

Otago Regional Council meeting 6 May 2015

Attached is the agenda for the next Council meeting of the Otago Regional Council, which is to be held on Wednesday 6 May commencing at 9.00 am. The venue is the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Copies of attachments are available from the Committee Secretary (see contact details below) or online at

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OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Agenda for an Ordinary meeting of the Council to be held in the
Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on
Wednesday 6 May 2015 commencing at 9.00 am**

Membership:

- Cr Stephen Woodhead (Chairperson)**
- Cr Gretchen Robertson (Deputy Chairperson)**
- Cr Graeme Bell**
- Cr Doug Brown**
- Cr Louise Croot MNZM**
- Cr Michael Deaker**
- Cr Gerrard Eckhoff**
- Cr Gary Kelliher**
- Cr Trevor Kempton**
- Cr Sam Neill**
- Cr Bryan Scott**
- Cr David Shepherd**

Apologies:

Leave of Absence: **Request for Leave of Absence – Cr Shepherd**

In attendance:

Please note that there is an embargo on agenda items until 8.30 am on Monday 4 May.

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Proposed Plan Change 3B (Pomahaka catchment minimum flow) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago may now be approved as no appeals have been received. Council’s seal needs to be affixed and a date set for making the change operative. The Plan Change is circulated with the agenda.

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That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the meeting.

The general subject of the matters to be discussed while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

	General subjects to be considered	Reason under LGOIMA for passing this resolution	Grounds under S.48 for the passing of this resolution
Item 12	Recommendations of the in committee portion of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting held on 22 April 2015	To enable the body holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations S7(2)(i)	S.48(1)(a)(i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as shown above with respect to each item.

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Council held in the
Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday
25 March 2015 commencing at 1.00 pm**

Present:

Cr Stephen Woodhead (Chairperson)
Cr Graeme Bell
Cr Doug Brown
Cr Louise Croot MNZM
Cr Michael Deaker
Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Trevor Kempton
Cr Sam Neill
Cr Bryan Scott
Cr David Shepherd

Apologies:

Cr Gretchen Robertson
The apology was accepted on the motion of Crs Woodhead and Bell.

Leave of Absence:

Cr Robertson – Request for Leave of Absence
The request for Leave of Absence was approved on the motion of Crs Shepherd and Croot.

In attendance:

Peter Bodeker
Wayne Scott
Jeff Donaldson
Jane Leahy
Fraser McRae
Gavin Palmer
Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The public and in committee sections of the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2014, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Croot and Bell.

Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PART A – CHAIRPERSON’S AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORTS

Item 1

2015/0825 **Chairperson’s report.** Chair, 17/3/15

The Chairperson reported on his activities for the period to 17 March 2015. He commented further on the following matters:

- RSG meeting – Minister Nick Smith spoke about the RMA reforms, noting the addition of natural hazards to Part II. He also spoke about changes to plan change and consent hearings. The role of elected members in finalising Plans was to be elevated, the Environment Court would be excluded from the process, and there would be more involvement of affected parties. There was concern that Councillors could be excluded from panels for publicly notified consents.
- The Iwi leaders forum was gathering momentum, and discussions were being held with Government about the future of water; Government acknowledged that iwi had significant rights and interests around water, but did not have an ownership or veto right.
- LAWF was to be continued, and had been given more power.

In response to a question about the Mayoral Forum meeting, Cr Woodhead explained that the Otago Museum funding review was commissioned by the DCC. There were longstanding challenges with the existing funding agreement. Cr Woodhead commented that the discussion was about the fairness of the existing funding agreement, it was not generated by the Museum asking for more funds. It was noted that district involvement in the Museum was required by legislation, and it was considered that the matter should be discussed at a Council workshop.

It was noted that an update on the Otago Rural Fire Authority had been presented to the Mayoral Forum, and a question was raised as to whether Councillors would receive a copy of the review. Mr Bodeker explained that he sat as an observer on the authority and could report on the meetings if Council wished. He noted that ORC was an interested party, but was not a funder or a stakeholder.

In response to a question about the RMA reform, Mr McRae confirmed that Sections 6 and 7 were to be amalgamated. The reason for requiring publicly appointed commissioners for consent hearings had not been made clear by Government, and the additional cost of this for applicants was noted. It was pointed out that the use of independent hearing commissioners would reduce the need for elected members to undertake the training.

It was noted that a report on CDEMG activity for the six months to December 2014 was presented to the Mayoral Forum, and it was requested that CDEMG reports be made available to Councillors. Mr Bodeker explained that ORC had a functional responsibility and provided services through one staff member, with another to be appointed. He also commented that the hazards work undertaken by ORC was integral to CDEM work. Cr Woodhead advised that minutes and reports could be circulated but they would not be open to discussion by Council. He reiterated that the Group, not ORC, was responsible for CDEMG activities, and the Group was responsible to the individual organisations who appointed the members. This organisational structure was set out in legislation. Information was requested on councillors' CDEM responsibilities, and the changed Otago CDEM structure.

It was suggested that an approach be made to Government for assistance for Otago from the national clean up fund for riparian planting. Mr Bodeker was to follow this up.

Item 2

2015/0829 **Chief Executive's Report.** CE, 18/3/15

The Chief Executive reported on his activities for the period to 18 March 2015.

Favourable comment was made on the LTP consultation document. Mr Bodeker confirmed that the document would be available online and in hard copy, and would be notified as widely as possible.

Unavailability of pindone and opposition to 1080 in relation to rabbit control were discussed. Mr Donaldson advised that consideration was being given to importing RHD as a biocide.

The installation of a recording site in the Kauru River to monitor flows that supported an endangered galaxiid species was noted. Mr Bodeker explained that DoC considered this a rare site, and the monitor was installed to determine the minimum flow needed to maintain the habitat.

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Kelliher seconded

That the Chair's and Chief Executive's reports be noted.

Motion carried

PART B – RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 3
2015/0702 **Wallabies in Otago.** DEMO, 27/2/15

The report noted the potential of wallabies to cause significant adverse environment effects should feral populations establish in Otago, and reported on sightings and sign of the animals in Otago. The development of a comprehensive pro-active wallaby incursion response was recommended.

The report identified the extent of the wallaby problem in Otago, discussed possible shared services with ECan, and noted the involvement of MPI. Mr Donaldson commented that there were also problems with dama wallaby in the North Island. He saw two options for Council to consider: prepare a strategy, or carry out full eradication over three years. Wallabies were recognised as a pest in the Council's Pest Management Strategy.

Preventive measures such as nets and gates at the Aviemore and Benmore dams were discussed. It was noted that there was a containment zone in South Canterbury but wallaby were still entering Otago. There had been incidents of people setting up hunting populations and a query was raised as to how that could be controlled. Mr Donaldson commented that the Wildlife Act used to cover wallabies but did not now.

Mr Donaldson advised that there was provision in the LTP for monitoring and inspections only.

Cr Woodhead commented that wallabies were a significant pest and difficult to control, noting that it would be almost impossible to eradicate them once they got established. The draft strategy was to be completed before the end of this financial year.

A letter was to be sent to the Chair of ECan acknowledging ORC's concern over the wallaby situation.

Cr Deaker moved
Cr Kelliher seconded

1. *That this report be received.*
2. *That a comprehensive pro-active wallaby incursion response, control and surveillance strategy, including funding implications and communications plan, be drafted for Council consideration.*

Motion carried

PART C – ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 4
2015/0815 **Financial Report.** DCS, 19/3/15

The report provided information in respect of the overall Council finances for the eight months to 28 February 2015.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Shepherd seconded

That the report be received.

Motion carried

Item 5
2015/0827 **Documents for Seal.** DCS, 18/3/15

The report listed documents signed under the Council's seal.

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Kelliher seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 6 **Reports from Councillors**

Cr Kelliher - TBFree Otago Committee and Otago Levy consultation public meeting 12 February 2015

Cr Kelliher's report was circulated, and it was noted that Otago had eight TB-infected herds. The upcoming TBFree funding review was noted, and comment was made that the Otago levy was crucial to TBFree in Otago. The meeting had noted that Regional Services had pulled out of contract work, and the professionalism and quality of their work was commended.

The level of infection in Otago's dairy herds was discussed, and comment was made that this seemed to be a rising trend. Cr Kelliher commented that investigations were being carried out to determine why the disease was recurring in some areas, mostly on the east coast.

Cr Scott – forestry research

Cr Scott had attended a meeting held by forestry interest groups to discuss future forestry research. The group had carried out significant research into water quality monitoring, riparian resilience, port logistics, security of logs on trucks, and wilding conifer control.

Cr Croot – LGNZ workshop on 3 Waters

Cr Croot had attended a 3 Waters workshop (potable, waste, and storm) presented by LGNZ. There was a push to have a national water body, funded by local government, which she felt would not achieve much.

Crs Neill and Kempton - Harington Point breakwater committee

The meeting was also attended by DCC councillors and staff, and its purpose was to keep DCC and ORC informed. Support, not funding, was sought. It was noted that Port Otago was a substantial funder.

Cr Kempton –

Southland Te Roopu Taiao meeting

Cr Kempton had represented ORC at a Te Roopu Taiao meeting in Invercargill. The meeting comprised Southland runanga and TLAs and Environment Southland (ES). ES was undertaking studies to establish natural water baselines.

RLTP hearings

There was favourable comment from ES on the combined hearings process, and it was useful to have an NZTA staff member on the panel. There was particular interest from submitters in the harbour cycleway. The Plan would become operative in July.

Cr Brown – Lower Waitaki River Scheme Liaison Committee

Cr Brown had attended the Committee's 11 February meeting. He was disappointed that little progress was made at the meeting, and noted that investigations into ways to improve funding were still being carried out.

Cr Woodhead noted that Murihiku was to give a presentation to ORC, date to be confirmed.

PART D – MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- Item 7 **Recommendations of the Communications Committee meeting** held on 11 March 2015, for adoption

Cr Kempton moved
Cr Scott seconded

That the recommendations of the Communications Committee meeting held on 11 March 2015 be adopted.

Motion carried

- Item 8 **Recommendations of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting** held on 11 March 2015, for adoption

Cr Shepherd moved
Cr Kelliher seconded

That the recommendations of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting held on 11 March 2015 be adopted.

Motion carried

- Item 9 **Recommendations of the Policy Committee meeting** held on 11 March 2015, for adoption

Cr Deaker moved
Cr Neill seconded

That the recommendations of the Policy Committee meeting held on 11 March 2015 be adopted.

Motion carried

- Item 10 **Recommendations of the Regulatory Committee meeting** held on 11 March 2015, for adoption

Cr Neill moved
Cr Croot seconded

That the recommendations of the Regulatory Committee meeting held on 11 March 2015 be adopted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 2.27 pm

Chairperson

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting of Council meeting held in the
Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday
22 April 2015 commencing at 12.20 pm**

Present:

Cr Stephen Woodhead (Chairperson)
Cr Gretchen Robertson (Deputy Chairperson)
Cr Graeme Bell
Cr Doug Brown
Cr Louise Croot MNZM
Cr Michael Deaker
Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Trevor Kempton
Cr Sam Neill
Cr Bryan Scott
Cr David Shepherd

In attendance:

Peter Bodeker
Wayne Scott
Jeff Donaldson
Jane Leahy
Fraser McRae
Jane Turnbull
Anja McAlevey
Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**PART A - RECOMMENDATIONS****2015/0856 Completion of the Otago Southland Regional Land Transport Plans
2015-21. DPPRP, 14/4/15**

The Otago Southland Regional Land Transport Plans 2015-21 were presented for adoption by the Council. The full plans were circulated with the agenda.

Cr Kempton, Chair Otago Regional Transport Committee, stated that he was proud of what the combined regional transport committees had achieved, and commented that the combined approach of the two regions brought strategic and advocacy benefits. Key issues in the plans were safety, resilience, freight, tourism, and value for money, and he also noted

that some projects had been brought forward to better align with district councils' Long Term Plans. Attention was also given to active modes of transport such as cycling, traffic management issues into and within Queenstown, and the Kawarau Falls Bridge. Cr Kempton thanked TLA and regional councillors and staff for their contributions.

Cr Kempton noted that he was unable to attend the last combined meeting, which was chaired by Cr Bell. Cr Woodhead had attended the most recent combined meeting, and was impressed with the interaction of the committees and staff from the two councils.

Cr Bell commented that at the beginning of the process there was some parochialism, but this had disappeared as the work proceeded. He considered that the combined approach was valuable and could be extended to other aspects of Council's work. Cr Bell thanked staff for their work.

Mr McRae commented that the benefits of the cooperative exercise far outweighed the costs.

