

Summary of Submissions – 2015/25 LTP Consultation

1. Proposed Activities

NO.	SUBMISSIONS	STAFF COMMENTS
1.	<p>Physicians & Scientists for Global Responsibility (PSGR), Jean Anderson</p> <p>Council responsibility re genetic engineering Northland and Auckland councils have formed the Inter-Council Working Party (ICWP), and are placing statements in their Plans to protect their communities on releasing genetically engineered organisms into the environment.</p> <p>RMA can be used to manage such activities. PSGR encourages all council's to apply strong precautionary policies in their RPS's.</p> <p>Ask council to appoint a contact representative with whom PSGR can work more closely.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Not a role of council.</p>
2.	<p>Wenita Forest Products Ltd, David Cormack</p> <p>Revenue Policy – Water quality targeted rate Opposed to targeted rates in principle and would prefer to pay for monitoring as it occurs. Questions new science work and thinks it should be paid for from general rates.</p>	<p>Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee</p>
3.	<p>Jo McElroy, Queenstown</p> <p>QLDC Public Transport Request for QLDC public transport planning to be included in proposed activities. The cost of transport in Queenstown for local residents is too high for lower income families to afford.</p>	<p>A full network review is planned for in the first half of the 2015/16 year.</p>
4.	<p>Graeme and Jane Jeffery, Dunedin</p> <p>Resource Consenting for Dairy Farms Dairy farm activities should be consented due to the damage they are doing to our natural landscape, the amount of water that is required by dairy farms and the pollution that is going into the environment.</p>	<p>Consenting this activity will legitimate the same efforts. It is the outcome (water quality) that is important.</p>
5.	<p>Biggs Family, Queenstown</p> <p>Funding for Public Transport in Wakatipu Basin Funding/subsidising for public transport in the Wakatipu area is inadequate. Need to subsidise transport in this area.</p>	<p>The planned network review should identify these issues.</p>
6.	<p>Jim Ledgerwood, Wanaka</p> <p>Pest Management (rabbits) Spend money on eradication of rabbits instead of monitoring of them.</p>	<p>Eradication is user pays. Inspections help landholders recognise the problem.</p>

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7.	<p>Nicholas Tulloch, Dunedin</p> <p>Bus Routes Change new bus routes back to the old routes, including Lockerbie and Murray Streets. Would like cheaper bus travel with better routes.</p>	Routes were established through the RTP process which included public consultation.
8.	<p>Beatrice Lasserre, Milton</p> <p>Revenue Policy – Water quality targeted rate Improved water benefits all, so all rate payers should pay for monitoring of water quality on farms. Proposed rate nearly doubles current regional rates.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
9.	<p>Central Otago Trail Network, Mark Knox, Cromwell</p> <p>Cycle Networks in Otago region Looking at working collaboratively to develop the cycling trail networks to become a contiguous trail.</p> <p>Would like to see the Council become involved and to initially be part of any discussion groups that are forthcoming and to offer appropriate resourcing and staff as required.</p>	<p>Cycling is supported in the RTP.</p> <p>Decline request, but happy to provide hazard and pest control information etc.</p>
10.	<p>Jared Oliver, Dunedin</p> <p>Biodiversity Wants more work and money spent on biodiversity. Look at how to halt and reverse the trend of plant and animal species diminishing. \$500,000 annual spend not enough.</p>	Doing a biodiversity strategy first, that will inform future works and budgets.
10 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy – compliance monitoring Increase to 100% for performance monitoring and audits, make it a ‘user pays’ system.</p>	Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
10 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy – water quality rate Revenue Policy - dairy rate Fully supports.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 and 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
11.	<p>Eric Van der Spek, Oamaru</p> <p>Revenue Policy – compliance monitoring Supports the proposed charges. The people that benefit from the activity should be the ones that pay for the monitoring.</p>	Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
11 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy – water quality rate Supports the targeted rate. Science work is required to establish impacts on the environment. It should be funded by those that benefit from the consents.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee

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11 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy – dairy rate Supports the targeted rate. It should be funded from those the benefit from the consents.</p>	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
12.	<p>Dunbar Estates Ltd, Jennifer Dunbar, Cromwell</p> <p>Revenue Policy – water quality rate Should not be charged any extra for water quality are on flat land running a vineyard, with no run off into rivers etc. Have no animals on land except for occasional sheep grazing.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
13.	<p>Logan Wallace, Gore</p> <p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate Have consultation with farmer water users groups to ensure not doing research in same area. Allocate a proportion of the target rates to the catchment it is collected from. Current and new monitoring data to be made readily and easily available.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
14.	<p>Colin Harvey</p> <p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate Oppose the proposal. Additional science and monitoring will not benefit farmers. Already large areas of land are in riparian stripes to protect water quality.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
15.	<p>David Smith, Dunedin</p> <p>Various Supports LTP issues, particularly water quality. End establishment of dairy farms in drylands environments and the increased use of sheds for dairy cattle management.</p> <p>Biodiversity strategy to include marine research.</p>	Effects based approach used. No control over establishment of dairy farms. Noted.
16.	<p>Sam Graham, Cromwell</p> <p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate Opposes water quality rate when property is residential. Has no activity to put water quality at risk and property does not fit into any of the 9 rural activities given.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
17.	<p>Jon Mitchell, Queenstown</p> <p>Emergency Management Reviews of CDEM in Otago have identified significant shortcomings of emergency management in the region. Funding of \$400,000 provided for is inadequate and should be increased up to \$1,000,000. ORC to partner with the Otago CDEM group and be more involved with the QLDC proposal for an Emergency Management Centre to be established in Frankton.</p>	The emergency management funding provided in the LTP includes provision for an additional staff resource.

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18.	<p>Rob Adair, Dunedin</p> <p>Rates Stadium levy should be stopped and adopt a 'user pays' approach. UAGG breakdown needed in LTP. All areas rates (general/UAGG) should be the same.</p>	There is no stadium levy or rate.
19.	<p>McGuiness Institute, Wendy McGuiness</p> <p>Standard submission to all councils – providing information on 5 projects undertaken by the institute.</p> <p>LocalNZ workshop Workshop was held with 35 young people from throughout NZ. 10 recommendations came from workshop on regional goals. Booklets of this information have been provided with the submission.</p>	Thank you for information.
20	<p>Stephen Crawford, Balclutha</p> <p>Revenue Policy - compliance monitoring Opposed. Farmers are 100% responsible for farm infrastructure costs (re effluent etc.) but there is a large public good associated with monitoring of farm systems.</p>	Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
20 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate Opposed. The flow on effect from Otago rural income (export earnings) spreads through the region, therefore a public approach should be used in setting a rate.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
20 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate Opposed. Is a sloppy and inappropriate system to manage risk. Consider the infrastructures and practices in place on farms and draw up a targeted monitoring system based on that.</p>	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
21.	<p>University of Otago, Barry Mackay, Dunedin</p> <p>Transport Strongly supports the proposed ticketing improvements. Introduce day and week passes and free transfers (keeping in line with other main cities). Supports the bus hub proposal and associated route changes.</p>	Support noted. The new ticketing system will provide the ability to consider fare products.
21 cont.	<p>Infrastructure Strategy - Leith Flood Works The strategy sets out detailed funding totalling \$12,284,000 over five years, but University is unaware of the detail of the next stages of the flood works. Wants ORC to liaise on the proposed works.</p>	ORC is liaising with the University on an ongoing basis. This liaison will continue.

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22.	<p>Brighton Surf Life Saving Club, Scott Weatherall, Dunedin</p> <p>Funding Request The surf lifesaving club has raised \$497,000 to build a community facility. It has fallen short of funding to complete the project in full. Ask ORC to fund \$5,000 for each of the next two years, (\$10,000 in total) to help meet these costs.</p>	ORC funding of such initiatives not supported.
23.	<p>River-Estuary Care Waikouaiti-Karitane, Patricia Vanderburg, Karitane</p> <p>Biodiversity Supports the project. Spent more on it. Increase support to community groups with specific focal points, e.g., coastal ecosystems with potential to mitigate natural hazards and land based practices that have negative effects on waterways.</p>	Doing a biodiversity strategy first, that will inform future works and budgets.
24.	<p>Alan Mark, Dunedin</p> <p>Wilding Conifers Request for the ORC to maintain or increase its involvement in the control of Wilding trees.</p>	Request noted.
24 cont.	<p>Snow Tussock</p> <p>Council to increase auditing current burning practices for snow tussock to ensure a full recovery. Burning at intervals of at least 15 – 20 years is essential.</p> <p>LTP should recognise snow tussock grasslands on the uplands to maximise water production for lowlands.</p>	Will check to see where auditing is at.
25.	<p>Lower Waitaki Liaison Committee, Gert Van't Klooster, Waimate</p> <p>The Lower Waitaki River Control Scheme - river management approach Opposes the proposed \$150,000 reduction in ECAN's works programme but supports a \$70,000 reduction instead, to enable heavy protection works to continue. Heavy bank protection is vital to ensure the scheme doesn't deteriorate further.</p>	<p>Refer Report 2015/0863 (9 April 15) presented to the Technical Committee and the resolution made by that committee.</p> <p>(Note that the heavy protection works referred to are not the channel realignment works referred to in Submission 67.)</p>
26.	<p>J Beattie, Waikouaiti</p> <p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate Capital infrastructure has no bearing on water quality and if it does the ORC has already rated for this. The rate should be based on land value. This would not penalise small properties with excellent infrastructure as capital value does.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee

