</p> <p>Would like to see the Weedbusters booklet "Plant Me Instead" more widely distributed, in garden centres particularly.</p>	<p>Can be arranged.</p>
24 cont.	<p>Biodiversity Delighted that ORC to include biodiversity as part of its core business. Suggest community groups are consulted at an early stage in the development of the strategy.</p> <p>Ask that a site-led approach is included in the development of the strategy. This approach was successfully adopted by ORC to tackle 5 problem plants in the past.</p> <p>Would like to see a Biodiversity officer appointed with an ecological background.</p>	<p>Consultation will take place in the 2015-25 LTP.</p>
25	<p>West Harbour Excursions Ltd, Paul Counsell</p> <p>Harbour Safety Supports submission from Vision Port Chalmers (#14), in relation to the need to dredge the small vessel berths in the Otago harbour.</p> <p>Also acknowledge the submission re the need for a Water Taxi service to link the harbour from one side to the other fro the cycleway around the Otago Harbour.</p>	<p>ORC is to investigate what roles the ORC, DCC, and other harbour users have in respect of harbour issues, and to consider what the priorities are around harbour maintenance.</p>

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26	<p>Wanaka Residents Association, Sally Battson</p> <p>Water Quality – Lake Wanaka Ask to safeguard and protect water quality in Lake Wanaka, ORC should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include a budget in the annual plan to facilitate the ongoing funding of a structured programme of lake water quality assessment and analysis in Lake Wanaka and other lakes; • Work with statutory interest groups and local communities in developing a comprehensive Lake Management Strategy for Lake Wanaka and other southern lakes. <p>The annual plan and Regional Plan: Water do not adequately address the needs and requirements for management of the deep water lakes in the Upper Clutha catchment.</p> <p>Lake Wanaka appears to be in good condition but it has been changing over recent years. Concerned about build up of “lake snow” algae.</p> <p>Ask ORC to support in principle a group of organisations committed to seeking alternative funding sources to improve the monitoring and understanding through the development of a Southern Lakes Management Plan, which will identify appropriate attributes and monitoring strategies, e.g. the use of deep water monitoring buoys.</p> <p>Recommend that ORC has ownership of capital equipment, e.g. monitoring buoys, and responsibility for maintenance.</p> <p>Concerned that lack of focus on lakes in the draft annual plan appears to show a disregard which may have serious long term implications for the regions’ deep water lakes.</p> <p>Concerned there has been a reduction in ORC support for university lakes research [phd studentships]. Student research is not necessarily the best was of providing research, but some investment by ORC should be ongoing.</p>	<p>Refer submission 10.</p> <p>Agree will give support to a funding application.</p> <p>To seek clarification on why ownership to sit with ORC. Will not accept responsibility for maintenance.</p> <p>Change in policy re providing funding for PhD studentships.</p>
27	<p>University of Otago, Barry MacKay</p> <p>Leith Flood Protection Works The installation of a temporary footbridge over the Leith on Montgomery Avenue is appreciated. The completion date agreed of works between Union to St David St was 2 June 2014.</p> <p>Hope that any delays to works programme moving the completion date further into the winter of 2014 will be documented by ORC, and the University notified well in advance so it can respond appropriately. The University’s Chief Operating Officer must approve changes to the completion date for works on University land.</p>	<p>It has been documented and notified well in advance. The written agreement between ORC and the University does not require the Chief Operating Officer to give any approval for delays in completion date.</p>