Councillors extended thanks to Crs Kempton and Bell and staff for their work, and commended the outcome of the collaborative approach.

It was suggested that an explanation of the term "Visiting driver signature project" be added to the glossary.

Cr Kempton moved
Cr Bell seconded

That Council:

- 1. receive the Otago Southland Regional Land Transport Plans 2015-2021 from the Otago Regional Transport Committee;*
- 2. approve the Otago Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 – 2021 (being those parts of the Otago Southland Regional Land Transport Plans 2015-2021 that apply in Otago);*
- 3. forward the Otago Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 – 2021 to NZTA by 30 April 2015.*

Motion carried.

Meeting closed 12.34 pm

Chairperson

REPORT

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Report Number: 2015/0907
Prepared For: Council
Prepared By: Chairperson
Date: 30 April 2015

Subject: **Chair's Report - April 2015**

1. Council Tour, Clutha District

A very successful tour certainly highlighted an impressive level of community leadership and on-farm actions occurring with respect to water quality. It was pleasing to see many younger farmers thinking constructively about how to work through challenges, and also be part of the leadership of the community groups. Thank you to staff for organising the day for Council.

2. Zones 5 & 6 meeting, Dunedin 27 March

Stephen Selwood, the CE of the NZ Council of Infrastructure Development (NZCID), and a member of the Three Waters Project, explained NZCID believe the ideal model to drive change and innovation across the Three Waters is to implement the Scottish commercial model where the direct link between pricing, long term planning and investment will assist manage challenges around ageing infrastructure and population.

Inky Tulloch on behalf of the Rules Reduction Taskforce reminded us that submissions need to be in by the 1st of June.

3. Regional Sector Group, 1 May

Verbal report on day.

4. South Island Freight Plan Governance Group

This project led by NZTA has been underway for three years; Governance members include representatives from NZTA, Regional Councils, LPC and POL, Trucking Association, DCC and Christchurch Airport. The purpose is to develop a shared vision about what needs to be done now and into the future to improve the way freight is moved across the South Island. A working group involving the industry, NZTA and Local Government staff, have worked through a process gathering data and identifying issues in the network. The future freight task has been modelled. The draft plan will be now taken to RTCs and discussed with stakeholders. Integrating the information into existing planning processes is essential.

5. Other Meetings Attended

- LTP community meetings at Dunedin, Alexandra, Oamaru and Balclutha.
- Lindis minimum flow meeting, Tarras.
- Mr Bodeker and I met with Edward Ellison and Chris Rosenbrock to discuss Te Roopu Taiao relationships and progress of the KTKO work programme.

- Mr Bodeker and I met with Mathew Richards, Maurice Hardie and Patrick Mills from Southern Dairy Hub.
- Function to welcome the 2015 Otago University Fellows.
- Guest speaker at the NZ Backflow Engineers Conference.
- Attended Dunedin's Anzac Day Service and represented the Otago Regional Council by laying a wreath.

Cr Stephen Woodhead
Chairperson

REPORT

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Report Number: 2015/0904

Prepared For: Council

Prepared By: Chief Executive

Date: 29 April 2015

Subject: **Chief Executive's Report - April 2015**

1. Council Visit to South Otago

Following the March Council meeting, councillors and staff met with South and West Otago farmers who have established interest groups, to consider the impact of their farming practices on water quality and how they will meet the rural water quality requirements. The various groups discussed how their farming operation is impacting on water quality and how individual farms are using the schedule 16 requirements from the Water Plan as their basis of measurement.

As well as discussing water quality matters, farmers showed councillors aspects of river management they considered were causing a potential erosion or flood risk.

ORC has a programme in place to engage with communities to determine what appetite there is for river management on a community scale. The pilot work in the Kakanui-Kauru River is near completion and it is proposed in the Long Term Plan to implement this in Otago's remaining rivers over the next 2-5 years.

2. Lindis River Minimum Flow

ORC staff presented findings of an economic investigation undertaken by BERL to a public meeting in Tarras on 1 April, looking at the impacts on production and the wider economy of the Lindis catchment from the imposition of a minimum flow.

The meeting was well attended and the community requested an extension by two months to the consultation timetable which was presented to the meeting. The extension of two months has been granted and ORC senior staff are working with the Lindis farmers to provide information regarding how consent transitions post 2021 will be managed.

3. Speaking Engagements

I have undertaken a number of speaking engagements recently where the public are keen to know about the work of ORC, but in particular, the challenge between land-based resource use and environmental stewardship.

Most recipients appreciate the need to have the primary sector utilise natural resources and that there will be an impact on the environment, however they are insistent that those who do impact the environment are held to account for that impact, and that set standards are met.

4. New Director

Nick Donnelly has accepted the position of Director Corporate Services commencing with the Council on Monday 22 June 2015.

Nick has over 20 years of experience, a number of these at senior executive level in a range of entrepreneurial and corporate environments, including tourism, financial services, transport, banking and energy. Currently he is the Chief Financial Officer for AJ Hackett Bungy NZ, based in Queenstown.

Nick is married with three children, the eldest of whom has this year started high school in Dunedin. He is passionate about Otago and excited by the opportunity to contribute to Council's vision for the region. The family is very much looking forward to moving to Dunedin.

5. Retirement – Wayne Scott

Wayne Scott will be retiring after 39 years with the Otago Catchment Board/Council on Friday 24 July 2015.

Wayne joined the Otago Catchment Board on the 19th of January 1976 as an Assistant Accountant, and was promoted to Accountant on 1 April 1978. He was again promoted on the 1st of April 1980 to the position of Assistant Secretary of the Board, combined with the role of Accountant, and then to Secretary/Treasurer of the Board on 21 May 1985. In 1989 Wayne was appointed to the position of Director Corporate Services of the Otago Regional Council following the Local Government reorganisation.

Peter Bodeker
Chief Executive

REPORT

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Report Number: 2015/0862

Prepared For: Council

Prepared By: Richard Pettinger, Senior Policy Analyst

Date: 24/04/2015

Subject: **Approval of Plan Change 3B (Pomahaka catchment minimum flow) to the Regional Plan: Water**

1. Précis

Proposed Plan Change 3B (Pomahaka catchment minimum flow) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago (Water Plan) may now be approved as no appeals have been received. Council's seal needs to be affixed and a date set for making the change operative.

2. Background

Proposed Plan Change 3B (Pomahaka catchment minimum flow) establishes minimum flows, allocation limits, and monitoring sites for the Pomahaka River, along with an alluvial ribbon aquifer for the Pomahaka catchment while deleting references to a Pomahaka Basin Aquifer. It updates and rationalises numbering of B and C series maps and map indexes, and adds a new water supply take to Schedule 1B for the Waipahi Rural Stock Water Supply at G45:196488.

Proposed Plan Change 3B was publicly notified on Saturday, 16 August 2014 and submissions closed on Friday, 29 July 2011. A total of 17 submissions were received. The *Summary of Decisions Requested* was notified on Saturday, 27 September 2014, calling for further submissions closing on Friday, 10 October 2014. Two further submissions were received.

The *Officer's Report on Decisions Requested*, which evaluated decisions requested by submitters and further submitters and made recommendations to the Hearing Committee was released on Friday, 24 October 2014. While several decision requests were considered beyond the scope of the plan change, one was later considered within scope.

Submissions on the proposed plan change were heard on Thursday 13 November 2014. A total of six submitters presented evidence to the Hearing Committee, with a further one tabling evidence.

On 28 January 2014, Council made its decision on Proposed Plan Change 3B. This decision was publicly notified on Saturday 14 February 2015.

No appeals were received within the statutory timeframe to lodge appeals.

3. Approval of plan change and next steps

The Council must now approve the plan change, in accordance with clause 17(1), Schedule 1 of the RMA. This is given effect by affixing Council's seal to the plan (clause 17(3)).

The Council must set a date from which the plan change becomes operative and publicly notify the operative plan at least five working days before this date (clause 20(2)).

It is proposed to make the plan change operative from Monday 1 June 2015, and to publicly notify the operative date on Saturday 16 May 2015.

4. Recommendations

That the Council:

- (i) Approve Plan Change 3B (Pomahaka catchment minimum flow) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago appended to this report; and
- (ii) Affix Council's seal to Plan Change 3B (Pomahaka catchment minimum flow) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago; and
- (iii) Make Plan Change 3B (Pomahaka catchment minimum flow) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago operative on Monday, 1 June 2015 and publicly notify that date on Saturday, 16 May 2015.

Fraser McRae
Director Policy and Resource Planning

Appendix

Plan Change 3B (Pomahaka catchment minimum flow)

Regional Plan: Water for Otago

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1 June 2015

This is a true and correct copy of Plan Change 3B to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago which was approved by the resolution of the Otago Regional Council on Wednesday, 6 May 2015.

Plan Change 3B to the Regional Plan: Water is deemed to be operative on Monday, 1 June 2015.

The Common Seal of the Otago Regional Council was hereto affixed pursuant to the resolution of the Council passed on Wednesday, 6 May 2015 in the presence of:

Stephen Woodhead
Chairperson

Peter Bodeker
Chief Executive

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** Regional Plan: Water for Otago operative as at 1 May 2014.*

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Water Quantity



6.4 Policies applying to the management of the taking of water

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6.4.5 The minimum flows established by Policies 6.4.3, 6.4.4, 6.4.6, 6.4.9 and 6.4.10 will apply to resource consents for the taking of water, as follows:

- (a) In the case of new takes applied for after 28 February 1998, upon granting of the consent; and**
- (b) In the case of any resource consent to take surface water from within the Taieri above Paerau and between Sutton and Outram, Shag, Kakanui, Water of Leith, Lake Hayes, Waitahuna, Trotters, Waianakarua, Pomahaka, and Lake Tuakitoto catchment areas as defined in Schedule 2A, subject to the review of consent conditions under Sections 128 to 132 of the Resource Management Act; and**
- (c) In the case of any existing resource consent to take surface water from the Luggate catchment area, Manuherikia catchment area (upstream of Ophir) and the Taieri catchment areas Paerau to Waipiata, Waipiata to Tiroiti and Tiroiti to Sutton, as defined in Schedule 2A, upon collective review of consent conditions within those catchments under Sections 128 to 132 of the Resource Management Act; and**
- (d) ...**

Explanation

This policy provides for the application of minimum flows to consents as follows:

1. New takes are subject to minimum flow provisions when the consent is granted.
2. For resource consents to take from rivers within catchments specified in Schedule 2A, except for the Luggate, Manuherikia (upstream of Ophir) and the Taieri between Paerau and Sutton, the minimum flow provisions apply, subject to the review of consent conditions under Sections 128 to 132 of the RMA..
3. ...

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Rules: Water Take, Use and Management



12.1 The taking of surface water

- 12.1.4.2 Taking of surface water as primary allocation in the following Schedule 2A catchment areas:
- Lake Hayes (Map B1),
 - Shag (Map B3),
 - Trotters (Map B3),
 - Waianakarua (Map B3),
 - Taieri Catchment upstream of Paerau (Map B4),
 - Taieri Catchment Sutton to Outram (Maps B4 and B5),
 - Water of Leith (Map B5),
 - Waitahuna (Map B5),
 - Pomahaka (Maps B11, B13 and B15), and
 - Lake Tuakitoto (Map B5):

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Schedules



SCHEDULE 1B: WATER SUPPLY VALUES

1B Schedule of Water Supply Values

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Southwest Otago subregion		
Water body or Catchment	Site No.	Water Supply Values
Pomahaka River	51	Glenkenich Water Supply at G44:103754
Waipahi River	52A	Waipahi Rural Stock Water Supply at G45:196488
Timber ...		

SCHEDULE 2: SPECIFIED RESTRICTIONS ON THE
EXERCISE OF PERMITS TO TAKE WATER

2 Schedule of specified restrictions on the exercise of permits to take surface water

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2A Schedule of specific minimum flows for primary allocation takes in accordance with Policy 6.4.3, and primary allocation limits in accordance with Policy 6.4.2(a) and 6.4.1A

The following schedule:

...