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27.	<p>Wakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group, Peter Willsman or Grant Hensman, Queenstown</p> <p>Wilding Conifers – funding request A wilding tree review and stocktake has been done by Nick Ledgard in October 2014, on behalf of the Otago Wilding Trust. The report is available to the ORC.</p> <p>ORC to contribute \$100,000 per annum towards wilding containment and eradication over the next ten years.</p> <p>Wants more enforcement put on landowners. Would like a council or staff representative to continue on the committee.</p> <p>Wants other spreading species to be included in the RPMS.</p>	<p>ORC is working with the Central Government Task Group and is now awaiting the outcome of a funding proposal before completing a regional plan. Funding request declined.</p> <p>Enforcement is continuing with contorta.</p> <p>ORC is in planning stage of a review of the pest plan with boundary councils.</p>
28. 29 30 31	<p>E Buckingham, Dunedin Ann Cronin, Dunedin Neil Peacock, Dunedin Donna Peacock, Dunedin</p> <p>Transport Request for all community services cardholders to receive a bus travel discount.</p>	<p>All bus users receive a 10% discount if they use a GoCard. The new ticketing system increases that discount to 25%. Passengers with Supergold, or students, receive 25% discount now. Community services card not necessarily the best indicator of need.</p>
32.	<p>Hamish Anderson, Stirling</p> <p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate Opposed. Scheduling the number of annual visits based on the sensitivity of the receiving environment is a flawed model. It takes no account of historical data built up for each farm.</p>	<p>Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.</p>
33. 34 35 36 37 38	<p>Lynley Workman, Waikouaiti Sheryl Marshall, Dunedin Nathan Millar, Dunedin Duncan Eddy, Dunedin Allana Morrison, Dunedin Steven Gray, Dunedin</p> <p>Transport Request for all community services cardholders to receive a bus travel discount.</p>	<p>Refer submission 28.</p>
39.	<p>Malcam Charitable Trust, Andrew Kilsby, Dunedin</p> <p>Funding and in kind request The Trust runs a training program (Farmhand) aimed at work and training (youth development) opportunities within the primary industries sector. Request for in kind support with the Science and Community Liaison Team, and for students to join in with current ORC projects. Request funding of \$20,000 each year to contribute to the salary of the programme manager.</p>	<p>Assistance can be given through staff expertise, happy to contribute in kind support.</p> <p>Request for funding declined.</p>

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40.	<p>Liz Angelo, Dunedin</p> <p>Various topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ORC to instigate a Smoke Free Otago, no fossil fuels to be burnt. • Transfer buses and public transport to local councils. • Reduce our rates to an increase of 3-4% instead of 5.2%. 	Comments noted.
40 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate</p> <p>New projects for water quality on rivers and lakes should be paid for by farmers, as their farming has caused the problem.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
40 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate</p> <p>Dairy farm monitoring should be paid for by dairy farmers, not ratepayers.</p>	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
41.	<p>Friends of Lake Hayes Society</p> <p>Funding request</p> <p>Requests a grant of \$37,650 to co-fund the purchase of a monitoring buoy to continuously monitor water quality data in Lake Hayes, and the provision of logistical support for 3 years.</p> <p>Continuous monitoring of the trophic state of the lake is a critical first step re the behaviour of the algae which drives water quality.</p>	Request for funding declined.
42.	<p>David Taylor, Christchurch</p> <p>Transport</p> <p>Request for all community services cardholders to receive a bus travel discount.</p>	Refer to submission 28.
43.	<p>Colin Scurr, Dunedin</p> <p>Lower Taieri Flood, East and West Taieri drainage schemes</p> <p>Proposed rates rise for the schemes follows massive increases over last 3 years. Time for an independent assessment of how cost efficient these schemes are operated.</p> <p>Upper / Lower Pond Link Spillway</p> <p>Proposal to spend \$4.5 million during 2020/23 should be excluded from the LTP. The Lower Taieri scheme was designed to protect against a 1980 size flood and it does, it meets design standards.</p> <p>Lower Taieri scheme rates have more than doubled in recent years, and costs are now prohibitive.</p> <p>Before any work is undertaken, council needs to communicate with affected ratepayers.</p>	As explained at the Taieri (Mosgiel) LTP meeting on 23 April, ORC will continue to communicate with affected ratepayers.

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44	<p>Carolyn Smith, Dunedin</p> <p>Revenue Policy - compliance monitoring Revenue Policy - water quality rate Revenue Policy - dairy rate Agree with proposals.</p>	<p>Refer to Section 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee</p>
45.	<p>Dunedin Environmental Centre, Hendrik Koch, Dunedin</p> <p>Biodiversity - wetlands & estuary Supportive of increased funding for biodiversity. Kaikorai Stream is often overwhelmed with peak storm water flow. Time to dig up pipes and increase stream capacity.</p>	<p>This is a DCC issue.</p>
45 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate Support the monitoring strategy and targeted rates. Crucial that ORC allocates fund to prosecute breaches.</p>	<p>Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.</p>
46.	<p>Geoff Crutchley, Puketoi Farming Company Ltd, Ranfurly</p> <p>Revenue Policy - compliance monitoring In loading all costs onto farmers, the ORC has an obligation to ensure that this service is delivered in an efficient and appropriate manner.</p>	<p>Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.</p>
46 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate The 'vision' that ORC will be able to monitor a 'traffic light' system to alert them to breaches by a telemetered system is flawed. The most cost effective way to monitor is through harnessing the good will and energy of catchment groups and the wider community. The rate is poorly targeted.</p>	<p>Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee</p>
46 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate Costs of inspections are already borne by farmers found to be non-compliant.</p>	<p>Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.</p>
47. 48	<p>Val Smith, Dunedin Michaela Hunter, Dunedin</p> <p>Transport Give all Community Services Card holders a bus travel discount.</p>	<p>Refer to submission 28.</p>
49.	<p>Gaynor Propsting, Dunedin</p> <p>Transport Free bus travel around Dunedin for those over 50.</p>	<p>Proposal not supported.</p>
50.	<p>Alethea Shackleton, Dunedin</p> <p>Transport Discount for community service card holders please.</p>	<p>Refer to submission 28</p>

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51.	<p>McKeague Consultancy Ltd, Susie McKeague, Dunedin</p> <p>Plan Change 1C Transition to 2021 is a crucial time for community water management. ORC's commitment has diminished. Does not appear to be any budget or projects targeting this need? Also need completion of the river minimum flows.</p>	Minimum flows to be completed – included in LTP.
51 cont.	<p>Yellow Eyed Penguin Why is ORC supporting this project when there are special Otago species that are much more at risk of extinction?</p>	Noted.
51 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - compliance monitoring ORC should establish an efficient and professional system that is open and accountable. Consent holders who are compliant should have a longer time frame before revisits.</p>	Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
51 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate Land owners are responsible for checking that off farm discharges to meet schedule 16. No reason why their monitoring data would be telemetered to the ORC.</p> <p>ORC responsible for checking Schedule 15 sites re SOE monitoring. Investing in telemetered water quality site research is nonsense.</p> <p>Environment Court mediation included strong focus on education and working alongside farmers and community groups. Commitment to this is not evident in the LTP. Skilled ORC staff need to be members of community groups to understand the issues. .</p>	<p>ORC concerned about compliance with Schedule 16 – not how compliance is achieved.</p> <p>This is not science, but indicator technology only, a farmer tool.</p> <p>Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee</p>
51 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate Farmers have paid for inspections for years. This is not new. Why has it changed? Regularity of visit should be based on the risk profile of the farming operation.</p>	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
52.	<p>Lynne Stewart, Clyde</p> <p>Sustainability River water quality and quantity information must be publicly notified, regular and easily accessed.</p> <p>Natural biodiversity must be monitored. Funding to undertake environmental restoration programmes and wilding conifer.</p> <p>Health and environment are severely affected by dairy farm run off. All waterways to be fenced off and riparian strips planted.</p>	Comments noted.
52 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - compliance monitoring Supports changes to charging.</p>	Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.