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	<p>The next stage will involve St David St to Dundas St, resulting in the permanent closure of Montgomery Ave. Expect to work closely with ORC over access arrangements to the Childcare Centre, and detailed design of river works. Pedestrian access from the completed section of the river works under the St David St bridge and on to Montgomery Avenue in the form of a ramp should be provided on a temporary basis.</p>	<p>A ramp is unnecessary and will not be constructed. The University has been advised of this.</p>
<p>27 cont.</p>	<p>Dunedin Bus Service University will be undertaking a survey in April/May to follow up data of its Campus Travel Plan.</p> <p>Proposal for an integrated fare system is of most interest. Is in interest of the university to improve uptake in sustainable transport options to reduce pressure on parking facilities on and off campus.</p> <p>Advocate for an extension of the 25% discount on student fares to the end of the academic year, with further promotion of the discount at the beginning of the second semester.</p>	<p>Operators are assessing the commerciality of the trial.</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>Ahika Consulting, Rhys Millar</p> <p>Biodiversity Strongly support ORC developing a Biodiversity Strategy. Look forward to contributing to its development. Ask ORC to specifically commit to consultation with private sector organisations, Trusts and other groups seeking to maintain and enhance biodiversity values. This will ensure awareness of difficulties and operational constraints, and avoid duplication of effort, or omit key species or areas from the strategy.</p>	<p>Consultation will take place in the 2015-25 LTP.</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>Pathways for the Pomahaka Group, Lloyd McCall</p> <p>Request for Funding - Pest Plants Seek financial support for the management of Gorse, broom, Willow and Silver Birch in the Pomahaka Catchment, particularly where these plants are adjacent to wetlands. Support would ideally include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiving of resource consent fees associated with the control of pest plants, Willow and Silver Birch. • Cost sharing for materials and other related costs. <p>Estimate an annual amount of \$20,000 would be sufficient.</p> <p>Eight regionally significant wetlands in the Pomahaka Catchment totalling 185.9 ha. Many other areas yet to be documented. The cost to control these weed plants is based on \$1,400 per day for 2 men at \$55 per hour, spray cost of \$300.</p> <p>Council could recognise the regional value of wetlands in the catchment by providing some support for unwanted plant</p>	<p>ORC has a policy that it does not waive consent fees.</p> <p>Decline request.</p> <p>As part of the development of a Biodiversity Strategy, an approach to regionally significant wetlands will be determined.</p>

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	control in these areas. Understand a number of other regional councils provide support for plant management where those plants may impact upon regional or local values.	
30	<p>Dunedin City Council, Mayor Dave Cull</p> <p>Biodiversity Pleased to see development of a strategy. DCC will be updating its strategy in 2014/15. To ensure the strategies and work programmes are not inconsistent, will be important for the DCC and ORC to communicate when developing each strategy.</p>	Noted.
30 cont.	<p>Regional Policy Statement Pleased to see commitment to notify new RPS by December 2014. Thanks ORC for engaging DCC staff and councillors in the development of the policy statement to date, and trusts that this will continue.</p>	Noted.
30 cont.	<p>Natural Hazards Thanks for work identifying and mapping natural hazards. Look forward to ongoing collaboration and sharing of information, particularly as responses to climate change hazards are developed by the DCC.</p>	Noted.
30 cont.	<p>Funding Request - Enviroschools Enviroschools programme is supported at the national level by the Enviroschools Foundation, a charitable trust, and in 12 of 17 regions, by regional councils. Nationally 35 of the 61 territorial authorities support the programme.</p> <p>Otago has 7 Enviroschools Facilitators (1.8 FTE) who are funded by the DCC, Central Otago, Clutha and QLDC. The programme incorporates 64 schools and 13,885 students, of which 4 facilitators, 34 schools and 8,695 students are within Dunedin.</p> <p>ORC staff are supportive, informally contributing to lessons, site visits, but does not provide formal or financial support for the programme. Regional co-ordination, including 2 regional co-ordinators (0.6 FTE) and their operational costs is funded by the DCC using waste levy funding. MfE has signalled that use of this funding will be tightened in the near future and only the waste-related portion of Enviroschools could be funded from the waste levy fund. The remainder will become rates funded.</p> <p>DCC does not think it fair or appropriate that Dunedin ratepayers fund the regional co-ordination of this programme, when the benefit is regional. DCC believes it would be best funded from regional rates and asks that ORC include funding of \$60,000 in the annual plan to reimburse the DCC for the regional co-ordination. DCC will to continue the role. A formal agreement would need to be put in place to outline DCC and ORC responsibilities and commitments.</p>	Decline the request for funding as insufficient information about the role of the regional co-ordinator , and what the funding would be used for. Require a full proposal supporting the request made.