Catchment See Maps B1-B16	Monitoring Site (with MS number) See Maps B1-B16	Minimum flow (litres per second – instantaneous flow)	Primary Allocation Limits in accord with Policy 6.4.2(a) (litres per second – instantaneous flow)
Pomahaka catchment	Burkes Ford (MS 15)	3600 (October to April) 7000 (May to September)	1000 <i>Pomahaka catchment from confluence with Clutha/Mata-Au to headwaters</i>

2B Schedule of supplementary allocation blocks and specific minimum flows in accordance with Policy 6.4.9(c)

Catchment (See Maps B1–B16) & Supplementary Block Number	Minimum Flow (litres per second – instantaneous flow) at the monitoring site(s) (See Maps B1–B16)	Supplementary Allocation Block (litres per second –instantaneous flow)
Pomahaka catchment (first supplementary allocation block)	13000 At Burkes Ford (MS 15)	500

2C Schedule of aquifers where groundwater takes are to be considered as primary allocation, and subject to minimum flows of specified catchments in accordance with Policy 6.4.1A

Aquifer Name	Map Reference	Catchment to which primary or supplementary allocation limits apply, and minimum flows may apply*
Pomahaka Alluvial Ribbon Aquifer	C22 & C23	Pomahaka catchment**

* as given in Schedules 2A and 2B.

** as provided for by Policies 6.4.2, 6.4.3 and 6.4.9.

Table of minor and consequential changes

Plan Provision	Detail of change								
Page numbers	Update page numbers.								
Footers	Change footer to read “Regional Plan: Water for Otago (Updated to 1 June 2015)”.								
Title page	Change the date to read “Updated to 1 June 2015”.								
ISBN number	Obtain new ISBN numbers for Regional Plan: Water for Otago.								
Chronicle of key events	<p>Add the following to the end of table:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Key event</th> <th>Date notified</th> <th>Date decisions released</th> <th>Date operative</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Plan Change 3B (Pomahaka catchment minimum flow) to the Regional Plan: Water</td> <td>16 August 2014</td> <td>14 February 2015</td> <td>1 June 2015</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Key event	Date notified	Date decisions released	Date operative	Plan Change 3B (Pomahaka catchment minimum flow) to the Regional Plan: Water	16 August 2014	14 February 2015	1 June 2015
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Table of contents [<i>on page viii</i>]	Update page numbers.								
section 1.4	<p>Add after Proposed Plan Change 6A paragraph:</p> <p>“Proposed Plan Change 3B (Pomahaka catchment minimum flow) was notified on 16 August 2014, to introduce a minimum flow and allocation regime with monitoring site and a map of the Pomahaka Alluvial Ribbon Aquifer for the Pomahaka catchment. A total of 17 submissions and two further submissions were received. Following the hearing, decisions on submissions received were released on 14 February 2015. Plan Change 3B was made operative on 1 June 2015.”</p>								
Schedule 1B	Amend this section of the tables to delete former supply schemes 52 (Pomahaka and Clinton Water Supplies) and 56 (Clydevale Water Supply).								
Schedule 2A: <i>Catchments of Welcome Creek, Luggate, Manuherikia, Waitahuna, Lake Tuakitoto</i>	Amend fourth column entries as follows: “... <i>catchment from confluence with [Waitaki or Clutha/Mata-Au] River to headwaters.</i> ”								
Map numbers (A series)	Delete existing Community Water supply takes numbered 52 and 56 from Maps A6 and A8; Add a new site numbered 52A at grid reference G45:196488.								
Map numbers (B series)	Update and rationalise numbering of B series maps and index, as necessary. Correct all references to B series maps within Plan.								
Map numbers	Update and rationalise numbering of C series maps and index, as								

Plan Change 3B (Pomahaka catchment minimum flow) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago

Plan Provision	Detail of change
(C series)	necessary. Correct all references to C series maps within Plan.
Plan Maps: Maps C13 & C14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delete reference to Pomahaka Basin Aquifer. • Replace with maps for Pomahaka Alluvial Ribbon Aquifer.
Plan Maps: Map Index for C series	Amend “Map C Index – Aquifers, Groundwater Zones, Groundwater Protection Zones and Seawater Intrusion Risk Zones” to update depiction of former maps C13 and C14, and show deletion of former map C16 (Kuriwao Basin Aquifer). Show all zones. Update references to Plan provisions on Index map sheet, in line with Plan Change 6A.

Maps are attached as follows:

Map B - Index: Minimum Flow Catchment Boundaries and Monitoring Sites

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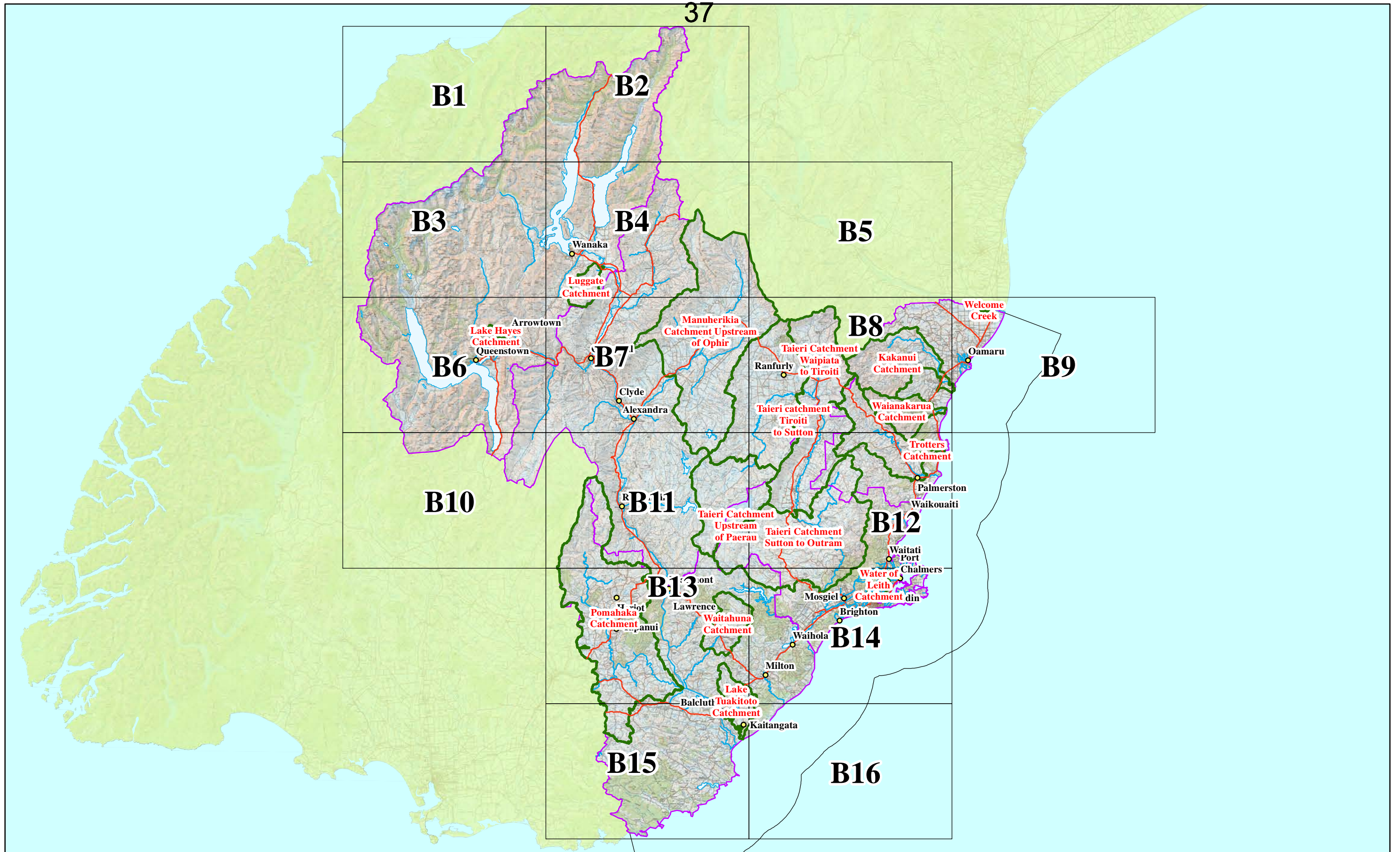
(adding new maps which show Pomahaka catchment)

**Map C - Index: Aquifers, Groundwater Zones, Groundwater Protection Zones
and Seawater Intrusion Risk Zones**

C22 Pomahaka Alluvial Ribbon Aquifer *(northern part)*

C23 Pomahaka Alluvial Ribbon Aquifer *(southern part)*

(to replace former maps C13 and C14)



Key

- Towns
- State Highway
- Otago TLA boundaries
- Regional Boundary

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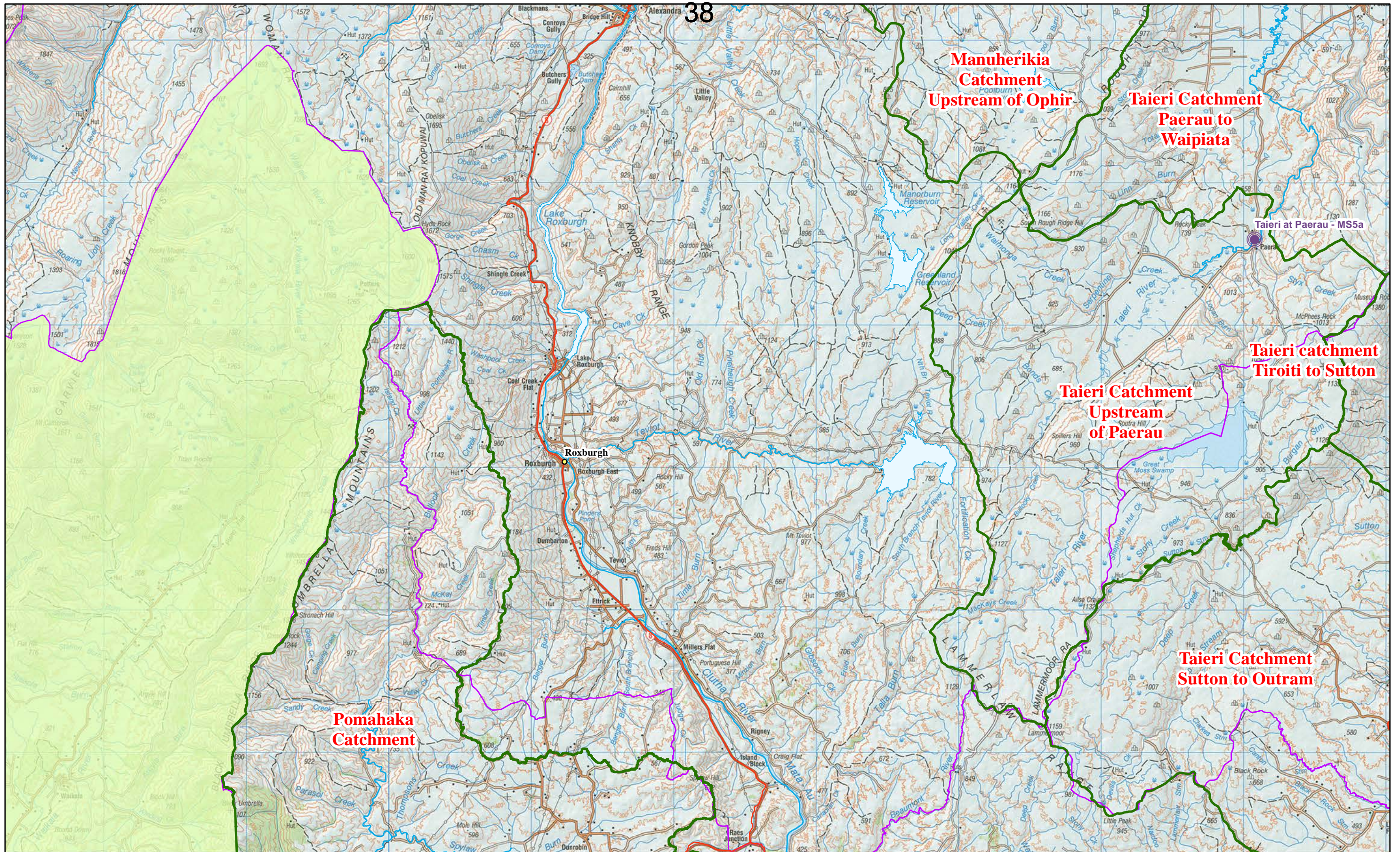
Map B - Index

Minimum Flow Catchment Boundaries and Monitoring Sites

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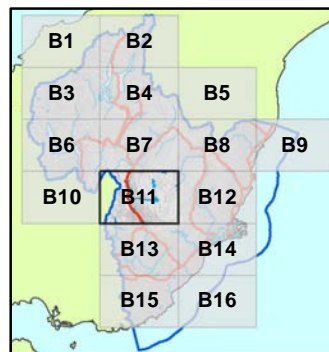