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52 cont.	Revenue Policy - dairy rate As well as the proposed visits and monitoring, we need monitoring after periods of rainfall.	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
53.	Jacinta Hogh, Dunedin Transport Give all community service card holders a bus travel discount.	Refer to submission 28.
54.	Peter and Margaret Hore, Wedderburn Plan Change 1C Communities need to be assured of council's intent to manage the rivers in a fair and equitable manner, as if it is 2022.	Comments noted.
54 cont.	Glass Earth Was a collaborative initiative of the ORC. Told repeatedly that the information would be accessible...how?	Staff will contact the submitter and discuss the type of information sought and how it can be accessed/provided.
54 cont.	Water Quality ORC staff to be members of community groups to understand issues and add value to conversations and solutions. Investing in telemetered water quality site research for farmers is a concern.	Education is a role of council field staff. This is not science, but indicator technology only, a farmer tool.
54 cont.	Revenue Policy - compliance monitoring The ORC needs an efficient professional system for monitoring and auditing that is open and accountable.	Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
55. 56 57	Jacqueline Lang, Dunedin Glenda Wallace, Dunedin Allison Maplesden, Auckland Transport Low income residents should get discounted bus fares.	Refer to submission 28.
58.	Clutha Development, Hamish Anderson, Balclutha Plan Change 6A – Funding Request Supports view that whilst information may be provided by the ORC, landholders should be encouraged to get their own advice and utilise expertise around them. The Clutha District Water Catchments Quality Management Project is all about this. Project will form catchment groups, a team, hold meetings and field days, water test farm discharges, and one on one visits. Funding for project secured for next three years is \$251,530. Seeking \$15,000 annually from ORC which would be value for money, objectives met, and neutrality.	This is a positive local initiative taking responsibility for future actions. Offer in kind work with this group, but decline funding request.

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59.	<p>Murray Soal, Hillcrest, Dunedin</p> <p>Consultation Not a consultation document but a statement of intent. Some activities overlaid by TA's.</p>	Noted.
59 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - compliance monitoring User pays 50%. RMA invests land use control in DCC - rate them.</p>	Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
59 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate Rating has no correlation to capital value. Management of land use – by consent only. If a rate, rate controller of land use.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
60.	<p>John Douglas, Alexandra</p> <p>Biodiversity Difficult to promoting biodiversity while facilitating community led investigations into water storage and irrigation.</p> <p>All wilding trees are a growing problem, not just contorta. This pine is rare in Central Otago. \$0.5 million could be doubled for Biodiversity Strategy. A study of lichens as a bio-indicator should be included.</p>	<p>Being considered as part of pest plan review.</p> <p>Strategy sets context for work. Once work known, budget can be incorporated into future annual plans.</p>
60 cont.	<p>Study Both the Nevis Valley and Upper Manuherikia valley above Falls Dam need to be fully investigated.</p>	Noted.
60 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - compliance monitoring Support. The consent holder should be paying the proposed charge as they are the ones who benefit.</p>	Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
60 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate Support. Water quality is affected by all types of land activities, e.g. rural dairy, mineral extraction.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
60 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy – Support. A fair way of monitoring dairy farming by having the three rating classes.</p>	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
61	<p>Mervyn Mitchell, Cromwell</p> <p>Rates Proposed increase is another tax. Costs should be lowered by half. People's lives come first.</p>	Comments noted.
61 cont.	<p>Air quality Is not an issue. Only a few days a year when inversion layers holds the smoke down. About time stood up to government and national standards and get some common sense.</p>	Strategy planned to address clean air and warm homes.

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62.	<p>Alan Henderson, Clinton</p> <p>Water Quality Ratepayers should not pay to educate advisors, then farmers have to pay to get advice from them. \$813,000 is increasing cost to farmers and could be more wisely spent.</p> <p>Poor attitude of ORC to state that not in best position to offer farm management to affected landowners (Waterlines Autumn 2015). ORC has great opportunity to lead from the front.</p>	<p>Refer to strategy for plan change 6A. ORC emphasis on measuring discharge quality, not advising on land use change.</p>
63.	<p>Maria Lucas, Dunedin</p> <p>Transport Give all community service card holders a bus travel discount.</p>	<p>Refer to submission 28</p>
64.	<p>Mike Lord, Dunedin</p> <p>Lower Taieri flood and drainage schemes Projected ongoing costs are becoming unaffordable. In 2001 rates were \$7,500, this year over \$24,000. ORC rates calculator estimates \$3,500 more, increasing by 65% in the next 5 years.</p> <p>General rate contribution is for airport. What would it cost Dunedin if we had another 1980 type flood and the airport was closed again? What would they be prepared to pay to ensure this does not happen?</p>	<p>Rate increases to be capped for 2015/16.</p> <p>Review of public/private good to be undertaken in 2015/16 year.</p>
64 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - compliance monitoring Remain at 50%, standards are set by the community so they should bear the cost of their standards.</p>	<p>Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.</p>
64 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate This is over the top and should be funded by general rate as well.</p>	<p>Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee</p>
64 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate The long term dairy area on the Taieri does not have the problems of West Otago or Central Otago. Down for three visits per year - how can the Taieri be in this category?</p>	<p>Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.</p>
65.	<p>OSPRI, Stu Hutchings</p> <p>TbFree Understand ORC has proposed contributing \$150,000 to the TB programme. Agree there are good grounds for ORC to fund the programme for another year. ORC's contribution will go towards a regional programme costing around \$7 million. Will be a fair to all funders.</p> <p>Request the funding to remain in the LTP for the 2015/16 year.</p>	<p>Submitters support noted.</p>

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66	<p>Chamber of Commerce, Dougal McGowan</p> <p>Water quality and quantity While increasing the number of dairy farm visits to ensure compliance, some will need different timeframes of review.</p> <p>Support investing in the development of technologies re real time water quality testing, and developing plan changes re urban water discharges and other infrastructure elements.</p> <p>Protection of natural resources must still enable people and communities to provide for their economic wellbeing, can't make business uneconomic.</p> <p>Need more investment in R & D to understand impacts of activities on water, and the impacts of changes in rules and regulations on the viability of businesses, before implemented.</p>	<p>Always reviewing inspection regime.</p> <p>Comments noted.</p>
66 cont.	<p>Land Protection See cross sector approach applied to methodologies for pest control and a reference group established to ensure pest control is monitored against best practice.</p> <p>Flood control and risk management around rising sea levels, climate change are made a high priority. Essential a 30 year plan be developed.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>
66 cont.	<p>Biodiversity Supports plans and actions in this area.</p>	<p>Thank you.</p>
66 cont.	<p>Air Quality Larger proportion of funds to go to the Cosy Homes Trust to improve insulation and energy efficiency of the housing stock.</p>	<p>In kind support being given.</p>
66 cont.	<p>Transport Though agreed to in the RPTP, there is a growing concern as to the cost of such service and facilities leading to increases in spending and rates from councils, and compliance issues.</p>	<p>Regional Public Transport Plan only recently adopted. The agreed enhancements involve expenditure.</p>
67	<p>Meridian Energy, Andrew Feierabend, Christchurch</p> <p>Lower Waitaki River Meridian largely supports proposal by ECan and ORC to change the level of service, and total level of expenditure of \$314,000.</p> <p>Supports proposal that levels of service return to the objective of managing the active river bed to pass flood flows.</p> <p>Amend proposal to include greater channel management activities within the fairway. Support increasing the channel realignment works budget to \$70,000</p>	<p>Refer Report 2015/0863 (9 April 15) presented to the Technical Committee and the resolution made by that committee.</p> <p>Note that the channel realignment works referred to in this submission are not the heavy protection works referred to in submission 25.</p>

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68	<p>Mike Elliot, Balclutha</p> <p>General comment Proposals inadequately backed up with proper discussion and background information, lacks clarity of options considered. Disappointed in direction and attitude to ratepayers. Implication council is only regulator without having a suitable relationship with stakeholders.</p>	Comments noted. Education is still a priority and is included in the LTP.
68 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - compliance monitoring There is no reason why this should not continue to be funded as 50% each fees and charges and general rates.</p>	Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
68 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate Opposed to proposed targeted rate. Monitoring and science work should be considered as 'public good' and funded through the general rate.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
68 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate The rating categories do not recognise or incentivise good management practice, infrastructure or a history of compliance.</p>	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
69	<p>SJ Korteweg & Co Ltd, Stephen Korteweg, Balclutha</p> <p>Lower Clutha Flood & Drainage Scheme Lower Clutha is facing a 30 – 40% rate increase this year. ORC explanation on this increase is a notification, not consultation. ORC to consult with affected rate payers and committees directly affected by huge rate increases before commencing so called infrastructure maintenance and upgrades.</p>	Consultation with affected ratepayers and communities will continue.
69 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - compliance monitoring As per Federated Farmers submission (refer 98).</p>	Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
69 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate Opposed. Little information on what the rate is to be used for and how figures derived. ORC to consider the significant costs for rural resource users.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
69 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate Targeting dairy farmers regardless of effects. ORC should continue with status quo to incentivise good environment management practices.</p>	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
70	<p>Desi Liversage, Dunedin</p> <p>Transport Give all community service card holders a bus travel discount. Would like to see small buses or vans phased in for low usage areas and times.</p>	Refer to submission 28. Use of smaller buses at non-peak times not necessarily economic.