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31	<p>Pam & Rod Mason, Dunedin</p> <p>Taieri Liaison Committees Concerned about discontinuing the Liaison Committees. Would lose all institutional knowledge the committee members bring to the job. Many people will not bring concerns to a public meeting through shyness or lack of confidence. This would be a great loss to the ORC and people living on the Taieri. There would not be the time to cover all live issues at public meetings.</p>	<p>There is only one liaison Committee (Group) for the Taieri floodplain. It (the West Taieri Liaison Group) deals with drainage, not flood protection, for the area west (not east) of the Taieri River.</p>
32	<p>Enviroschools Foundation, Kristen Price</p> <p>Enviroschools The beneficial outcomes of the programme are relevant for councils. The programme offers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education as an enabler of long term change • A way to address the drivers of infrastructure cost – e.g., root causes of waste creation, water consumption, stormwater and sewerage systems. • Holistic approach – environmental health, effective learning etc. • Developing peer role models and future leaders • Value added and efficient model. <p>Enviroschools is an extremely cost effective way for ORC to deliver good quality local infrastructure and public services, in a partnership with other local agencies.</p>	<p>Thank you for submission.</p>
33	<p>Cargill's Castle Trust, Stephen De Graaf</p> <p>Walkway development The Trust has been promoting a cliff top walkway to link with Tunnel Beach from the Highgrove Subdivision.</p> <p>Wish to develop a walkway proposal with the ORC rather than placing a version before Council. A greater result will be gained by working in partnership. Would make a spectacular coastal walkway.</p>	<p>To investigate further. Require business plans, costings, maintenance plans etc.</p>
34	<p>Guardians of Lake Wanaka, Rebecca Picard</p> <p>Deep water lakes management Refer submission 26.</p> <p>The Annual Plan and Regional Plan: Water do not adequately address the requirements for managing deep water lakes in the Upper Clutha catchment. They are not adequately protected from human activities and are at risk in the absence of a comprehensive approach to their management. ORC to review its approach to these lakes and include adequate funding to better inform lakes management in the annual plan and budget.</p>	<p>Refer to submission 26.</p>

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35	<p>Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust, Dave McFarlane</p> <p>Biodiversity Strongly endorse initiative to develop a biodiversity strategy for the Otago region.</p>	Noted.
36	<p>Fish & Game, Peter Wilson</p> <p>Water Quality Largely support level of expenditure on water and catchment management functions, but want to see greater expenditure on educating landholders about plan change 6A, and enforcing parts that are already in force. Risk that rules already in force won't be tackled until the Schedule 16 and nitrogen leaching rules take force in 2020. ORC can't wait that long.</p>	Recognise that compliance date is 2020. ORC is promoting this and working with farmers to achieve compliance by this date.
37	<p>Clutha Development Trust, Linda Moore</p> <p>Support given Support the objectives and planned activities of the following: Plan change 6A, 1C and Air. Ask council to work with the Trust on 6A, and discuss how a collaborative approach would encourage the implementation of best practice in the Clutha district's communities to achieve the objectives.</p>	<p>Thank you for support.</p> <p>Keen to work with community, but not to fund monitoring, as we do this work already, where appropriate.</p>
38	<p>Waitaki District Council & Waihemo Community Board, Laura Wylie</p> <p>Flood Protection Waitaki district is not included in the flood protection and drainage schemes. Following recent flooding events, consider that this should be revisited. Subject to further clarification and engagement with affected parties, the Goodwood / Flag Swamp area could be another area for protection from rainfall flooding and sea water incursion.</p>	ORC will work with WDC, NZTA and others to determine whether and how to deal with these flood issues.
38 cont.	<p>Rivers & Waterway Management Support implementation of the Kakanui/Kauru River Morphology and Riparian Management Plan. Concerned about large amount of debris continually coming down the Shag River, which is piling up against four bridges.</p> <p>Encourage addition of Big Kuri Creek, Kakanui River Valley at Five Forks and south of the Kauru River confluence to the list of rivers to be inspected annually.</p>	<p>It is the bridge owner's responsibility to clear debris. We will pass concerns on.</p> <p>We will include these in the list of rivers to inspect annually.</p>
38 cont.	<p>Transport Waihemo Community Board is concerned that the proposed DCC takeover of public bus transport services could result in the loss of the daily service between Palmerston and Dunedin. The Board strongly supports the retention of a daily bus service.</p>	While we can't envisage why this service would not continue, particularly given its loadings, no guarantees can be given if governance moves to another authority.