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-  Otago Regional Boundary

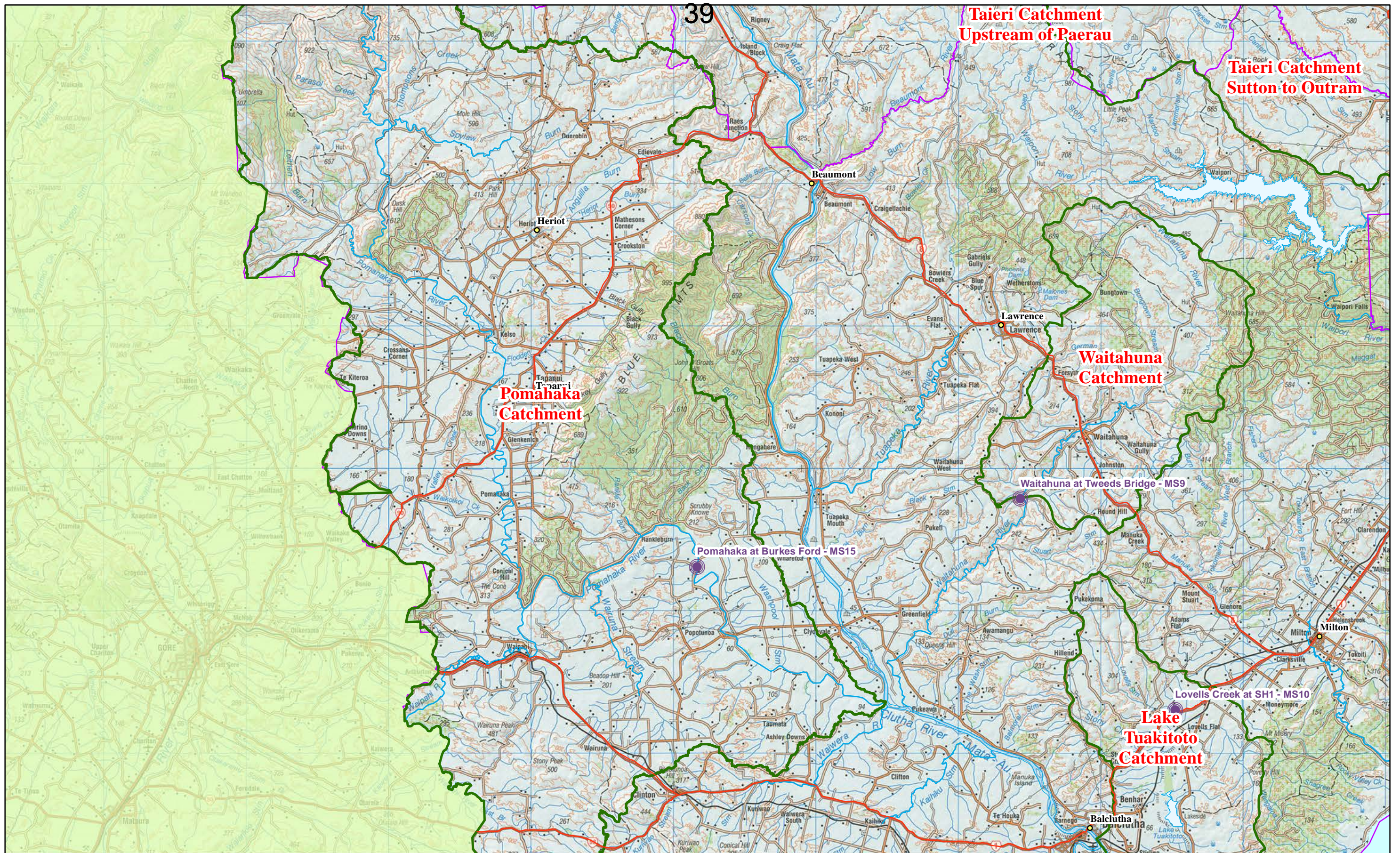


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Minimum Flow Catchment Boundaries and Monitoring Sites

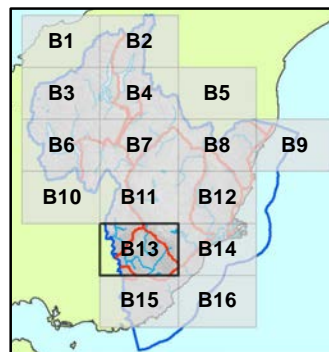
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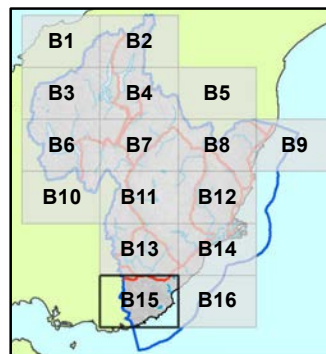
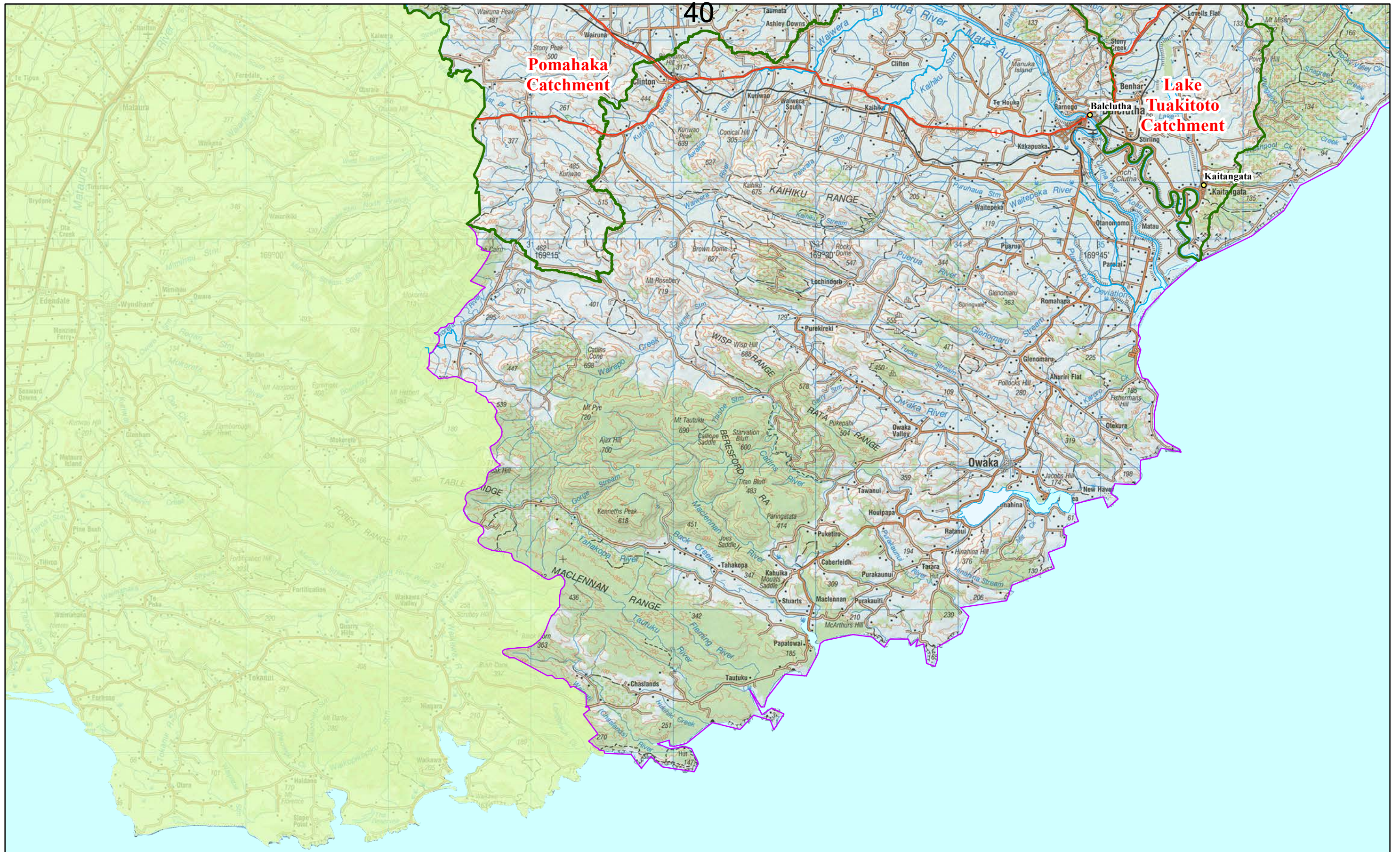
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Minimum Flow Catchment Boundaries and Monitoring Sites Map B13





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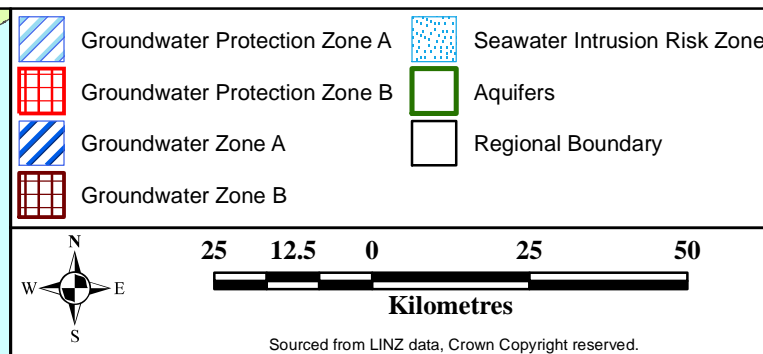
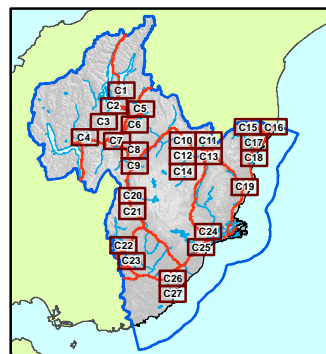
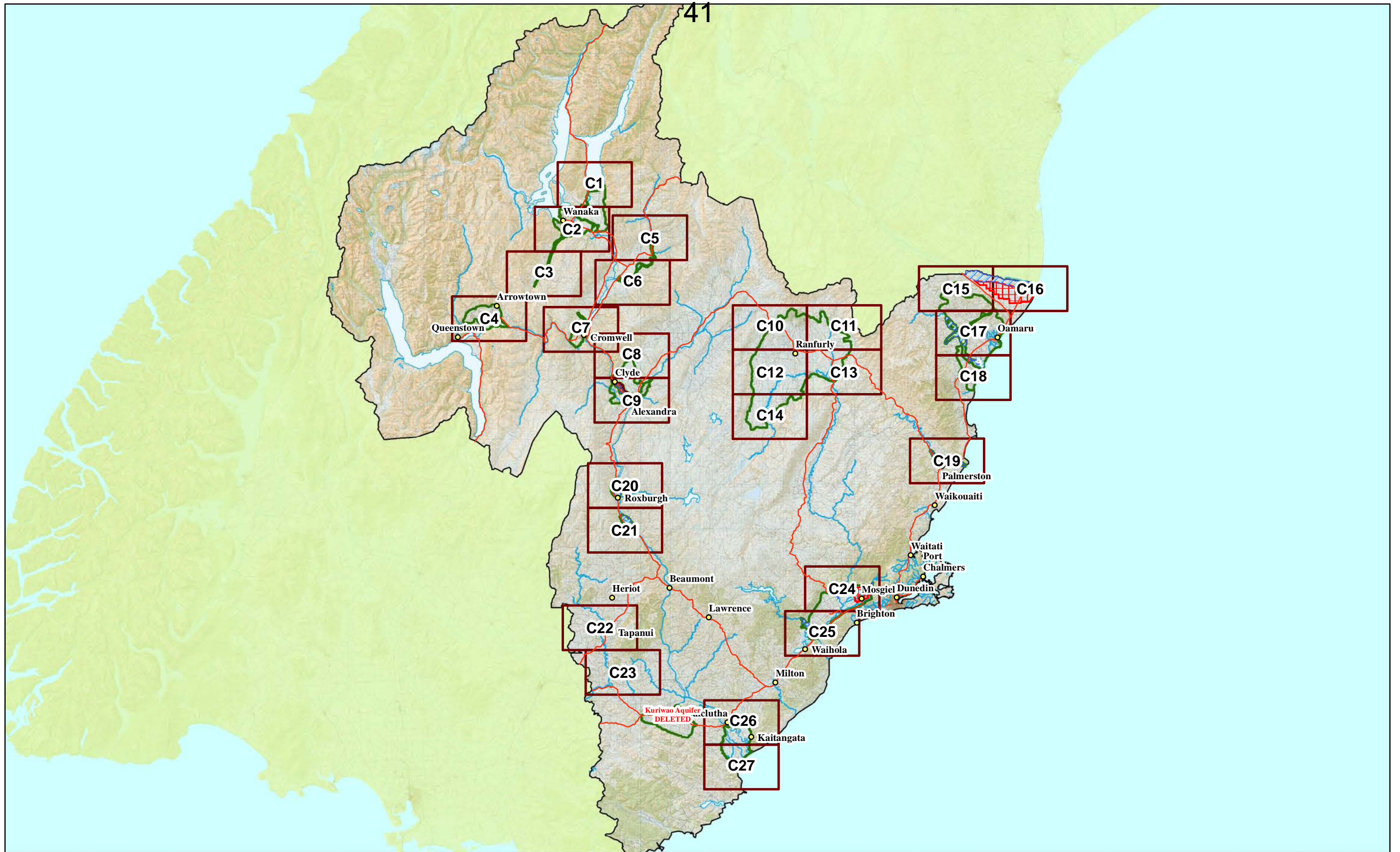
Minimum Flow Catchment Boundaries and Monitoring Sites