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71	<p>Stewart Morrison, Balclutha</p> <p>Proposed Activities Fully support the Federated Farmers submission (refer 98).</p>	Noted.
71 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - compliance monitoring Revenue Policy - water quality rate Revenue Policy - dairy rate Supports the Federated Farmers submission.</p>	Noted.
72	<p>Mosgiel Taieri Community Board, Bill Feather</p> <p>Land Protection Board is concerned that the responsibility for drain maintenance is not fully understood by landowners with drains on their properties. Ask that ORC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informs landowners of need for drains to be maintained • Ensures that maintenance is undertaken • Is adequately resourced to complete maintenance and enforcement. 	Concerns noted.
72 cont.	<p>Central Otago Rail Trails Supports the Central Otago Rail Trail submission (refer 9). Having ORC as part of governing structure would be important to success in linking regional cycle trails.</p>	Decline request.
73	<p>Kay Murray, Dunedin</p> <p>Transport Give all community service card holders a bus travel discount.</p>	Refer submission 28.
74	<p>Geraldine Tait, Dunedin</p> <p>Transport Over 65's can use buses for free, but others on limited incomes are restricted by the cost of bus fares. The level of fares for children is too high. Should be higher level of concession for children travelling to and from school.</p>	Supergold 'free' travel only at non-peak times. The introduction of the proposed fare structure when the new ticketing platform is implemented will reduce a student fare from Waitati by 30% cash and 45% GoCard.
75	<p>Ad Bekkers, Dunedin</p> <p>Lower Taieri Flood and Drainage Very substantial rate increase. Would like to see improved consultation with affected ratepayers. Are all operating expenses and improvements justified and/or asked for?</p> <p>Promise made that no changes would be made without an economic assessment. Has this been done?</p>	Agree economic assessment will be done.
75 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - compliance monitoring What are you suggesting?</p>	Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.

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75 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate Very little detail, and lack of communication. Working together looks far easier. We are still not working on a way forward.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
75 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate Target rates on effectiveness. Rates do not incentivise good management practice etc. .</p>	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
76	<p>Paterson Farms, Shane Bocock, South Otago</p> <p>Revenue Policy - compliance monitoring General public benefit is the prime reason for monitoring and costs should be evenly shared.</p>	Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
76 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate Request the targeted rate not be introduced. Farmers already pay a higher proportion of rates than other land users and they are not the only ones who contribute to water quality issues.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
76 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy – dairy rate Targeted rate to be deferred. Three visits per year, regardless of performance, is unnecessary. Most farmers spend thousands of dollars on improvements to management systems.</p>	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
77	<p>Wakatipu Reforestation Trust, Barbara & Neil Simpson, Queenstown</p> <p>Biodiversity Strategy to be written and implemented within the first year then reviewed and refined several times. By end of 10 years, have increased substantially the levels of biodiversity in Otago.</p> <p>Two tier approach required, first through pest control and removal/control of invasive plants and animals, and second tier through re-vegetation and re-establishment of species.</p> <p>Should focus on collating all available information on Otago’s ecology. Ensure cost effective financing to sustain community groups supporting biodiversity.</p>	In kind assistance given now with best practice guidelines, trap loans etc.
78	<p>Jolyon Manning, Alexandra</p> <p>General comments Economic, social and cultural assessments are superficially addressed. Important challenges for Otago for the next 10 years include economic centralisation moves being put in place by Auckland and Christchurch, and increasing dominance in growth of Queenstown Lakes/Central Otago districts</p> <p>Soil monitoring should rank with ORC policies on water and air.</p>	Comments noted.

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79	<p>Lyndon Strang, Oamaru</p> <p>Working Together Ask council to commit to engaging better with industry stakeholders and farmers to ensure a more constructive approach to water plan processes.</p>	Staff have not been withdrawn.
79 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate Opposed. ORC should fund this 'public good' through the general rate.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
79 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate Opposed. The rating classes applied do not recognise or incentive 'good' environmental management practices or investment in infrastructure, farming systems or mitigation.</p>	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
80	<p>Suzie Bearman, Milton</p> <p>Rules Concerned with lack of responsibility to interpret rules ORC has to enforce, and lack of certainty from staff to make an informed decision.</p>	Concerns noted.
81	<p>Brendon Bearman, Milton A key action in plan is for "landholders to become compliant with the rules by working with key stakeholders, who will educate landholders". ORC is responsible for implementing education.</p>	Education still a key focus in the LTP.
81 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate Doesn't recognise farmers with good management systems. No incentive for others to do better.</p>	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
82	<p>Green Party Dunedin Branch, Alexander Kirk</p> <p>Transport Ask that a 25% discount on bus travel be given to all community service card holders.</p>	Refer to submission 28.
83	<p>Glenwrae Farm, Wayne Black, Clinton</p> <p>Consultation Should have had a full un audited discussion document debated during this process.</p>	Noted.
83 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate As both dairy rate and water rate relate to protecting waterways, one form of monitoring should confirm the other so no need for both. Compliance monitoring only needs to be done once annually - if that.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee

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83 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate Fixed rate payable per property – does this mean one farm one rate, or one rate per title?</p>	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
84	<p>Maniototo Irrigation Co Ltd (MIC), Geoff Crutchley, Ranfurly</p> <p>Water Dismayed at change in direction by ORC, away from close partnership with catchment groups in favour of a more hands off enforcement role.</p> <p>By placing faith in extravagant science research at the expense of strong community linkages, ORC making same mistake as critics of the plan.</p> <p>ORC should not drive 6A through compliance, should harness community support. Community liaison should be a prominent element of the LTP.</p>	Research involves indicator technology, a farmer tool.
84 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate Schedule 16 sites should be monitored by landowners. Data should be available on request, it should not be routinely telemetered or processed.</p> <p>Section 15 (SOE) sites should be monitored as they currently are with no extra cost liability to farmers.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
85	<p>Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group</p> <p>Biodiversity Note action of undertaking research on new tools and control methodologies for pests, and collaborating on a new South Island pest strategy. Publicise the research results, and ensure communication networks for developing strategies are broad.</p> <p>Control and/or eradication of animal and plant pests are crucial in managing areas of significant biodiversity.</p>	Comments noted.
86	<p>Bruce Lambie, Dunedin</p> <p>Water Strongly support all rivers having suitable minimum flows. Lindis should never be allowed to run dry as it does at present.</p>	Noted.
86 cont.	<p>Land Protection Wilding pines, particularly in the tussock grasslands need to be addressed. The grasslands are iconic and need to be preserved.</p>	Noted.
86 cont.	<p>Wetlands Vital to healthy rivers. Need to be monitored and enhanced, not drained as have been in many areas of Otago.</p>	Noted.

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86 cont.	<p>Air quality No mention of farmers “burning off” in the spring. Should be banned, or at minimum, very closely monitored and regulated.</p>	Monitoring does occur and is enforced when non-compliant.
86 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - compliance monitoring User should pay the majority of the cost.</p>	Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
86 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate Strongly agree with policy. High water quality and flow on all rivers is essential.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
86 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate Strongly agree with policy. This is a good policy and vital to maintain healthy rivers.</p>	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
87	<p>David Balchin, Clinton</p> <p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate Water quality charges should not be set by capital value. All Otago people should pay for the monitoring and science work.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
87 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy – Live in a high environment area and visited once a year why should I be charged for 3 visits a year if no-one calls?</p>	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
88	<p>George Scurr & Co., Alan Scurr, Dunedin</p> <p>Lower Taieri flood scheme Concerned about cost of flood proofing, and proposal to spend \$4.5 million over next 5-10 years on spillways and relocation of the flood banks. Currently get protection for 100 year flood.</p> <p>Can insure against floods, and premium is more cost effective than ongoing increases in rates. Increase in rates is lowering land values and making it less economic to farm in the area.</p> <p>Cost benefit analysis should be looked at.</p>	Independent economic assessment will be undertaken.
89	<p>JCF Rowley, Roxburgh</p> <p>Information It is not only moral responsibility but legal responsibility to keep affected ratepayers educated and conversant with plans, policies and rules.</p>	Education is provided for in our LTP.
89 cont.	<p>Waterways Page 5 – agree with last paragraph, but remove “that fit within our regulatory framework”. Use elected councillors to make decisions on policy.</p>	Noted.