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39	<p>Fonterra Cooperative Group Ltd, Anne Haira</p> <p>Water – General Interested in the minimum flow levels and allocation limits, and look forward to informal and formal consultation Council may undertake to determine such limits.</p> <p>Welcome high priority given to water quality and availability.</p> <p>Welcome opportunity to be involved with work regarding changes to the Regional Plan: Water, which may impact Fonterra’s manufacturing site in the Clutha District.</p>	Thank you for engagement.
39 cont.	<p>Water Quality Plan Change 6A Welcome work to support implementation of the t plan change, but the programme does not fully reflects the work agreed to as part of the mediated outcome. Seek reference to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a protocol for the implementation of Rules 12.C and associated Schedule 16. • The maintenance of a groundwater programme that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Investigates water quality in the aquifers in the Otago Region ○ Reviews and sets nitrogen leaching rates, and ○ Makes changes to the plan to introduce revised and/or additional nitrogen controls. <p>Also request Council acknowledges its commitment to setting up a Reference Group. Ask the annual plan be amended to provide for this, along with appropriate funding.</p> <p>Question uplift in forecasted fines.</p> <p>Ask that replace the use of discharge “limits” with discharge “thresholds”.</p>	<p>Draft protocol has been developed and will be consulted on with the mediation group. Will continue to monitor discharge levels.</p> <p>Nitrogen levels will not be set before 2020.</p> <p>This is in progress and expect to have a recommendation to Council by the end of June 2014.</p> <p>Income is “other receipts” being dividend allocated to this activity. Plan will be amended to reflect wording.</p>
39 cont.	<p>Regional Policy Statement Have an interest in this, and welcome opportunity to inform this process.</p>	Noted.
39 cont.	<p>Resource Consents Welcome the planned compliance audits of the Stirling manufacturing site. The Stirling site stormwater discharge operates under the Permitted Activity rules, and as such, looks forward to working with Council around compliance investigations and required activities.</p>	Noted.
40	<p>MacAndrew Bay Boating Club, Tony Marcinowski</p> <p>Harbour Safety The policy and consents teams need to be put on notice that there is a significant compromise of channel capacity that is impacting on both the safety and access in and to the channel</p>	ORC is to investigate what roles the ORC, DCC, and other harbour users have in respect of harbour issues, and

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	<p>and the beach by maritime users.</p> <p>The club contends that there are a number of serious issues arising under the activities carried out pursuant to Coastal Permit Consent Number 2006.173.V1 issued to DCC in 2006. There are a number of compliance monitoring issues as well as issues of harbour safety that must be raised and resolved.</p>	<p>to consider what the priorities are around harbour maintenance.</p> <p>Further detail required in order to follow up on any matters of non compliance.</p>
41	<p>Jasmin Taylor, Dunedin</p> <p>Support Given Support the biodiversity strategy and South Island wide pest management strategy.</p>	Support noted.
41 Cont.	<p>Public transport Support proposal to transfer responsibility to relevant local council. If ORC retains responsibility would like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A dedicated bus service website. Journey planner with google is a great start but also need individual route timetables, should not have to download the entire timetable book. • Give though to other areas/services besides Dunedin central city that people need to travel to, e.g., supermarkets in South Dunedin to suburbs etc. • Free travel for the retired and all students (including tertiary). • Subsidised travel for city and regional Council staff. 	<p>Individual route timetables are available on the web site, and looking at ways to improve accessibility to these. Dedicated web will be considered, especially given potential transfer to DCC. Work could be funded by reserves.</p>
42	<p>Wakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group (WCG), Grant Hensman</p> <p>Wilding Control Ask for strong working partnership with ORC in the application of ORC's Regional Pest Management Strategy's wilding control.</p> <p>Contorta enforcement is yet to apply sufficient pressure to landowners. There is huge potential to work together on a common problem. WCG has historic and up to date mapping of wilding spread and control, beneficial to share. Other regional councils recognise wilding control issues and work closely with DoC and local groups. ORC has stated to date that wilding is a landscape issue, therefore a local issue, which is incorrect as wilding conifers can compete with native vegetation, change ecosystems, affect surface flows and aquifer recharge in water catchments Ask ORC to support actions and strategy objectives in the draft NZ Wilding Conifer Management Strategy.</p> <p>Look to round table discussions with ORC which lead to actionable plans such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisiting the PMS. • Promoting planting the right trees in the right places • ORC to become lead agency in altering land owners of 	<p>Report going to Council in 2014/15 re discussion paper on responsibility, involvement etc.</p> <p>Pest Management Strategy will be reviewed in conjunction with the development of the South Island Pest Plan.</p>