Map B15

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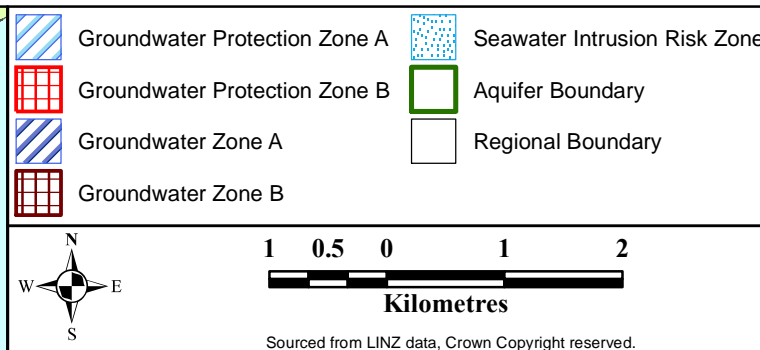
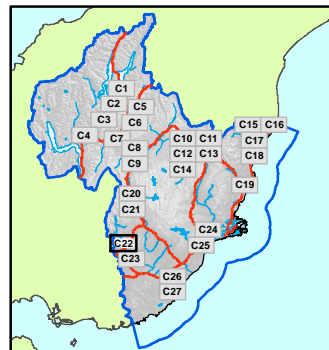
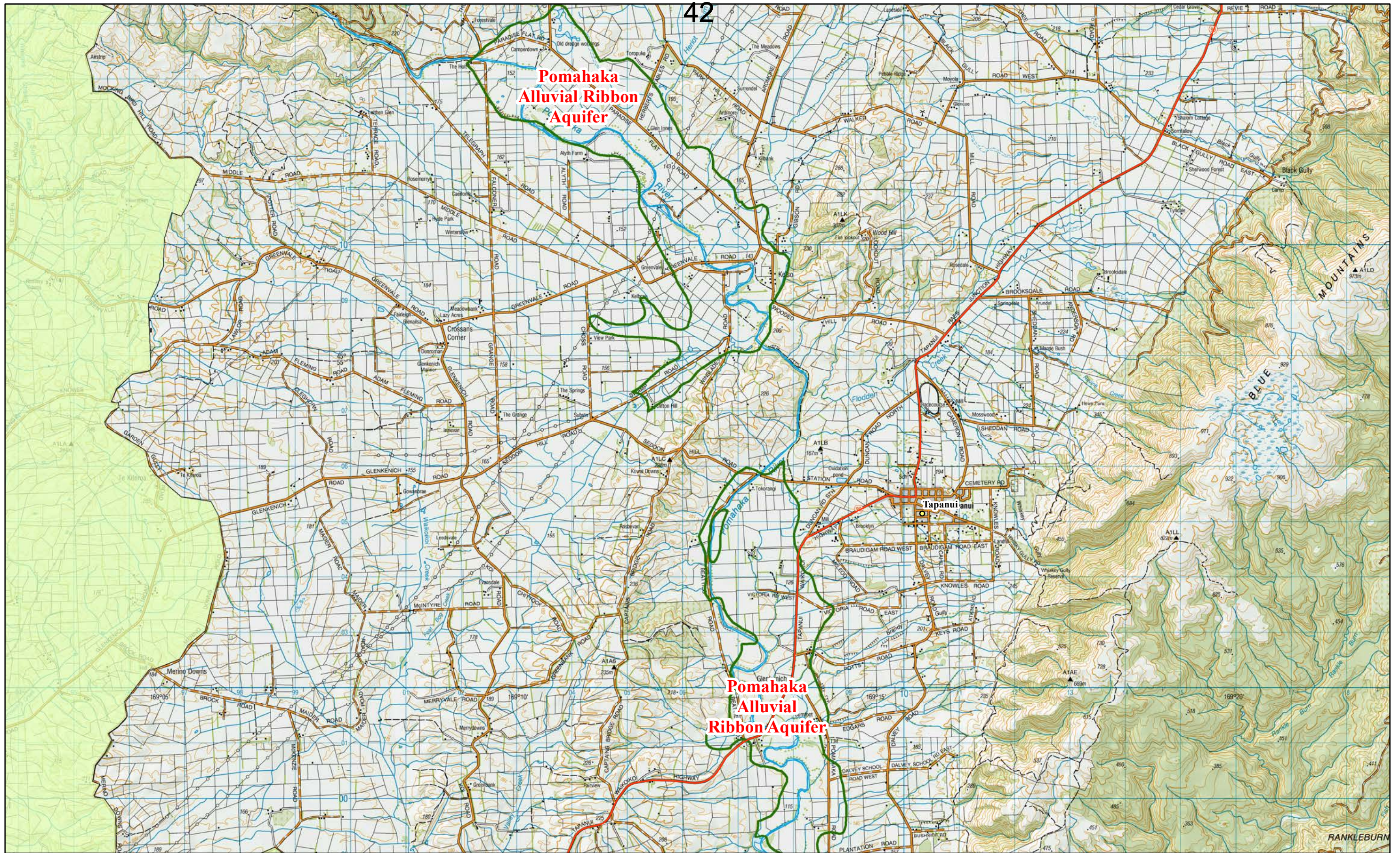




Map C - Index
Aquifers, Groundwater Zones, Groundwater Protection Zones, and Seawater Intrusion Risk Zones

Refer to:

- Schedules 2C and 3A
- Rules in 12.2, 12.A and 14.2
- Policies 6.4.1A, 6.4.10A, 6.4.10A1, 8.6.5, 9.4.1 and 9.4.18-20



Map C22
Aquifers, Groundwater Zones, Groundwater Protection Zones, and Seawater Intrusion Risk Zones

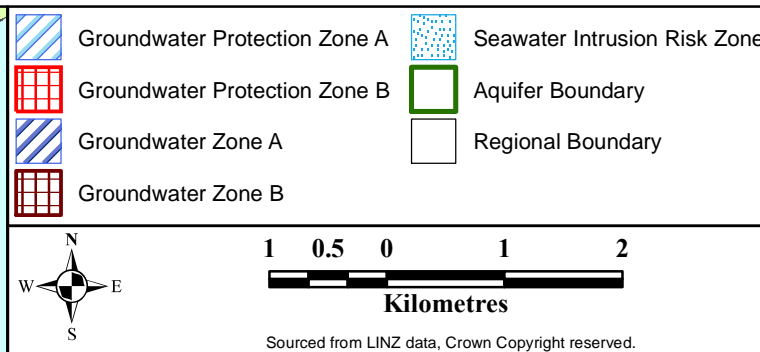
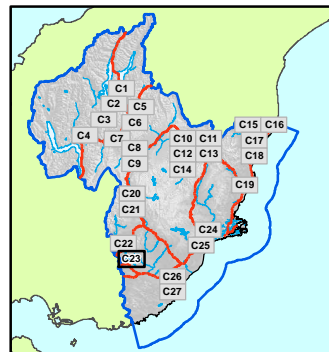
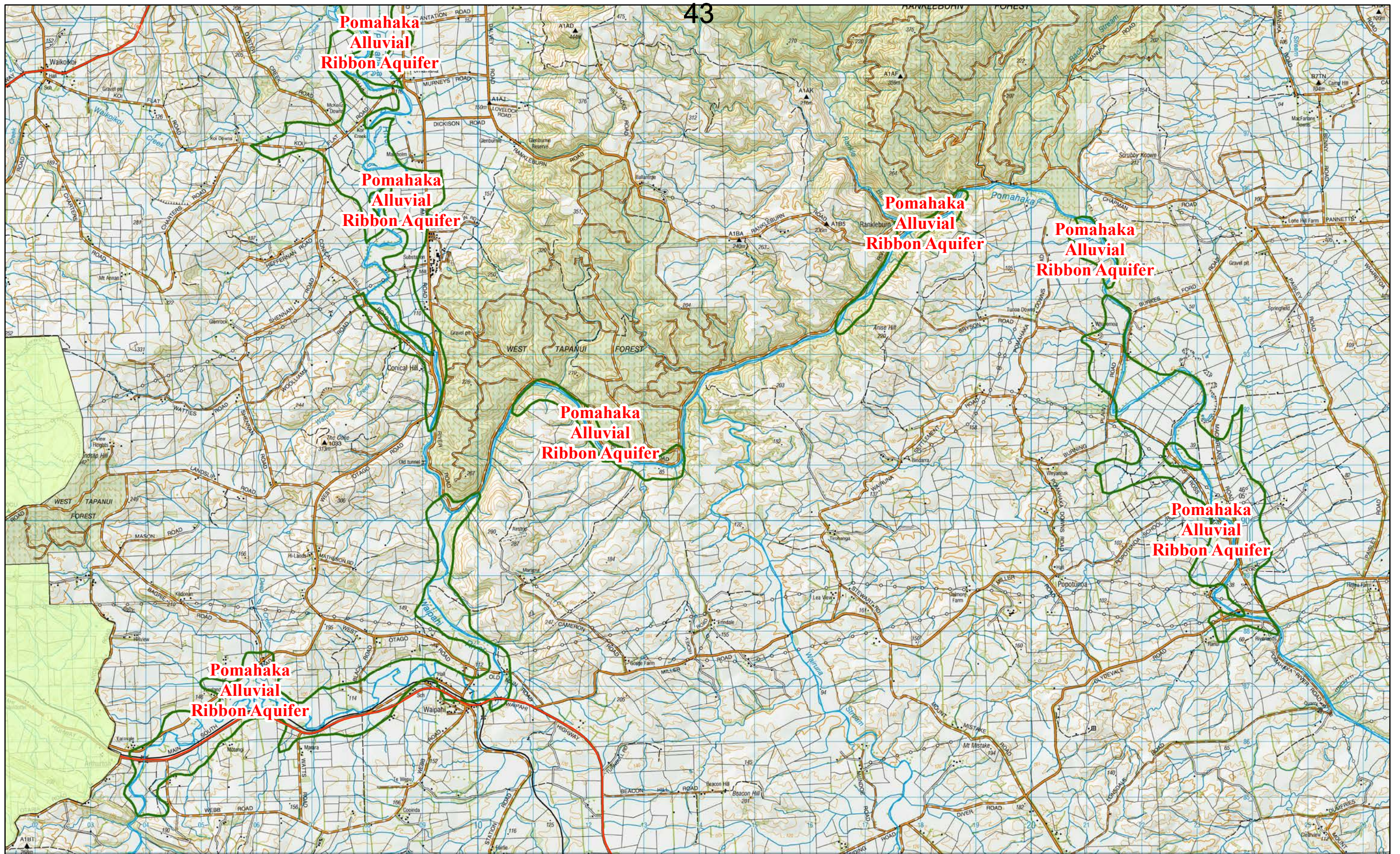
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Map C23
Aquifers, Groundwater Zones, Groundwater Protection Zones, and Seawater Intrusion Risk Zones

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REPORT

Document Id: A772004

Report Number: 2015/0903

Prepared For: Council

Prepared By: Finance Manager

Date: 30 April 2015

Subject: **Financial Report to 31 March 2015**

The following information is provided in respect of the overall Council finances for the nine months to 31 March 2015.

1. Activity Expenditure

Expenditure for the Council's activities, including capital expenditure and internal charges, is summarised as follows:

	Annual Budget \$000's	Budget March \$000's	Actual March \$000's	Variance (unfav.) \$000's
Air Quality	753	564	332	232
Emergency management	415	311	180	131
Environmental Incident response	961	717	742	(25)
Flood protection & control works Note 1	7,983	7,045	5,163	1,882
Governance & Community	3,618	2,711	2,583	128
Land Note 2	2,514	1,905	1,331	574
Policy	899	675	841	(166)
Regulatory Note 3	3,115	2,335	1,789	546
Rivers & Waterway Management	986	739	880	(141)
Natural hazards	1,040	779	632	147
Transport Note 4	11,119	8,051	6,923	1,128
Water Note 5	5,187	3,889	3,721	168
	38,590	29,721	25,117	4,604

Significant variances are commented upon in the notes below.