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89 cont.	<p>Pests</p> <p>When RDH was introduced was advised there were 14 strains of virus. ORC and Federated Farmers to request funding for research from Parliament.</p>	Research is continuing, based out of Lincoln and supported by Australia.
89 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - compliance monitoring</p> <p>Supports changing the charges to 75/25 for the monitoring but would like the audits to be 100% paid for by the ORC.</p>	Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
89 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate</p> <p>This policy should apply to all landowners/occupiers over two hectares.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
90	<p>TBfree, Ross Wilson</p> <p>TBfree contribution</p> <p>Support continuation of the contribution from ORC towards the TB vector programme.</p>	Support noted.
91	<p>Mount Cook Moving and Storage Ltd, Peter Grant, Oamaru</p> <p>Water Quality</p> <p>Concerned new dairy conversions do not have to immediately meet nitrate leaching limits. Allowing a new entrant to farm at level that will not meet standards is step backwards.</p> <p>ORC study on Awamoko and Waiareka Creeks highlight problem with NNN and e-coli levels. Need to identify rogue operators.</p> <p>Consideration must be given to reality of Stage 2 of the Downlands Irrigation scheme.</p> <p>Strongly object to the South Branch of the Waianakaru River not having a separate minimum flow requirement before it reaches the confluence of the North Branch.</p> <p>Review status of the Waitaki River. Introduce monitoring programme, to measure volume of nutrients flowing out to sea.</p> <p>Consider reviewing status of the Crown lands that border the Lower Waitaki River. There have been problems with overzealous farmers stripping back vegetation too far and causing extensive erosion on the river's edge.</p>	<p>Staff to look into this.</p> <p>Staff will be raising this issue with Department of Conservation / LINZ.</p>
91 cont.	<p>Permitted activity</p> <p>Review status of farming as a permitted activity. Currently siting of a dairy shed is at the discretion of the farmer concerned, but consideration needed re locating dairy sheds at higher elevations on farms and as far back from the river flats as is practical. Consider consent requirements relating to effluent pond construction.</p>	Effects based approach adopted by ORC, rather than consenting regime.

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91 cont.	Revenue Policy - compliance monitoring Revenue Policy - water quality rate Revenue Policy - dairy rate Agrees with all proposals	Noted.
92	Waipori Holdings Ltd Partnership (WLP), Ray Parker Consultation document Concerned document does not meet requirements of the LGA, as does not have necessary detailed background information, adequate assessment of who benefits from proposed changes, or sufficient discussion of other options considered.	Document audited against LGA requirements.
92 cont.	Rate increases Have had burdensome rate increases since 2006. Increase from 2006 to 2016 is 400% rising from \$11,110 in 2006 to \$54,954 in 2016. The Lower Taieri flood protection rates go from \$613k in 2015 to \$1 million by 2025, a further 65% increase. These are unsustainable.	See comments below.
92 cont.	Flood Protection ORC to review the funding policy for the Lower Taieri schemes, to incorporate the current direct benefit area, an additional rating area for Dunedin city and a greater contribution from the general rate for the benefit of these schemes to the region.	Targeted rate increase capped. Review of private / public good to be undertaken, and independent economic analysis.
92 cont.	Financial Information Would like further information to explain the considerable targeted river management rate increases. Should make significantly greater use of the UAGC.	Information can be provided. Noted.
92 cont.	Revenue Policy - compliance monitoring ORC to keep its existing policy with the significant portion paid through general rates given the greater good to the public.	Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
92 cont.	Revenue Policy - water quality rate ORC should continue to fund this 'public good' monitoring and science work through the general rate.	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
92 cont.	Revenue Policy - dairy rate Opposed to introduction of targeted rate. The rating classes do not recognise or incentivise 'good' environmental management practices or investment in infrastructure, farming systems or mitigation of individual farmers.	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
93	Tara Meredith, Dunedin Transport ORC to consider the safety of passengers by monitoring bus driver competency. Have been in many buses where the bus driver has been angry, rude and drove dangerously etc.	Any complaints lodged are treated seriously by the operators and the council.

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94	<p>Upper Clutha Conservation Taskforce, Megan Williams, Wanaka</p> <p>Biodiversity ORC to support, encourage and enable communities working on biodiversity by providing technical advice, facilitating with individual communities, giving administrative support, and forums and meetings. Would like to see a contestable biodiversity fund.</p> <p>Wilding “pines” should be replaced with wilding “trees”, and flag future threat of Douglas fir.</p>	Comments noted.
95	<p>Otago Peninsula Community Board, Christine Garey</p> <p>Transport</p> <p>Bus stops - Re the Portobello/Harrington Rd road safety improvement project, concerned at loss of bus stop platforms as the road is widened.</p> <p>Fares Changes - proposed decreases in bus fares further away from the city are welcomed.</p> <p>Concessions - Submit that ORC should investigate options to incentivise the use of the buses by school students through further concessions.</p> <p>Cycles on buses –Submit that buses need to be able to accommodate cycles inside or on a rack outside.</p> <p>Wi-Fi on buses - ORC should investigate the possibility of having Wi-Fi on the buses.</p>	<p>A full bus stop review is planned over the next few months.</p> <p>Support noted.</p> <p>Agreed changes as set out in the RPTP will be rolled out in accordance with the agreed timetable.</p> <p>Cycle racks will be compulsory with the new contracts scheduled for 1 January 2016 implementation. Recommend adding an investigation into Wi-Fi to the first three year programme.</p>
95 cont.	<p>Te Rauone Beach Rock Breakwater Submit that ORC continues its ongoing support of this project.</p>	Noted.
95 cont.	<p>Coastguard Building project Stage 3 of the Portobello Jetty project will result in improved response time for the Coastguard vessel, and improved access to the harbour. Submit that this project is worthy of ORC support, e.g., facilitation through the consent process.</p>	Noted.
95 cont.	<p>Boat Sheds and Moorings - consents Submit that resource consent fees for such occupations, including ramps and moorings, should be standardised as effects have not changed. Staff skilled in maritime matters would also be an asset.</p>	Investigate the possibility.
95 cont.	<p>Harbour Master There is no dedicated Harbour Master. This is often commented on by recreational boaties as an issue. Submit that</p>	Council has a Harbour Master, but not dedicated as it is considered there is

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	ORC gives serious consideration to the establishment of a dedicated Harbour Master position for the Otago Harbour.	not adequate workload to justify. Model currently under review.
95 cont.	<p>Dredging of the Eastern Channel</p> <p>Submit that ORC works with local boating clubs and Coastguard to identify especially shallow areas that may be able to be addressed in the short term, and to consider a long term plan for the dredging the Eastern Channel.</p>	Councils approach has been to advise of the limitations of the channel. A process to identify especially shallow areas could be considered.
95 cont.	<p>Maritime Safety – Navigational Markers</p> <p>ORC needs to review all navigational markers and signage, especially on the Peninsula side of the harbour, to ensure the markers/signage are updated, replaced and relocated where necessary.</p>	Information on sub standards markers and signage would be helpful. To meet with coastguard re identification and review of signage.
95 cont.	<p>Hooper's Inlet</p> <p>ORC to carry out regular checks at the mouth of the inlet, undertake proactive maintenance, and carry out early intervention should another blockage threaten to occur.</p>	Noted.
95 cont.	<p>Pest plants and animals</p> <p>Need a greater level of co-operation between ORC, DCC and DoC for an approach that combines regulatory, control and advocacy functions of all three organisations. ORC needs to revise its pest plant strategy and broaden its focus between agriculture, conservation and landscape in both urban and rural areas. Submit that this should be a priority for the ORC.</p> <p>Submit that resources in control, research and advocacy are required from the ORC to support landowners and organisations who are undertaking this pest animal control on the Otago Peninsula.</p>	<p>Strategy is currently under review and will go out for consultation prior to implementation.</p> <p>ORC does currently assist, but rabbit control is funded by landholders.</p>
95 cont.	<p>Biodiversity funding</p> <p>Supports funding restoration and conservation of biodiversity values.</p>	Noted.
95 cont.	<p>Tomahawk Lagoon</p> <p>Ask the ORC to investigate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Community management of the weir that controls water levels in the lagoon complex b) Improve the signage regarding Algal Bloom alert c) Re-vegetation of riparian edges to promote wider biodiversity and recreation gain d) A continuation of monitoring and liaison that informs the community of the health of the lagoon. 	Onus on community group to come back to ORC on this lagoon, and they are still working on this.
95 cont.	<p>Macandrew Bay</p> <p>Submit that ORC ensures its information sharing re bacterial levels is clear and consistent and is carried out on a regular basis.</p>	The information sharing process will be reviewed in consultation with the Community Board.