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	<p>wilding conifer spread</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ORC assist landowners with technical and practical backup for elimination and control while still possible and affordable. <p>Ask ORC councillor or representative to be a member of WCG executive.</p> <p>Ask for debate on the inclusion of other conifer species in Otago's PMS. D Fir is now spreading rapidly and coning early, Scot, Corsican and Larch are wind blown in the Wakatipu area.</p> <p>As for an ORC budget partnership with WCG by investing 10% of finance WCG raises into WCG wilding control.</p>	<p>Decline request.</p> <p>Decline request for funding.</p>
43	<p>Bus Go Dunedin, Lynley Hood, Peter Dowden</p> <p>Public Passenger Transport</p> <p>Initiatives planned for Dunedin buses welcome, but concerned their contributions towards an increase in patronage are likely to be limited. Urge ORC to work with Bus Go Dunedin and community groups to address the challenge of attracting the much larger population potential.</p> <p>Ask that proposed fare calculator and integrated fare system will include transfer ticketing, and that this be introduced as soon as possible.</p> <p>Ask that present student discount trial be made permanent, and amend fare table on page 116 in the Annual plan for this.</p> <p>Some passengers with disabilities who use Go Card Extra are put to great inconvenience in collecting and renewing their cards from the ORC premises. Citizens from rural areas visiting Dunedin health services are unable to temporarily gain the discount. These card holders are also community services card holders. These cards are received new and renewed by post. Otago people with a community services card travelling in Hawkes Bay, New Plymouth and Palmerston North get a travel discount.</p>	<p>Existing system will not allow for this. A new ticketing system is being investigated that would allow for transfer ticketing, but this would also need to be provided for in the RTP.</p> <p>Operators are assessing the commerciality of the trial.</p> <p>Streamlining processes so that those with permanent disability entitled to Go Card Extra, will not have to go through the renewal process. Citizens from rural areas can buy a GoCard and get the standard discount. If they are entitled to go card Extra, they will get it. Go Card Extra is not based on having a community services card.</p>
44	<p>CCS Disability Action, Anna Jameson</p> <p>Queenstown Public Transport</p> <p>Need an option of an accessible bus service in Queenstown. It is very expensive to get from Arrowtown to Frankton for example.</p> <p>Support the development of the electronic ticketing system and a real time information service, but why is there no timetable for a fully accessible bus service?</p>	<p>If wanting an accessible bus, bus user can contact the operator in advance of travel, and an accessible bus can be provided.</p>

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	<p>ORC to recognise the special transport needs of disabled people in the Queenstown region and ensures that Connectabus meets its requirements under the Transport Act by providing an accessible bus service in line with other regions.</p>	
45	<p>David Ross, Dunedin</p> <p>Rates We are in a world of user pays. Concerned with apportionments between UAGC, too low at 25%, to capital value and general to targeted, fees and charges, where causes/benefits relate to certain activities, areas or ratepayers. Too large a portion is being collected as general rates.</p>	Noted.
45 cont.	<p>Regional Policy Statement Would the world end if we didn't have one? We already have regional and district plans.</p>	This is a statutory requirement.
45 cont.	<p>Buses Shift the buses to the DCC.</p>	Noted.
46	<p>Brockville Community Development Project (BCDP), Marie Laufiso</p> <p>Passenger Transport ORC to investigate and implement a similar scheme to the student discount scheme aimed at low income people. Many Brockville residents, especially young people not working or training, cannot afford \$3.40 for a bus trip into town.</p> <p>Bus fares have become prohibitive.</p> <p>Driver education standards need to be raised, so drivers are aware of the environmental impacts of idling buses, and the safety needs of passengers, e.g., rear doors opening while bus still moving.</p> <p>Does ORC have plans to reduce the number of cars travelling in and out of the city centre? BCDP is investigating a shyft-like system in Brockville.</p>	<p>Acknowledge concerns, pass submission on to transport staff.</p> <p>Rear doors should never open while the bus is moving. We are following up on this issue.</p>
47	<p>Blueskin Resilient Communities Trust (BRCT), Nicola Bould</p> <p>Biodiversity Support the development of a biodiversity strategy. ORC to involve community representatives and stakeholders in this, and specifically commit to consultation with private sector organisations, Trusts etc.</p> <p>A fund should be set up to provide those wishing to plant or protect native biodiversity as a kick start. This could be in the</p>	Consultation will take place as part of the 2015/25 LTP.