Note 1 – Flood Protection

The favourable variance in the Leith Flood Protection project of \$1,460,000 comprises the majority of Flood Protection and Control Works activity variance. The project has extended over several financial years, and the variance largely reflects a difference in the timing of work performed with the timing anticipated in the annual budgets.

The Lower Clutha project shows a favourable variance of \$355,000, largely due to timing issues.

Note 2 - Land

This variance is largely due to external contract activity being \$409,000 less than budgeted due to a lower level of contract activity undertaken than was anticipated in the budget.

Note 3 – Regulatory

A significant component of this activity is demand driven, and is accordingly dependent on the level of activity, which to date is at a lower level than anticipated in the budget, with the resource consent processing project being down \$209,000, the compliance monitoring project down \$164,000, and the Dam Safety project down \$88,000.

Note 4 - Transport

The major favourable variances in this activity are the Stock Truck Effluent Disposal sites project (variance of \$454,000) with site installation work not proceeding as anticipated in the budget, the Dunedin Passenger Transport project (variance \$337,000) related to contract costs being less than budgeted, and the Public Transport Regional project (variance \$255,000), mainly due to the timing of the Electronic Ticketing System replacement work.

Note 5 Water

The 1C Water Plan Implementation project is showing a *favourable* variance of \$475,000 (53% of budget), partially due to resources being redirected to the 6A Water Plan Implementation project and also direct costs incurred to date being less than budgeted.

The Regional Plan: Water project is showing a *favourable* variance of \$165,000, primarily due to internal resources being redirected to the Regional Policy Statement project.

Conversely, the 6A Water Plan Implementation project is showing an *unfavourable* variance of \$184,000 (17% of budget), including additional time-costs of \$94,000, and additional vehicle and copying costs amounting to \$38,000.

The Water Quality & Quantity State of the Environment project has an *unfavourable* variance of \$289,000 primarily due to the costs of \$286,000 associated with the recent dry weather event.

2. Income Statement and Balance Sheet

An Income Statement for the nine months to 31 March 2015 and a Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2015 are attached.

3. Recommendation

That this report be received.

R W Scott
Director Corporate Services

Otago Regional Council

 Income Statement
 For the nine months to 31 March 2015

		Annual Budget \$000's	Budget March \$000's	Actual March \$000's	Variance (unfav) \$000's
Income:					
Rate income		13,543	10,157	10,161	4
Grant and subsidy income	Note 1	6,030	4,410	3,924	(486)
Interest received		2,137	1,603	1,507	(96)
Other income	Note 2	4,682	3,512	2,553	(959)
Dividend income	Note 3	7,400	5,550	6,300	750
Rental income	Note 4	921	691	927	236
Gain in value of investment Property	Note 5	294	-	-	-
Other gains	Note 6	-	-	561	561
Total Income		35,007	25,923	25,933	10
Less Expenditure:					
Operating expenses	Note 7	30,177	22,665	21,918	747
Finance costs		1	-	-	-
Depreciation expense		1,515	1,137	1,220	(83)
Total Expenditure		31,693	23,802	23,138	664
Surplus		3,314	2,121	2,795	674

Note 1 - Grant and Subsidy Income

The majority of the variance in subsidy income is related to the Dunedin Passenger Transport project, and the Stock Truck Effluent Disposal project, resulting from lower levels of expenditure incurred to date than provided for in the budget, with the associated subsidy income being lower than budgeted.

Note 2 – Other Income

This unfavourable variance comprises both unfavourable and favourable project variances. The significant unfavourable variances are primarily in the regulatory activity projects and the external contract activity, and are primarily associated with a lower level of expenditure and associated revenue. Partially offsetting those variances is a favourable variance in the Leith Flood Protection scheme with unbudgeted recoveries amounting to of \$358,000.

Note 3 – Dividend Income

Dividend income reflected in the Income Statement is an accrual of the amount expected to be paid to the Council by Port Otago Limited during the current financial year.

The favourable variance is largely the result of a timing affect, reflecting a higher proportion of the expected June 2015 dividend, forecast to be received by the end of the financial year, compared to the timing of dividend payments anticipated in the budget.

Note 4 – Rental Income

The favourable variance in rental income reflects increases in rentals over that provided for in the budget and associated rental arrears charged during the reporting period. This relates mainly to the Lower Clutha and investment property leases.

Note 5 – Gain in the value of Investment Property

Investment Property is revalued annually at 30 June. Accordingly the year to date budget and actual gain are reported as nil amounts to 31 March 2015.

Note 6 – Other Gains

The gain recorded of \$561,000 reflects the increase in the value of the BNZ Managed Investment Portfolio for the nine months to 31 March 2015.

Note 7 – Operating expenses

The favourable variance in operating expenses is mainly attributable to net favourable project variances, excluding the impact of capital expenditure, reflected in the activity expenditure section above.

Otago Regional Council

 Balance Sheet
 As at 31 March 2015

		31 March 2015 \$000's	30 June 2014 \$000's
Public Equity			
Public equity		141,100	140,968
Available-for-sale revaluation reserve	Note 1	350,535	350,535
Asset revaluation reserve		7,963	7,963
Asset replacement reserve		4,103	4,403
Building reserve	Note 2	7,975	5,214
Emergency response reserve		3,694	3,571
Water management reserve		1,513	1,463
Kuriwao endowment reserve		6,125	6,020
		523,008	520,137
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accruals		4,594	5,824
Revenue in advance	Note 3	3,390	-
		7,984	5,824
Total Equity and Liabilities			
		530,992	525,961
Non-Current Assets			
Operating assets		85,873	83,810
Intangible assets		1,570	1,820
Investment Property		10,024	10,024
Deferred tax asset		76	98
Shares in Port Otago Ltd	Note 1	370,535	370,535
		468,078	466,287
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	Note 4	1,984	3,911
Other financial assets	Note 4	55,644	52,053
Receivables		3,722	3,236
Other current assets		29	89
Inventories – stock and property held for sale		385	385
Dividends Receivable	Note 5	1,150	-
		62,914	59,674
Total Assets			
		530,992	525,961

Note 1 – Available-for-Sale Revaluation Reserve and Shares in Port Otago Ltd

The Shares in Port Otago Ltd are included at the June 2014 valuation, and the available-for-sale revaluation reserve reflects the revaluation amount of the shares.

Note 2 – Building Reserve

The budgeted transfer to the reserve for the year of \$2,500,000 is fully reflected in the balance to 31 March 2015, along with interest earned on the reserve balance.

Note 3 – Revenue in advance

Revenue in advance reflects rate revenue which will be released to the income statement over the remainder of the year.

Note 4 - Cash and Cash Equivalents and Other Financial Assets

Funds surplus to the Council's immediate and short term requirements are managed on Council's behalf by the BNZ.

Current bank balances and term deposits with durations of less than 4 months are included in Cash and Cash Equivalents.

Other Financial Assets includes the Council's Managed Fund and term deposits with durations of 4-13 months.

Note 5 – Dividends Receivable

Dividend income of \$6,300,000 for the 2014/2015 year has been provided for in the income statement. The dividend receivable balance reflects dividend income less the final 2014 dividend of \$1,900,000 received in September 2014 and the first 2015 interim dividend of \$3,250,000 received in February 2015.

Report back from Councillors



Minutes of a meeting of the Otago and Southland Regional Transport Committees held in the Central Otago District Council Chamber, 1 Dunorling Street, Alexandra on Monday 13 April 2014 commencing at 10.35 am

Present: Otago Regional Transport Committee

Cr Graeme Bell (ORC, Chair)
 Cr Kate Wilson (DCC)
 Cr Lyal Cocks (QLDC)
 Cr Stephen Woodhead (ORC)
 Mr Jim Harland (NZTA)

Southland Regional Transport Committee

Cr Ali Timms (ES)
 Cr Peter Jones (ES)
 Cr Lindsay Thomas (ICC)
 Cr Brian Dillon (SDC)
 Mr Jim Harland (NZTA)

Apologies:

Cr Trevor Kempton (ORC)
 Cr Nicky Davis (GDC)
 Cr Guy Percival (WDC)
 Cr Hamish Anderson (CDC)
 Cr Barrie Wills (CODC)
 Cr Stuart Duncan (CODC)

The apologies were accepted on the motion of Crs Timms and Wilson.

In attendance: Mr Fraser McRae (ORC)
 Dr Jane Turnbull (ORC)
 Ms Anja McAlevey (ORC)
 Ms Janet Favel (ORC, Committee Secretary)
 Mr Russell Hawkes (ES)
 Ms Kylie Huard (DCC)
 Cr Alexa Forbes (QLDC)
 Mr Dennis Mander (QLDC)
 Mr Michael Voss (WDC)
 Mr Chris Bopp (CDC)
 Mr Tony Sizemore (NZTA)
 Mr Joe Bourque (SDC)
 Ms Julie Muir (CODC)



Confirmation of agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

Minutes

The minutes of the Combined Otago Southland Regional Transport Committees meeting held on 26 January 2015 were circulated with the agenda. Cr Cocks noted that the spelling of his name needed to be corrected. The omission from the minutes of the discussion about road safety was raised, and it was pointed out that this issue had been discussed at the workshop on the same day, not the combined RTC meeting.

With the correction to the spelling of Cr Cocks's name, the minutes were accepted on the motion of Crs Cocks and Wilson.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Item 1

2015/0782 **Otago and Southland Regional Land Transport Plans: hearing committee recommendations, lodgement of plans with ORC and ES.** ORC and ES Transport staff, 31/3/15

The RLTP document as revised following hearings and deliberations was circulated for endorsement prior to presentation to the respective regional councils. The minutes of the hearings (Attachment 1), the hearing committee's recommendations (Attachment 2), and the revised Plan (Attachment 3) were circulated with the agenda.

Cr Timms as Hearing Panel Chair reported on the hearings of submissions on the RLTP. She noted that a total of 305 submissions were received. She considered that a very good process had been followed, and the submissions were useful. A lot of the Otago submissions related to the cycleway out to Port Chalmers, and most of the Southland submissions supported the sealing of the Haldane/Curio Bay Road. Cr Timms supported continuing the joint plan process.

Cr Cocks agreed that good process was followed, the majority of the submissions were useful, and positive comments were made on the Plan. He commented that it was good to see the signature driving programme and flood mitigation work on SH1 in North Otago linked through the regions.

Members commended the joint Otago Southland process, and agreed that it was useful to hear first hand from submitters.

Major changes to the Plan were listed in Section 3 of the report, and included changes to the description of the transport network, to the strategic framework, and to projects.



Mr Hawkes noted the following:

- the integrated public transport ticketing project was already completed in Southland;
- changes to programmes requested by QLDC, CDC, WDC and NZTA to better align with LTPs,
- a request from NZTA to allocate projects into appropriate activity classes, for example LED street lighting;
- the biggest change was the Kawarau Falls Bridge which was moved from priority 1 into the committed category.

The tables circulated to the meeting now reflected what would go into the final Plan. The request to bring forward the signature driver programme to align with Southland's work was noted. Mr Harland explained that a business case would need to be prepared. Mr Sizemore noted that the national programming team might bring this project forward.

Mr Sizemore explained that requests from RTCs to align projects with LTPs would be considered by NZTA and the national programme could be amended. He considered this was a logical request.

A separate page listing four proposed new projects not included in the RLTP was circulated. Mr Hawkes noted that all were improvement categories and needed to be prioritised.

1. Phase 4 Peninsula Roding – Harington Point Road (DCC)

Priority band 1 was requested. This fitted in with the existing DCC item, and aligned with the DCC LTP. Cr Wilson explained that Portobello Road work was being carried out now, and it would be appropriate to undertake the Harington Point Road work at the same time. It was unclear whether the \$2,010,000 project cost was included in the \$21m provided for the Peninsula Roding project. Staff were to follow this up.

2. Enhanced Network Resilience Otago (NZTA)

Mr Sizemore considered that this needed to appear as a capital item. The meeting agreed on priority band 3.

3. Street light renewal with LED (DCC) and

4. Street light upgrade 2016-18 (WDC)

Mr Hawkes explained that a split in the activity class meant this showed up as a separate item rather than being included in other works. These projects were already included in the Plan and the costs had not changed. Priority band 5 was agreed for both projects.