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96	<p>Toimata Foundation, Kristen Price</p> <p>Enviroschools Thank you to ORC for exploring the most appropriate way it can contribute to the regional co-ordination of Enviroschools.</p>	ORC preparing to take over regional co-ordination role from 1 July.
97	<p>Allan Kirkland, Mosgiel</p> <p>Lower Taieri flood and drainage schemes In 2005, rates were just over \$15,000, now proposed to go over \$50,000. This increase cannot be justified or continued. Are now at a level of affecting property values.</p> <p>Need a review and acknowledgement of benefits to the wider region. An independent economic assessment is needed. Have lowest regional input into flood protection and drainage in NZ, when we have the airport, so critical to the city.</p>	Economic assessment to be undertaken.
97 cont.	<p>East Taieri Drainage The 2011 reclassification took out the majority of Mosgiel and surrounding hill areas that contribute to run off into the East Taieri drainage network. Ratepayers in ED1 and ED2 are paying excessive rates, especially when compared to West Taieri. ORC justifies by saying two different areas with different costs.</p> <p>Much of Mosgiel with new residential developments is drained into the Owhiro, with no rating contribution from it.</p> <p>\$370,000 was used to replace the Owhiro outfall structure, and was charged to East Taieri drainage, when it was a flood asset. This put the reserve into deficit when it really was in credit.</p>	Asset was transferred to the flood scheme after this work had been undertaken.
98	<p>Federated Farmers, Kim Reilly & Stephen Korteweg</p> <p>Consultation document Concerns with document. Does not meet LGA requirements. Does not contain necessary detailed background information or adequate assessment of who benefits from proposed changes, or discussion of other options.</p>	Document audited against LGA requirements.
98 cont.	<p>Rate increases Have significant concerns with proposed rate increases facing rural ratepayers this year. . ORC should review the overall impact of its proposed changes on rural ratepayers.</p>	Noted.
98 cont.	<p>Working Together ORC is not working as openly or constructively with its stakeholders as in the past. Ask council to reconsider its decision to withdraw its Community Liaison and Education team staff from stakeholder led field days and events.</p>	Staff have not been withdrawn.

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98 cont.	<p>Water Storage and Irrigation Support ORC's commitment to assist and facilitate community-led investigations into water storage and irrigation.</p>	Noted.
98 cont.	<p>Pest Management / Biodiversity Support ORC working with other councils on a consistent approach to Pest Management plans, taking a co-ordinated and strategic inter-agency approach to wilding pines and developing a Biodiversity strategy for Otago.</p>	Thank you.
98 cont.	<p>Flood Protection Maintain rates at current levels until consultation / agreement with affected communities and committees has taken place.</p> <p>Council to review the funding policy, to reflect the general benefit of these schemes to the region.</p>	Rating review of public/private benefit will be undertaken in 2015/16.
98 cont.	<p>Financial Information Support council using reserves for capital expenditure and research and development, and investment income for rates.</p> <p>Ask council provide further information to explain the considerable targeted river management rate increases.</p> <p>Should make greater user of the UAGC, with a policy to collect 25% of total rates.</p>	Noted. Information will be provided.
98 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - compliance monitoring Consider no change to the current policy required.</p>	Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
98 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate Opposed to targeted rate. Council should continue to fund this 'public good' monitoring and science work through the general rate. Council to consider the significant costs to rural resource users of meeting their obligations under the regional water plan, including their current contribution to the general rate.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
98 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate Opposed to targeted rate. The rating classes applied to the targeted rates are a blunt tool, which in no way recognise or incentivise 'good' environmental management practices or investment in infrastructure, farming systems or mitigation.</p>	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
99	<p>Guardians of Lake Wanaka, Don Robertson</p> <p>Management of Lakes Wanaka, Hawea and Wakatipu No mention of the major deepwater lakes of Otago, and ORC's statutory role in their management in the LTP. Not enough to rely on plan change 6A and minimal river water monitoring to understand and manage the drivers of the lake's water quality, ecosystem and biodiversity.</p>	ORC to review and establish what its role is, other than SOE role or consent responsibilities.

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100	<p>Graeme Booth, Balclutha</p> <p>Lower Clutha Flood & Drainage Scheme Concerned that ORC has not taken more time to consult with the community on the scheme, which will see a large increase in the special rates with no increased protection. Concerned there is no provision for flood damage or strategy to deal with large floods that result in the over topping or breached banks.</p> <p>In 1978 40 herds were displaced involving 4,500 cows. Today the same number herd involve 16,000 cows – a huge cost to the community if that number was displaced.</p>	<p>ORC is working with CDC on readiness planning for a large flood, and will be meeting with Clutha delta communities later this year to discuss and explain that planning.</p> <p>CDC has an Adverse Weather Events Plan. ORC will discuss with CDC whether the plan adequately addresses the issue raised by the submitter.</p>
100 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - compliance monitoring Revenue Policy - water quality rate Revenue Policy - dairy rate Supports the Federated Farmers submission.</p>	Noted.
101	<p>Jinty MacTavish, Dunedin</p> <p>Transport Excited about bus hub proposal, but reconsider the infrastructure to be put in place. Current plans involve a line-up 'bus shelter' along the street. Worry this is a missed opportunity. If designed well, can provide warm, comfortable safe places for people in transit, well lit with comfortable seats, clean toilet facilities, and perhaps a café. Question if proposed hub will fill needs and expectations of visitors.</p>	<p>Have discussed with DCC and more discussions are to be held. These visions have not come up, as there is simply no room for this.</p> <p>Will be toilets.</p>
101 cont.	<p>Biodiversity Delighted with increased focus on biodiversity, we have much to celebrate and protect.</p>	Noted.
102	<p>Dairy NZ, James Ryan</p> <p>Overall rate increases for dairy farmers Concerned with significant rate increases proposed. Already pay high rates due to high capital and land values. Council to review overall impact of proposed changes on dairy farms and create a more equitable regime.</p>	Noted.
102 cont.	<p>Development and consultation of LTP Consultation document (CD) may be useful for engaging with the public at a high level, but does not contain appropriate background information, an adequate assessment of who benefits, adequate discussion of options, information on how costs have been established and what is in the costings.</p>	ORC required to follow consultation process prescribed by the LGA.
102 cont.	<p>The way we work Concerned ORC not working as constructively as it should with stakeholders like DairyNZ to implement plan change 6A.</p>	Dairy NZ part of Technical Liaison Group that meets with the ORC every 4-5 months.

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	<p>Need workable and cost effective options for implementing and complying with plan rules, and communicating these to farmers. Education and communication are essential parts of this.</p> <p>Need clarity about what compliance with 6A looks like. Are currently a number of mixed messages about what is required, when, where and what ORC's interpretation will be. Until then, DairyNZ is unable, with confidence, to advise farmers.</p> <p>ORC failed to deliver on its commitment to appellants during mediation, to develop a protocol that set out methodology for checking compliance, developed with relevant stakeholders.</p>	
<p>102 cont.</p>	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate Does not support the targeted rate in its current form, or the program of works understood to be funded by the targeted rate. Very little information about how the rate will be used.</p> <p>DairyNZ is undertaking scientific research to assist dairy farmers with implementing schedule 16 requirements which farmers are funding through their levies. DairyNZ welcome the opportunity to further discuss the work program with ORC staff to ensure no duplication of costs is being proposed.</p>	<p>Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee</p>
<p>102 cont.</p>	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate Opposed to targeted dairy rate in its current form and ask that the council continues with its current charging regime. Need to incentivise good management practice, and investment in new or upgraded infrastructure.</p>	<p>Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.</p>
<p>103</p>	<p>Peter Dobbie, Clinton</p> <p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate The rate should not be brought in until further work can be done on evaluating its impact and worth. The blanket rate does not allow for farmers who are doing this work. On-farm education with 'mentor' farms alongside the ORC and industry stakeholders will be more effective than a new rate.</p>	<p>Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee</p>
<p>103 cont.</p>	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate No allowance is being made for individuals who already use good practice and take a pro-active approach to Otago's water quality.</p>	<p>Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.</p>
<p>104</p>	<p>Allan & Lorraine Gillespie, Dunedin</p> <p>Lower Taieri schemes Mosgiel should pay more as last two floods were centred in Mosgiel area.</p> <p>Want an economic assessment done.</p>	<p>An economic assessment will be undertaken, and review of the revenue policy.</p>

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104 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate There needs to be more evidence and consultation before this water quality rate is targeted.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
104 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate There are no reasons why this is a proposed change. Taieri has soil types that do not leach due to heavy soils.</p>	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
105	<p>GC Gray, Dunedin</p> <p>Biodiversity & bees Bees depend on some noxious weeds to survive. Beekeepers experience of biodiversity is noxious plants being killed and no alternative flora replacing it for nectar and pollen sources. Major sources of these are willows, gorse and broom, thistles.</p> <p>Should embrace intent of legislation in USA, for controlling noxious weeds while supporting pollen-rich forage plant communities for honey bees.</p>	<p>Not an ORC issue, but may look at in biodiversity work.</p> <p>Will be reviewed during pest plan review.</p>
106	<p>Transition Valley 473 Initiating Group, Jim Fyfe, Peter McDonald, Kristen Bracey & Maureen Howard, Dunedin</p> <p>Biodiversity Request an Increase in budget, even if means increasing rates, clear processes re stakeholder engagement, and prioritise a review of the Coastal Plan, which is well overdue.</p> <p>Aspire to 'rewild' the Valley (North East Valley), re native plantings including riparian margins of the Lindsay Creek and tributaries. Ask who to go to within ORC for liaison and consultation, and ORC to continue education role where assist community groups, e.g., with publication costs.</p>	Biodiversity strategy to prepare which will inform future budgets.
106 cont.	<p>Water Quality Concerned that City Forest has a plantation that extends to water's edge (Lindsay Creek), and that harvesting will cause significant erosion and sedimentation in the stream.</p> <p>Pollution hotline good, but need more education on what is pollution, e.g., cigarette butts, paint, engine oil), and around using the hotline, and other services offered by ORC e.g., fish painting kit for storm water drains.</p>	This is covered by the rural water quality implementation project.
106 cont.	<p>Air Quality Applaud ORC funding role to subsidise clean heating. Request more education around burning firewood, and place requirements on firewood retailers to sell only seasoned wood.</p>	Noted.
106 cont.	<p>Public Transport Request:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue investigations on bus hub and electronic ticketing 	Working with DCC on this initiative.