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	form of a % of the total works or a set lump sum amount.	
48	<p>Otago Polytechnic Students' Association, Mark Baxter</p> <p>Public Passenger Transport Support transferring responsibility to DCC.</p> <p>Would like to see the permanent adoption of student bus fare discount. Would hate to lose it through the transfer of responsibility. Whilst too soon to see how successful the trial has been, there is no doubt that students support the scheme, and it has helped many in poor financial situations. Comments from students are attached to the submission.</p> <p>The take up will not have been as high as could have been due to following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trial period included semester holidays – polytechnic students were only around for 66% of the trial period. • People less likely to adopt something temporary or short term – reluctant to learn intricacies of bus timetables and routes for only 6 weeks of discounted travel. • Carrying a card is a barrier to access – uptake would be greater if it extended to cash fares. • Comparatively low discount level – the level is lower than the amount OPSA believes will make a large difference to patronage. From a student survey, a discount in the range of 30% to 50% would be necessary to make them use the bus regularly. When Auckland increased their discount from 20% to 40%, student usage increased by 180%. <p>Is the \$10 minimum top up necessary. This can be a problem, and would ask that there be no minimum, or if necessary that it be lowered to \$5.</p> <p>GoCard could be more relevant and convenient if it could be used by other retailers, e.g., cafes, petrol, supermarkets etc. Ask ORC to research the economic viability of this.</p> <p>Fully support the introduction of a real time timetable and route system.</p> <p>Ask ORC to make it a priority to implement a transfer or multi-ride ticket and/or fare cap system, and that any new system supports multi ride and fare capping facilities.</p> <p>Recommend ORC set a target that 10 average bus journeys should cost no more than 10% of a low income residents' weekly income.</p> <p>There are still some unhelpful drivers. Recommend that a passenger satisfaction with drivers (survey or similar) becomes an ORC measure.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Operators are currently assessing the commerciality of the trial.</p> <p>Thank you for submission, look forward to further contribution to transport process at later date.</p> <p>Loading of cards holds up bus services. \$10 is considered an appropriate minimum, and is consistent with other regions.</p> <p>Complaints procedure involves phoning the call centre, where the complaint is logged, and passed on to the operator for follow up.</p>

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	<p>Suggest setting up a process where passengers can complain about specific drivers, e.g., where each driver has their own number etc. ORC should review why people do not make complaints about buses, and implement a system where the ORC is altered to potential problems.</p> <p>Ask ORC to investigate the feasibility of implementing a free fares on late buses incentive scheme.</p> <p>What is the 9% funding of transport reserve being used for. If used for running costs, suggest rate increases are a more sustainable method of funding.</p> <p>Suggest a higher target for patronage growth would reflect a real commitment to achieving sustainable increases.</p> <p>Recommend the fare box recovery target be less than 50%.</p>	<p>The drivers number is printed on the ticket.</p> <p>Reserve funding is being used for capital expenditure such as a new ticketing system. It is not being used for operating costs.</p>
49	<p>Monarch Wildlife Cruises & Tours, Neil Harraway</p> <p>Harbour Safety</p> <p>Support given to submission 14, Vision Port Chalmers. Main concern is to see all tide access to key pontoon and wharf areas, mainly Carey’s Bay, Back Beach, St Martin’s Island, Portobello, Otakou, Weller’s Rock, Aramoana, Otago Yacht Club marina, and in the long term Glenfalloch and Vauxhall.</p> <p>Cannot find specified anywhere whose responsibility it is to maintain water access to these wharves, which are build and maintained by the DCC.</p> <p>Note ORC’s regional plan 9.5.3.2 allows as a permitted activity for the disturbance of the seabed for maintenance dredging.</p> <p>Suggest ORC brings together DCC, POL and ORC and any other agency to agree roles and formulate an action plan for maintaining access to wharves and pontoons.</p>	<p>ORC is to investigate what roles the ORC, DCC, and other harbour users have in respect of harbour issues, and to consider what the priorities are around harbour maintenance.</p>
50	<p>Stan Randle, Alexandra</p> <p>Flood Protection</p> <p>No where in the annual plan is the ‘mid Clutha’ section of the Clutha River mentioned. The lower and upper Clutha is identified.</p> <p>The mid section at Alexandra was described in the Contact Energy resource consent hearing as a sediment dam/delta, and it continues to be a flood hazard. The commitment made at the consent hearing to lower the sediment accumulation by 3 metres in ten years has not occurred. It has in fact increased by 0.7 metres in 2005-07 according to an Opus report.</p>	<p>The Alexandra Flood Protection Scheme is within the “mid Clutha” section of the Clutha River.</p> <p>CEL is required, under conditions of consent, to monitor the bed level and to flush Lake Roxburgh. ORC monitors CEL’s compliance with those (and other) conditions.</p>