Dr Turnbull noted that RLTP was a snapshot in time and therefore there would not be exact alignment between LTPs and the RLTP. She suggested the addition of a fourth recommendation clarifying funding for the DCC's Phase 4 Peninsula Roding – Harington Point Road project.



Cr Timms moved
Cr Wilson seconded

1. *That an additional recommendation be added 'Subject to information from DCC confirming funding for the Peninsula Road works'.*

Motion carried

Cr Timms moved
Cr Wilson seconded

2. *That the committees adopt the recommendations of the hearing committee on submissions and changes to the RLTP document.*

Motion carried

Cr Wilson moved
Cr Dillon seconded

3. *That the committees make amendments to the RLTP document, as contained in Attachment 3, and as discussed today, and subject to information from DCC confirming funding for the Peninsula Road works.*

Motion carried

Cr Timms moved
Cr Cocks seconded

4. *That the committees lodge the RLTP document with ORC or ES, for approval.*

Motion carried

Cr Bell moved
Cr Woodhead seconded

That the Otago Regional Transport Committee recommend that Otago Regional Council adopt Recommendations 1 to 4.

Motion carried

Cr Dillon moved
Cr Timms seconded

That the Southland Regional Transport Committee recommend that Environment Southland adopt Recommendations 1 to 4.

Motion carried



Cr Wilson extended thanks to staff for their work in producing the draft RLTP.

Item 2

Update from NZTA

Mr Harland updated the meeting on the development of a South Island Freight Plan, and the Visiting Drivers Signature Project.

Visiting drivers

Mr Harland advised that a group comprising representatives from South Island regional and territorial councils, MoT, AA, the tourism industry, and RVA was analysing data from crashes on rural roads in which visiting drivers were involved. The group was discussing solutions to the situation including improvements to roads, provision of lookouts where drivers could pull off the road, signage, and education of visiting drivers. It was important to understand current tourism markets and where drivers are going, and classification of roading networks was encouraged to make a clear distinction between, for example, sealed national roads and unsealed local roads.

Mr Harland pointed out that different solutions were provided in different areas of the country, and it was important for the partners to work together. It was commented that GPS devices sometimes showed the most direct route to a destination which might not be the best road for a visiting driver to use.

Mr Harland advised that initiatives would be developed by the group and rolled out nationally.

South Island freight

Mr Harland commented on the tension between speed and efficiency, and he noted that most freight in New Zealand was carried by road. The connectivity between local roads and the national network was noted, and it was necessary for local and national stakeholders to work collaboratively. Mr Harland observed that between 2012 and 2042 freight was predicted to increase by 68%.

A collaborative approach involving stakeholders in a governance group, a working group, and workshops was being utilised to develop a draft South Island Freight Plan, and it was anticipated that this would be ready for discussion in May/June 2015.

Classification of roads, and peak usage periods, were noted in relation to heavy traffic. Mr Harland commented that busy times could be planned for, and the planned introduction of real time information would allow people to decide the optimal time for their travel.

Feedback to Mr Harland on issues related to transport of freight was invited.

The meeting adjourned at 12.33 pm and reconvened 1.10 pm.



Item 3 **Road Safety in Otago and Southland**

Drafts of three publications summarising the findings of an analysis of road safety statistics in Otago and Southland had been circulated prior to the meeting. Dr Turnbull explained that ORC intended to publish these as scientific publications but was presenting them first to the combined RTCs for information.

Dr Turnbull was to check the use of the term 'more severe' in the first scientific report in relation to crashes in the various speed zones within towns.

Comment was made that some of the information in the draft publication of findings for each district did not line up with the local perspective, and this was perspective was to be checked by the TLA concerned. It was suggested that local input should be sought before the document was made public; Dr Turnbull commented this had already been sought on several occasions.

Dr Turnbull advised that RAG members were already working through the information contained in the three draft publications.

Dr Turnbull also explained the framework to be used to collate the approaches to road safety being undertaken by road controlling authorities, NZTA, Police and regional councils was discussed.

Item 4 **Next meeting**

Cr Timms considered it would be valuable to continue the joint meetings, and she noted that two more joint meetings should be planned for the year.

Cr Woodhead commented favourably on the good progress made by the combined Committees, and encouraged ongoing collaboration.

Potential for the development of cycle trails as a form of transport for both recreation and commuting was noted. Cr Timms noted that at their presentation to the hearings panel Spokes had been encouraged to talk to this committee. RAG involvement in this work was discussed.

It was agreed that a further two meetings be held between now and Christmas. There was discussion about the venues (Gore and Alexandra), and the two RTC chairs were to discuss whether Dunedin should be considered as an additional venue.

The meeting closed at 1.50 pm

Chairperson

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**Minutes of a meeting of the Communications Committee held in the
Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on
Wednesday 22 April 2015 commencing at 11.14 am**

Present:

Cr Trevor Kempton (Chairperson)
Cr Graeme Bell (Deputy Chairperson)
Cr Doug Brown
Cr Louise Croot MNZM
Cr Michael Deaker
Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Sam Neill
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr Bryan Scott
Cr David Shepherd
Cr Stephen Woodhead

In attendance:

Peter Bodeker
Wayne Scott
Jeff Donaldson
Jane Leahy
Fraser McRae
Gavin Palmer
Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2015, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Bell and Robertson.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

FOR NOTING

Item 1

2015/0828 **Stakeholder Engagement Report.** DSE, 14/4/15

The report detailed community, stakeholder and staff engagement activities carried out by Stakeholder Engagement directorate staff since the last meeting.

The Rural Water Quality (6A) Implementation Strategy was discussed and it was noted that the report referred to provision of education and advice to landholders. The point was made that the key issues were a meaningful two way relationship between Council and landholders, and general surety of Council's compliance approach through monitoring and enforcement. Favourable comment was made on the building of project management capacity within the Council.

Mr Bodeker advised that workshop sessions would be provided on the implementation strategy and on the features and operation of the Overseer program.

The change of emphasis to monitoring and compliance was commended, and the importance of participating with communities was noted.

Cr Bell moved
Cr Croot seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 11.37 am.

Chairperson

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and Corporate Committee
held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin
on Wednesday 22 April 2015 commencing at 11.38 am**

Present:

Cr David Shepherd (Chairperson)
Cr Gary Kelliher (Deputy Chairperson)
Cr Graeme Bell
Cr Doug Brown
Cr Louise Croot MNZM
Cr Michael Deaker
Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
Cr Trevor Kempton
Cr Sam Neill
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr Bryan Scott
Cr Stephen Woodhead

In attendance:

Peter Bodeker
Wayne Scott
Jeff Donaldson
Jane Leahy
Fraser McRae
Gavin Palmer
Gerard Collings (for Item 4)
Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2015, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Deaker and Kelliher.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PART A - RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2015/0875 **Elected Member Remuneration.** DCS, 14/4/15

The report noted that the Remuneration Authority had undertaken its review of elected member remuneration for the 2015/16 period and had requested confirmation of the Council's information.

Councillors were concerned that the Remuneration Authority had determined a 5.2% rise in Councillor remuneration, at a time when inflation sat at 2%.

Mr Scott commented that the Authority took account of population, turnover and CPI in setting remuneration, and this method was to be reviewed prior to the 2016 elections.

A question was raised in relation to the sum allocated for Regional Plan Review meetings, and Mr Scott noted the Authority's explanation that this referred to regional plan reviews rather than ongoing changes. In the past councils had been able to roll the unused portion of this sum into the following year.

Mr Scott explained that in the past Council had agreed its approach in relation to allocation of the remuneration pool. There was now an assessed salary for a councillor and an allowance of 1.5 of that amount for the Council to allocate based on responsibilities such as committee chairs.

It was noted that at the last remuneration review Councillors had agreed that the Deputy Chair/Committee Chair/Councillor ratios should be changed. Mr Scott had passed this request on to the Authority who had declined it on the basis that in their view it did not relate to responsibility changes. He was to check the correspondence.

There was also concern that the timing of the next review meant that remuneration for the incoming council would be decided just prior to the election.

In relation to the regional plan review meetings remuneration pool, it was pointed out that minimum flow changes were changes to parts of the Water Plan in the same way that Plan Change 6A was, and it was noted that other minimum flow hearings and the RPS hearing were coming up. However the question was asked whether sums of \$13,290 in 2014/15, and \$13,980 in 2016/16 were needed to cover these hearings, and what the unused portion would be used for. Mr Scott was to check whether the sum could be rolled over into the following year. He noted that any change proposed to the determination would have to be documented and lodged with the Authority by 30 April.

An addition to recommendation 2 was suggested: “.... subject to clarification of regional plan review meetings and the allocation of those funds”. Mr Scott considered that there was not time before the 30 April deadline to prepare documentation on this matter, and it would be followed up on separately.

Cr Deaker moved
Cr Woodhead seconded

- (1) *That this report be received.*
- (2) *That the Council’s remuneration structure be confirmed.*
- (3) *That the Director Corporate Services provide the appropriate documentation to the Remuneration Authority.*

Motion carried

Cr Neill proposed an additional recommendation “That the Remuneration Authority be asked to explain why when inflation was 2% Council was asked to increase remuneration by 5.2%”.

Cr Neill moved
Cr Eckhoff seconded

That the Remuneration Authority be asked to explain why when inflation was 2% Council was asked to increase remuneration by 5.2%.

Motion carried

Item 2

2015/0871 **8 Month review to 28 February 2015.** DCS, 13/4/15

The report summarised project progress for the eight months to 28 February 2015. The full report was circulated separately with the agenda.

Cr Neill moved
Cr Croot seconded

That the report be received.

Motion carried

Item 3

2015/0877 **Director’s report.** DCS, 14/4/15

The report described significant activities carried out by the Finance and Corporate sections since the last meeting of the Committee.

Mr Scott advised that nine submissions had been received to date on the LTP.

Cr Shepherd advised that he and Mr Scott had met with BNZ to discuss the SIPO (Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives), and as recommended by the auditor, would seek an independent review of Council's investments in the managed fund, which could lead to a review of the SIPO.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Woodhead seconded

- (1) *That this report be received.*
- (2) *That the payments and investments summarised in the table above and detailed in the tabled schedule totalling \$8,184,897.21 be endorsed.*

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 12.19 pm and reconvened at 12.35 pm.

PART B EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

Cr Shepherd moved
Cr Woodhead seconded

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the meeting.

The general subject of the matters to be discussed while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

	<i>General subjects to be considered</i>	<i>Reason under LGOIMA for passing this resolution</i>	<i>Grounds under S.48 for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>Item 4</i>	<i>RFT2015-1 Unit 5 - Southern Routes Tender delegated approval</i>	<i>To enable the body holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations S7(2)(i)</i>	<i>S.48(1)(a)(i)</i>

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as shown above with respect to each item.

Motion carried

Following discussion of Item 4,

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Shepherd seconded

That the meeting resume in open session.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 12.45 pm.

Chairperson

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 22 April 2015 commencing at 8.30 am

Present:

Cr Gretchen Robertson (Chairperson)
 Cr Michael Deaker (Deputy Chairperson)
 Cr Graeme Bell
 Cr Doug Brown
 Cr Louise Croot MNZM
 Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
 Cr Gary Kelliher
 Cr Trevor Kempton
 Cr Sam Neill
 Cr Bryan Scott
 Cr David Shepherd
 Cr Stephen Woodhead

In attendance:

Peter Bodeker
 Wayne Scott
 Jane Leahy
 Fraser McRae
 Gavin Palmer
 Martin King
 Dale Meredith (for Item 1)
 Sarah Valk (for Item 1)
 Ralph Henderson (for Item 1)
 Sylvie Leduc (for Item 1)
 Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

It was noted that Item 1 Notification of proposed Regional Policy Statement had been omitted from the cover page of the agenda but the report was included in the agenda. There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2015, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Deaker and Croot.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PART A - RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2015/0858 **Notification of Proposed Regional Policy Statement for Otago.** DPPRM, 14/4/15

The report presented the proposed Regional Policy Statement for Otago (RPS) and recommended public notification of the document.

Councillors congratulated staff on the timely delivery of a well presented, readable document. The process, including organisation of regional workshops and participation by ORC Councillors and TLAs, was commended. Cr Woodhead noted that the RPS was a high level policy document which gave significant policy-setting direction from a regional perspective. He considered that it “felt like Otago”.

It was noted that the document had been checked by Council’s legal counsel Alastair Logan, who had raised no concerns about the matters covered nor how they were covered. However, drafting changes were made on his recommendation.