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	<p>system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to communicate with DCC on public transport Keep prices down to be priority for increased patronage. Support charging more general rates for this. ORC to look into having a charging station and provide free service for electric cars in Dunedin 	
106 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - compliance Revenue Policy - water quality rate Revenue Policy - dairy rate All proposals supported.</p>	Noted.
107	<p>Waikouaiti Coast Community Board, Alasdair Morrison</p> <p>River Management – Waitati River Significant gravel build up in the area of Bland Park, causing serious erosion along the river bank. Welcome chance to meet with staff on site to discuss the issue.</p>	Staff will contact the Board and arrange a site meeting.
107 cont.	<p>Wetlands Pleased with continued support for River Estuary Care: Waikouaiti Karitane group. Ask that extend support to other groups to encourage planting a wetland area.</p>	Noted.
107 cont.	<p>Biodiversity Some board members experienced in this field, would welcome opportunity to meet and discuss. Particular area of interest is biological control of pest plants and identification of plants.</p>	Willing to discuss.
107 cont.	<p>Transport Concerned about apparent inequity of bus fares and services for north of Waikouaiti to Dunedin. Welcome discussion on this.</p>	Noted.
107 cont.	<p>Natural Hazards Concerned some ORC work carried out identifying potential flooding hazards has number of anomalies. Keen to discuss to seek clarity.</p>	Staff will contact the Board and arrange to meet and discuss this issue.
107 cont.	<p>Interaction with Communities Refreshing that recognise there are people in the community with specific knowledge not always available within own team.</p>	Thank you.
108	<p>AgBoard, Dave Inder</p> <p>Biodiversity Commend ORC for considering a strategy. Hope strategy will have strong links with objectives of the water plan, and provide funding mechanisms for all rural landowners to consider.</p> <p>Encourage council to support environmental restoration funds particularly on private farms.</p>	Noted.

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108 cont.	<p>Water quality and quantity</p> <p>It is vital that ORC staff continue to be involved in field days, seminars, workshops etc., and one on one contact with farmers that require it. ORC to use whole range of education methods.</p> <p>Landowners, staff etc., will use appropriate techniques and systems to meet water quality standards, and may involve setting up own farm water monitoring programme. There will be limited need for ORC to do any more monitoring other than for a compliance issue.</p> <p>Don't need to increase number of dairy inspections. focus on non complying farmers rather than group all farmers together.</p> <p>Support development of new technologies to assist with water quality measurement.</p>	<p>Staff are available.</p> <p>ORC is undertaking monitoring with landholders. There will be no compliance until 2020.</p> <p>Focus is on non-compliance.</p>
108 cont.	<p>Land protection (page 7)</p> <p>No mention of soil management and protection of high class soils, which needs to be acknowledged by ORC.</p> <p>Need more work on soils in Otago that erode and create sediment issues in waterways. More effort needed to produce maps or guidelines on problem soils that lie over loess and similar erodible lithologies.</p>	Noted.
108 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - compliance</p> <p>The rate increase must be based on benefit to the landholder in meeting rules. Keep in mind how efficient and effective in-house systems are in carrying out these performance targets.</p>	Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
108 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate</p> <p>Concerned at this potential rate increase. Agrees a small percentage maybe justified but not the rates proposed. Some of the matters should have been clearly outlined and communicated to the wider public at the travelling roadshows and public events before the water plan became law.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
108 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate</p> <p>Consider the targeted rate is unfair and not necessary. The status quo should apply. ORC should focus on non-compliant farmers rather than grouping all farmers together.</p>	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
109	<p>Glynn Babington, Dunedin</p> <p>Transport</p> <p>Like improvements to be made to bus services, especially timetables. Like DCC to take over management of the buses.</p>	Noted.
110	Withdrawn	

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111	<p>Queenstown Lakes District Council, Vanessa van Uden</p> <p>Wakatipu transport services ORC assured would complete a comprehensive review of public transport services by end of 2016. No provision has been made for any changes to the funding of these services. Request that funding for the review be identified specifically in the LTP, and acknowledgment that an amendment may be required as a consequence of the review.</p>	<p>Programme bought forward to early 2015/16. Will complete as soon as possible. Review would inform future funding requirements.</p>
111 cont.	<p>Wastewater improvements Water Plan changes place higher obligations on local communities to treat wastewater. Discussions indicated a willingness on ORC's part to contribute to wastewater schemes. Specific provision be made for ORC contributions to the cost of designing and implementing wastewater schemes.</p>	<p>Need to work on a strategy for urban water quality.</p> <p>Do not have a funding policy in place for wastewater schemes.</p>
111 cont.	<p>Lake Wanaka and Wakatipu LTP has little of substance in addressing long term management plans for Lake Wanaka. Can't just rely on plan change 6A and minimal river water monitoring to understand and manage the drivers of the lake's water quality, ecosystem and biodiversity.</p>	<p>Will look at what role ORC has beyond SOE monitoring and consenting processes.</p>
111 cont.	<p>Wilding Conifers – Funding Request Requests that ORC will contribute an annual contribution of \$100,000 to the Wakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Programme.</p> <p>A wilding tree review and stocktake was recently completed by Nick Ledgard, copy of report attached to submission.</p>	<p>ORC working with Central Government Taskforce, and includes bordering councils. Developing long term funding, but also reviewing own pest plan for consultation.</p>
112	<p>Otago Natural History Trust, Neville Peat</p> <p>Biodiversity Pleased increasing efforts in biodiversity protection. Strategy to enable re-engagement in giving assistance commensurate with Otago's status as the premier region for biological diversity.</p> <p>ORC to reinstate a biodiversity fund with private land focus, and should implement a UAGC for projects of regional significance.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Will discuss as part of the biodiversity strategy.</p>
113	<p>Department of Conservation, Annie Wallace</p> <p>Water quality and quantity Supports maintenance of high water quality standards where achieved, and development of strategies to improve where required.</p> <p>Seek an increased inspection programme across range of rural land uses, not just dairy) that potentially have adverse effects on water quality.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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113 cont.	<p>Land Protection To recognise the risk of wilding conifers on regions indigenous biodiversity, water quality and quantity in the development of the Biodiversity strategy.</p> <p>Support development of new tools for pest control, and South Island pest management strategy.</p>	Noted.
113 cont.	<p>Biodiversity Strategy Support biodiversity initiative, including strategy development. Must address full range of species and ecosystems, and be aligned to goals of the Biodiversity Strategy (2000) and the draft Otago Conservation Management Strategy, once approved.</p>	Noted.
113 cont.	<p>Wilding Conifer Commitment acknowledged, however impacts already clearly documented and understood.</p>	Noted.
113 cont.	<p>Coastal Issues As sea level rise involves land both above and below the mean high water, ORC to collaborate with other TA's to develop an approach that accepts sea level rise as inevitable, including consideration of the managed retreat of infrastructure from the coastal area.</p>	Sea level rise provisions have been incorporated into the draft RPS.
114	<p>Paul Le Comte, Dunedin</p> <p>Transport Assume ORC has investigated operating smaller vehicles along the peninsula routes? Are cheaper to run, more environmentally friendly, and don't dominate roads. Could operate on more regular basis.</p> <p>One bus on Sunday's to Harrington Point unbelievable, as major tourist destination, and only 4 buses operate on a Sunday.</p>	Not necessarily more economic to run smaller buses, need bigger buses for peak periods, so would have to increase bus fleets.
115	<p>Lockend Holdings Ltd, Norman Roos, Roxburgh</p> <p>Revenue Policy - compliance Opposed and would like to present views in person.</p>	Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
116	<p>NZ Landcare Trust, Janet Gregory</p> <p>Pomahaka catchment project – funding request Trust has been granted \$142,820 from MPI Sustainable Farming Fund, but reliant on cash funding of \$30,000 from ORC and in kind support of \$20,540 which would be staff time on the catchment project.</p> <p>Pomahaka Farmers Water Care Group will contribute with time and hosting field days, workshops etc.</p>	Happy to provide in kind support but decline request for funding.