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	Wish to raise the lack of action by ORC and CODC.	
51	<p>Department of Conservation, Mike Morrison</p> <p>Water – plan change 6A Support given for initiatives to assist landowners with implementation of 6A. DoC has been working with City Forests and Working Waters Trust to protect native fish habitat, would welcome opportunity to discuss these projects or undertake similar work with other companies.</p>	See DoC as an affected party in the process.
51 cont.	<p>Water – plan change 1C Supports setting of minimum flows. Of particular interest are Cardrona, Manuherikia, Lindis and Bengier Burn catchments. DoC would like to be involved in discussions with irrigation companies and others taking water through mining privileges.</p> <p>Support use of robust data, considers 5 years of data more appropriate than the 2 years in the plan. Keen that flow monitoring equipment is regularly monitored and maintained to ensure that accurate data is gathered.</p>	Support noted.
51 cont.	<p>Biodiversity Supports development of a biodiversity strategy. DoC's Coastal Otago District Office is undertaking a project to map biodiversity work being done in the community and can share this work with ORC. Also have information on location of nationally prioritized ecosystem sites and information on the conservation requirements of threatened species and freshwater values. This information is available on request.</p>	Support noted.
51 cont.	<p>South Island Pest Management Strategy Supports the development of this. Local input and smaller scale factors should be provided where appropriate.</p> <p>Fully endorse development of a wilding tree discussion paper. Would like to be kept informed of progress on this paper as have expertise on the threats posed by wilding conifers and effective control measures for them.</p>	<p>No pest identified in Otago will be removed from our schedule within the Plan.</p> <p>Will certainly consult.</p>
51 cont.	<p>Flood Protection & Control Works Recommend ORC recognises the value of natural features, e.g., wetlands, swales and natural vegetation in mitigating flood risk.</p>	These are recognised in the recent wetlands plan change.
51 Cont.	<p>River & Waterway Management DoC would like to be informed of, and potentially involved in the implementation of the Kakanui/Kauru River Morphology and Riparian Management Plan. The Kauru holds the lowland longjaw galaxiid, a Nationally Critically threatened species.</p> <p>As the margins of the lower Waitaki River hold the Nationally Critically Endangered Canterbury mudfish, DoC would like to be</p>	DoC has been informed of the work being undertaken on the Kakanui/Kauru and Lower Waitaki Rivers, and will be involved / included.