Mr McRae commented that as part of the Triennial Agreement, ORC did not have a land plan, and the RPS explained that policy, objectives and rules related to land use were contained in district plans. In response to a question he explained that Council was required to prepare a Section 32 report to explain the decision for matters included. Mr McRae also noted that originally the RMA required that district plans not be inconsistent with the RPS. Changes to the RMA now required district plans to implement the Statement, therefore its status was now a lot stronger.

Comment was made that at the beginning of the process ‘enabling’ was seen as an overall theme but that was not now so clear. Mr McRae explained that the enabling structure of the document had not changed, and he pointed out that each of the chapters took an enabling approach.

In response to a question relating to interpretation of policy, Mr McRae explained that any court considerations would be concerned with the wording of the RPS itself, they would not normally refer to council records (eg minutes).

The Chief Executive congratulated Mr McRae and his staff on their work, and passed on positive feedback from Otago district council chief executives about the work of ORC staff. He also congratulated staff for meeting the restricted timeframe.

Cr Deaker moved
Cr Eckhoff seconded

- a) *That the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement and its accompanying Section 32 Evaluation Report be approved for notification in accordance with clause 5, Schedule 1 of the RMA.*
- b) *That Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement be publicly notified on Saturday 23 May 2015.*

Motion carried

PART B – FOR NOTING

Item 2
2015/0848 **Director's Report on Progress.** DPPRM, 2/4/15

The report gave an overview of significant activities undertaken by the Policy section.

It was noted that a discussion document on water legislation reform had been received from WaterNZ. In response to a question Cr Woodhead explained that this was a lobby group of commercial entities with an interest in commercialising wastewater and freshwater.

Cr Woodhead spoke about the Lindis Minimum Flow meeting held on 1 April. Crs Woodhead, Eckhoff, Bell and Kelliher, and staff Mr Bodeker, Mr McRae, Dr Palmer and Tom de Pelsemaecker attended, and there was a good representation of members of the public. The community raised concerns about the transition from mining privileges, and about adapting to the proposed minimum flow change from 450 l/s to 750 l/s. Mr Bodeker advised that he, Mr McRae, and Dr Palmer met with some representatives of the group the next day, along with Niall Watson, Fish and Game. The group requested an extension of time to discuss the transitional aspects of the Plan and possible changes to the distribution of water, and this request was granted but the group was advised there would be no further extensions. Mr Bodeker had also met recently with Graeme Martin, Chair of the Lindis Catchment Group Committee. Mr Bodeker had been invited to attend future meetings of the community group, and would take up this invitation.

Dunstan Ward Councillors agreed with the decision to grant the group more time to consider the proposed minimum flow, but expressed concern that they were not advised earlier of this decision.

A question was raised about the submission in opposition to the Glenorchy camping ground application. Mr McRae explained that the Council was concerned about large underground tanks being installed in an area of high water table, and the applicant needed to recognise the associated risk.

ORC's appeal on CDC's decision on their proposed Plan Change 28 was noted. Mr McRae explained that CDC was concerned that the flood hazard area covered by the Milton 2060 project was too great, and the two Councils were working together to identify high risk areas more specifically.

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Kelliher seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 9.19 am.

Chairperson

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Regulatory Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 22 April 2015 commencing at 9.20 am

Present:

- Cr Sam Neill (Chairperson)
- Cr Gerrard Eckhoff (Deputy Chairperson)
- Cr Graeme Bell
- Cr Doug Brown
- Cr Louise Croot MNZM
- Cr Michael Deaker
- Cr Gary Kelliher
- Cr Trevor Kempton
- Cr Gretchen Robertson
- Cr Bryan Scott
- Cr David Shepherd
- Cr Stephen Woodhead

In attendance:

- Peter Bodeker
- Wayne Scott
- Jane Leahy
- Fraser McRae
- Gavin Palmer
- Martin King
- Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2015, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Croot and Kempton.

Matters arising from minutes

With reference to Item 4 in the minutes, a question was raised about a policy for payment for Councillors acting as commissioners for plan change hearings. Mr Scott explained that the Remuneration Authority determined an amount for this use and how it was to be applied. For hearings under four hours, plan change hearing panel chairs were paid at the rate of \$150/hour and panel members \$100/hour; for hearings over

four hours the rate was \$200 or \$150/hour respectively. It was noted that the regional plan review meeting payments had not been enacted for the 2014/15 year. Mr Scott understood that the payment related to regional plan hearings, not plan change, minimum flow, hearings.

ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 1

2015/0826 **Biosecurity and RMA Monitoring Report. DEMO, 20/3/15**

The report detailed water, air, pest, and contaminated site environmental monitoring and incidents for the period 6 February to 20 March 2015.

The following issues were discussed further:

- Nassella tussock – Mr King advised that this related to growth at a known site which was previously under control. Control had been recently carried out, and the site would continue to be monitored.
- Water metering – Mr King advised that there were about 1,135 takes over 20l/s, including irrigation companies which had multiple takes. There were various reasons for the lack of installation of meters, including 7% who were not using their takes. He expected that there would be 100% installation in about two years. Mr King commented that the legislation did not account for the complexity of metering open channel takes. He advised that some abatement notices had been issued. Comment was made that there were varying levels of quality in measuring structures, and it was suggested that Council remind farmers to keep up maintenance of structures.
- Rabbits – Mr King advised that other strains of the RHD virus were being investigated in Australia.
- Contaminated sites – Mr King explained that Council held a contaminated sites register. He explained that to ‘clean’ a site the soil could be tested and assessed against soil criteria based on the site’s proposed use. To remediate land, application for consent had to be made. The contaminated soil could be collected, encapsulated, and managed, or a full (and costly) remediation programme put in place to destroy the contamination so the soil could be reused. Application could be made for assistance from the Remediation Management Fund. Disposal of agrichemicals and paint was discussed and it was considered that MfE should initiate another agrichemical waste collection.

Cr Kelliher moved

Cr Eckhoff seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 2
2015/0859

Consent processing, consent administration and Building Control Authority update. DPPRM, 8/4/15

The report detailed consent processing, consent administration and building control authority activity for the period 27 February to 3 April 2015.

The appointment of a one person panel to hear QLDC application RM13.215 was queried. Mr McRae explained that because changes to the proposal had resulted in all opposition to the application being withdrawn, it was considered that a one person panel would be sufficient. Two councillor commissioners were initially appointed to the panel, but one was no longer a councillor, and it was felt it was appropriate to continue with the remaining commissioner. Concern with the continuation of a one person panel was expressed.

Cr Bell moved
Cr Croot seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 3
2015/0844

RMA, Biosecurity Act and Building Act Enforcement Activities.
DPPRM, 10/4/15

The report detailed Resource Management Act 1991, Biosecurity Act 1993 and Building Act 2004 enforcement activities undertaken by the Otago Regional Council for the period 19 February to 31 March 2015.

In response to a question about the definition of a river/water course, Mr McRae advised that this was a matter of fact and was interpreted on the day. Mr Bodeker noted that MfE was considering what if any action they might take on this matter, and he would follow up with them. It was suggested that this should be a national approach.

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Deaker seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 4
2015/0867

Appointment of Plan Change Hearing Commissioners.
DPPRM, 9/4/15

The report listed hearing commissioners appointed for the period to 9 April 2015.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Deaker seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 9.49 am

Chairperson

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**Minutes of a meeting of the Technical Committee held
in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin
on Wednesday 22 April 2015 commencing at 10.06 am**

Present:

Cr Bryan Scott (Chairperson)
Cr Doug Brown (Deputy Chairperson)
Cr Graeme Bell
Cr Louise Croot MNZM
Cr Michael Deaker
Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Trevor Kempton
Cr Sam Neill
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr David Shepherd
Cr Stephen Woodhead

In attendance:

Peter Bodeker
Wayne Scott
Jeff Donaldson
Jane Leahy
Fraser McRae
Gavin Palmer
Deborah Mills (for Item 2)
Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2015, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Scott and Bell.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PART A – RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2015/0863 **Lower Waitaki River Management Strategy.** DEHS, 9/4/15

The report presented for endorsement the management approach for the Lower Waitaki River Control Scheme. The full options report dated March 2015 was circulated separately with the agenda.

Dr Palmer drew attention to the three principles for a management approach that had been adopted by both councils in 2013, and advised that the options report had been presented to the local liaison group and ratepayers recently. He noted the need to address an anomaly in the LTP relating to the provision for work in the primary buffer zones. Dr Palmer noted the eight implementation issues listed in the report. Scheme outcomes, and regular channel capacity monitoring and reporting, needed to be discussed. The true cost of mitigation work was not known because landholders carried out work themselves, and this cost needed to be identified.

Cr Brown commented that the Lower Waitaki River Scheme Liaison Committee had lacked leadership, resulting in overspending and some *ad hoc* works. He was pleased to see the report and supported the recommendations. Cr Brown noted the difficulties which had arisen from working with the two councils' different funding policies, and advised that Environment Canterbury was reviewing its policy to align more closely with ORC's.

Dr Palmer confirmed in response to a question that the process used to develop a strategy for the Waitaki River would be used as a template for establishing management strategies for other rivers.

In response to a question Dr Palmer confirmed that the effects of the dams had been quantified. The dams provided betterment in some instances by attenuating flood peaks, but could also exacerbate erosion by extending the duration of flows. This was recognised in Meridian's 40% contribution to the scheme. Dr Palmer noted Implementation point 7, which required working with DoC to ensure land they administered was used in a way that was consistent with scheme objectives.

Mr Bodeker advised that he had engaged with Environment Canterbury Chief Executive and directors, and if this paper was approved, he would engage with them again. He further commented that approval of the report would make discussions on management of the Lower Waitaki River easier.

Cr Deaker considered the model was clumsy and a localised structure should be developed along the lines of the community involvement in water short catchments. Cr Brown commented that that had been intended but the lack of strong leadership in the Liaison Group and the

two councils' different funding policies had undermined discussions. Principles needed to be established and the community involved. Mr Bodeker noted that costs were paid by the two regional councils, and desired works were always in excess of the available budget. The proposed model would allow the landowners to have some input. Landowners realised they were farming up to the water's edge and might have to take responsibility and losses.

Cr Brown moved

Cr Shepherd seconded

That:

1. *This report be received;*
2. *The management approach set out in Lower Waitaki River Control Scheme Review Options Report (March 2015) be endorsed;*
3. *Staff work with Environment Canterbury and other stakeholders to implement the proposed management approach.*

Motion carried

Cr Deaker proposed an additional recommendation requesting that the Chief Executive work with Environment Canterbury to develop a new management model for the lower Waitaki River. Cr Croot supported the additional recommendation. She also noted that clarity about the role of Environment Canterbury Commissioners and staff was needed.

Cr Deaker moved

Cr Croot seconded

4. *That the Chief Executive be requested to work with Environment Canterbury to develop a new management model for the Lower Waitaki River.*

The mover and seconder of the original motion accepted the new recommendation.

Motion carried

PART B - ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 2

2015/0810

Spatial Variability of air quality in Alexandra and Cromwell.
DEHS, 1/4/15

The report discussed spatial air quality studies completed in Alexandra and Cromwell during winter 2014, and noted that results from sampling indicated that Council's monitoring sites were located in appropriate locations.

Comment was made that the report indicated that the worst air quality was in areas of older housing, probably with older forms of heating, and it was suggested that funding be targeted on these areas.

It was suggested that studies be carried out, in both older and newer areas of the towns, to determine what was causing the poor air quality, including when woodburners were replaced, how people were using their burners, how many hours a day the burners were used, and what was being burnt. It was pointed out that information on burners installed could be obtained from district councils' consent application information.

Ms Mills commented that heating surveys were very important in determining how to target incentives and initiatives. While the air strategy would be high level, it was also important to know what was going on on the ground.

In response to a question Ms Mills explained that the monitor in Arrowtown had been relocated to the worst part of town in terms of air quality, and the move had resulted in an increase in the number of exceedances.

Mr Bodeker noted that a survey or further investigation were not budgeted for. Cr Woodhead commented that the ORC already had a lot of data and the matter could be discussed in a committee or workshop. It was suggested that Central Otago District Council and community boards be involved in future discussions.

Cr Shepherd moved

Cr Neill seconded

1. *That the results from this report be used to inform the monitoring component of any new air quality management strategy.*
2. *That this report be noted.*

Motion carried

Item 3
2015/0780

Director's Report on Progress. DEHS, 8/4/15

The report discussed the Leith Flood Protection Scheme, Shotover Delta Target Profile, and Low Flow Event.

In response to a question Dr Palmer advised that staff had been in close dialogue with the University about their planned landscape improvement to ensure there was no clash with the Council's flood protection work.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Woodhead seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 11.13 am.

Chairperson