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	included in actions involving the Lower Waitaki River Riparian Management Plan.	
52	<p>Gilbert van Reenen</p> <p>Water Plan inadequate re dealing with undesirable consequences of agricultural intensification. Major concern is the contamination of groundwater, aquifers and provincial waterways with nitrates phosphates and bacterial contaminants.</p> <p>Many important aquifers are being over allocated and overused, and ORC needs to review its stance on this.</p> <p>Effects based regime introduced is too complacent. Inadequate emphasis on restoring water quality to all waterways through the province. Also inadequate consideration of future climate change effects and events on waterways.</p>	<p>ORC consulted widely and the effects based approach was accepted.</p> <p>Standards are in place, and will work with community to achieve these.</p> <p>Climate change is being dealt with in the Regional Policy Statement.</p>
53	<p>Dennis Pezaro, Wanaka</p> <p>Plan Change 6A Have continuing concerns with this plan change.</p> <p>ORC has been slow to recognise the dangerous degradation of some rivers, and a stronger remedial stance is required. ORC should adopt the same, consistent clean standard for all rivers, irrespective of the current level of pollution.</p> <p>Concerned that effects based regime of endeavouring to reverse pollution when it breaches a set standard, assumes that all waterways have capacity to absorb pollution. Creates a dangerous assumption among some farmers that there is a 'safe and allowable' level of pollution in waterways.</p> <p>Council is not interested in controlling land use, but concerned with discharges from land to water. Begs the question that ORC will not even encourage the fencing of stock from waterways.</p> <p>Ask how such pollution would be found close below grazing lands if the monitoring station is well down the valley. Will we have notices saying the river is clear at the monitoring site, but may be contaminated in smaller reaches above?</p> <p>ORC should be proactive in advice to farmers to protect water quality, advising they will need to fence stock from waterways.</p>	<p>Standards are not more lenient than current water quality where it is good. We will not accept worse water quality.</p> <p>Standards in place will protect and enhance water quality, and are supported by the community.</p> <p>ORC does encourage fencing off waterways. Stock access rule, that if there are adverse effects, this will be dealt with.</p>
54	<p>Tony Wallis, Dunedin</p> <p>Public Passenger Transport ORC to retain management of the bus service. Goal to provide a good service would be in conflict with DCC's other goals. No change unless there is a clear benefit to passengers.</p>	Noted.

NO.	SUBMISSIONS	RECOMMENDATION
54 cont.	<p>Rates</p> <p>Level of rates is too high. Large decreases in general and targeted rates are needed to reverse the large increases of the 2009 and 2010 financial years. Ask that next years rates be held at the 2009 level, inflation adjusted. To achieve this, a decrease of about 40% is needed.</p>	<p>2009/10 general rates inflation adjusted would result in a general rate of \$5.185m. General rate for 2014/15 proposed to be \$5.027m. The stadium targeted rate started in 2009/10.</p>
54 cont.	<p>ORC Building</p> <p>Continuing quest for a larger building should be abandoned. Councillors should be pursuing ways to reduce accommodation costs and ensure staff numbers are kept to a minimum. Land for a new building should be sold.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
54 cont.	<p>Plan Change 6A</p> <p>This should be abandoned until it is revised. The change is excessively onerous on farmers and should be changed to match the new National Policy Statement – Freshwater. Because methods of enforcement and other details have not been finalised, the consultation is invalid. No consideration given of the financial impacts inflicted on the farmers.</p>	<p>The plan change became operative May 2014.</p>
54 cont.	<p>Natural Resource Committee</p> <p>Re Maori seats on this committee, there should be no racially selected seats on any committee. This is unfair to other racial groups and other minorities. It is an insult to Maori that ORC thinks they need special treatment. All annual payments to Maori groups should cease. Remove all race based selection methods for ORC committees.</p>	<p>Since the election in 2013, there has been no Natural Resource Committee.</p>
55	<p>Otago Settlers Association, Barry Clarke</p> <p>Funding Request – Toitu Otago Settlers Museum Appeal</p> <p>Wish to apply for a \$50,000 sponsorship by ORC of the Special Exhibition Space which would be offered as a ‘naming right’ and available for a period of years to be negotiated.</p>	<p>Decline request. ORC does not fund operational costs. Looking for opportunities for a wider stakeholder base.</p>
56	<p>New Zealand Transport Agency, Jim Harland</p> <p>Visiting Driver Programme</p> <p>Ask ORC to fund a project manager for a three year period. life of project between 3 and 5 years. May wish to set aside money for ORC share of implementation work. Hard to know what this looks like as yet to identify projects. Maybe \$20,000 a year.</p>	<p>Decline request. This is not an ORC role.</p>

Nine submissions were received by the DCC on transport, and forwarded to ORC for our information.

A summary of the key points from those submission is as follows:

- Complaining about lateness of buses.
- Buses should not leave their engines running while waiting (for up to 10 or 15 minutes).
- ORC useless at responding to complaints.
- Support transfer of the buses to the DCC (6 submissions)
- Make buses free to use during periods of current low usage.
- DCC to encourage use of buses by providing bus shelters with seats.
- Need drive in places to support bus expressway.
- Increase bus subsidy and make buses a more affordable alternative to cars
- Keep the student discount.