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117	<p>Ian Bryant, Dunedin</p> <p>Rates In 2007/08 paid \$6k in rates, 2014/15 paid \$15k, and 15/16 year predicts \$17k. LTP estimates a 50% increase over 10 years. ORC should consider economic impact of introducing two new targeted rates and large increases on existing rates.</p>	Some amendment to rates are being recommended.
117 cont.	<p>West Taieri Drainage Rate Oppose increase in this rate. General rates capped, why are targeted rates not capped. Consider sale of surplus land.</p> <p>Compensate scheme for draining assets benefitting the wider community. Correct the mistakes of the Taieri rating review 2011 - reinstate exacerbator effects rates and Outram rates.</p>	<p>Targeted rates are capped, details in the Financial Strategy.</p> <p>Revenue policy review on public / private benefit to be undertaken in 2015/16.</p>
117 cont.	<p>Lower Taieri Flood Protection Rates Oppose large increase in rates. Investigative work shows no need for Otokia weighted blanket works.</p> <p>ORC failure to compensate scheme for protection of wider community assets. Paying for past ORC mistakes – Owhiro outfall replacement, Riverside spillway repair.</p>	Site specific geotechnical investigation is underway. The results of that investigation will be used to inform decision by ORC on whether to proceed to detailed design and construction of the blanket.
117 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate Oppose as targeted rates are to directly benefit those rated. Farmers no more benefit from catchment wide monitoring than any other member of the community. Water quality monitoring should continue to be funded from general rates.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
117 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate Opposed to new rate. No direct benefit to those rated. Huge increase on existing charging scheme. Having 3 classes of rating infers the council acknowledges non-compliant activity is more acceptable in some areas than others.</p>	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
118	<p>The Aramoana League Inc., John Davis</p> <p>Pilot's Wharf ORC to become involved in campaign to restore iconic Aramoana Pilot's Wharf. ORC received \$134 million in dividends since 1989. Some funds should be set aside for harbour enhancements such as maintaining the wharf.</p>	Decline request for funding as is a recreational facility, and outside ORC responsibilities.
119	<p>Judy Martin, Waikouaiti</p> <p>Hawksbury Lagoon To include in register of significant wetlands. Technical and financial assistance to be given to the volunteers to bring it back to its original state. Currently can't support the diversity of bird, fish and invertebrate life.</p>	To investigate with staff if considered to include in wetlands.

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119 cont.	<p>Transport</p> <p>Higher portion of rates should be spent on bus fares so they can be lowered, at least for all beneficiaries and students. Need publicity drive emphasizing fact that bus travel between Waikouaiti and Palmerston is cheaper than single car occupancy. Intercity can offer cheaper option than local bus. Hope ORC will match with new zone structure.</p>	Beneficiaries and students currently get a discount.
120	<p>Alexander Govan, Dunedin</p> <p>Climate change and sea level rise</p> <p>No provision in plan to address these issues. Less expensive now to lay foundations for coastal dykes now than later. Not possible to exactly predict amount of sea level rise in next decade, but on side of caution, predict 10m over next century. Most important project is construction of locks, dams and or dykes on the Taieri River between Taieri Mouth and Ferry Hill.</p>	LTP has provision for considering climate change and sea level rise.
120 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - compliance</p> <p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate</p> <p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate</p> <p>Supports all proposals.</p>	Noted.
121	<p>Disabled Persons Assembly, Chris Ford</p> <p>Transport</p> <p>Support introduction of full concessions for all community service card holders as part of the transition to the new bus fare zoning system. DPA would like full involvement in designing the new system and setting up the fares.</p> <p>All contracted bus companies to provide buses which fully meet the NZTA's requirements for urban buses (RUB).</p> <p>Strongly support work to address issues around bus stop access, and look forward to working with ORC and DCC on this.</p> <p>Supports CCS's call for a bus stop to be placed outside Dunedin Hospital.</p>	<p>Refer submission 28.</p> <p>Work has been done.</p> <p>All contracted services fully meet the RUB now.</p> <p>This is being considered.</p>
121 cont.	<p>Total Mobility</p> <p>Budget to keep pace with inflation and other costs.</p> <p>TM registration procedures (for new providers) should include adequate information to providers, as well as fast tracing registration, to help meet shortfall in van providers.</p> <p>Recommend vouchers be replaced with cards.</p> <p>Recommend that TM and accessible transport issues that exist in the Queenstown area be resolved as soon as possible. Supports CCS Disability Action's call for a comprehensive review of TM in the Otago region.</p>	<p>It does.</p> <p>This will happen if/when NZTA new system becomes available and ORC implements.</p> <p>Two providers in Queenstown, one with a hoist. Unaware of any issues.</p>

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121 cont.	<p>Emergency Management</p> <p>DPA and other disability stakeholders to be fully involved in emergency and civil defence management planning. ORC, with Min Civil Defence, and local authorities to include in both local and regional civil defence plans full information and provision for the needs of older and disabled people.</p>	Staff will contact the submitter and explain how these matters have been incorporated into emergency and civil defence management planning.
122	<p>Blueskin Resilient Communities Trust (BRCT), Scott Willis</p> <p>Water quality and quantity</p> <p>Support initiatives. Suggest the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment in getting better understanding of the cost effectiveness of mitigating solutions for the impacts of farming on the environment. • Undertaking Hazard Mapping to more accurately identify those zones at risk from future inundation and/or droughts • Identify good practice landowners, promote environmental stewardship • Assist with water quality measurement, especially tools for real time testing • Work with DCC on planning for urban water discharges and other infrastructural elements such as rainwater collection. 	Have R&D budget for this.
122 cont.	<p>Land Protection</p> <p>Supports initiatives outlined. Suggest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross sector approach to pest control, and reference group established for selection and application of pest control. • High priority to future risk management re sea level rise, climate change and impacts. • Establish a \$50,000 per annum budget for engagement and resourcing climate change discussion and action with community organisations. 	Suggestions noted.
122 cont.	<p>Biodiversity</p> <p>Supports plans and actions. Submit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of values for biodiversity already present be developed as first step to protection and enhancement • Concurrently, an analysis of economic benefits of biodiversity to the region be undertaken. 	Noted.
122 cont.	<p>Air quality</p> <p>Support plans. To define support to Cosy Homes Trust with \$20,000 being redirected to the Trust to support its operations.</p>	Noted.
122 cont.	<p>Transport</p> <p>To work with DCC to create a region wide bus service.</p>	Noted.
123	<p>Philippa Jamieson, Dunedin</p> <p>Genetically Modified Organisms</p> <p>ORC to consider a prohibitive or at least a precautionary policy on GMOs.</p>	Outside ORC responsibilities.

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123 cont.	<p>Hazardous pesticides ORC to phase out use of hazardous pesticides where their toxic consequences will affect ecosystems, waterways, animal and human health and food sources. To replace with environmentally friendly alternatives.</p> <p>Rabbits should be shot and used for human and pet food, and for their fur.</p>	<p>If was being discharged to water, would be our remit.</p> <p>Shooting is a seasonal control tool. High numbers can only be reduced by using toxins.</p>
123 cont.	<p>Bus services Appreciate improvements made. Would like to see 25% discount for people with community services cards.</p> <p>If bus hub reduces walking distance to change bus routes and having somewhere out of the elements to wait, then good idea.</p>	Refer to submission 28.
123 cont.	<p>Water quality Agree with ORC statement to work with key stakeholders who can educate and advise landholders on good practices. Agree with investigations and feasibility studies for water storage and irrigation.</p>	Noted.
123 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate In support as long as the science work is focused on the most environmentally friendly and holistic approaches.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
123 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate Appreciate that the sensitivity of the environment is an easier thing to determine than the farming practices used. Is there any way of offering a 'carrot' to land holders who have a good record of compliance with the water quality rules?</p>	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
124	<p>Landscapes Connections Trust, Rhys Millar</p> <p>Water quality and quantity Concerned with potential effect of deteriorating coastal water quality. Support ORC's commitment to maintaining water quality standards.</p>	Noted.
124 cont.	<p>Biodiversity Strategy is critical and applaud plan to develop it.</p> <p>Trust has coordinated development of a management strategy for the restoration and enhancement of the North Coast landscape, "Beyond Orokonui". Project about 55,000ha in size. Group includes DoC, Otago Natural History Trust, and others.</p> <p>ORC to proactively support community conservation initiatives. Reinstating the biodiversity fund would help, but given scale of biodiversity work underway is not significant enough. Advocate, like other councils, implementing a UAGC for projects of regional significance.</p>	Noted.

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125	<p>Denis Greer, Milton</p> <p>Robson Lagoon Because Robson Lagoon and the wetlands are 300-400m higher than Lake Tuakitoto and the water drainage canal, the Lagoon drains out through the Lovell's Stream entrance to the western canal, except when higher stream flow occurs, this drains the lagoon and wetland down to unacceptable levels.</p> <p>At Robson Lagoon – Lovell's Stream inlet a drop gate in front of a culvert diverts the stream away from the canal and satisfactorily maintains levels in the lagoon and wetland.</p> <p>The proposed weir with set level equivalent to level 5 on the Robson lagoon gauge has problems. Hope ORC abandons proposal, but replaces gate with an automatic winch operated gated to be able to manage stream flows and levels better.</p>	<p>This submitters comments will be considered by engineering staff as they develop the details of the proposed weir. Mr Greer will continue to be consulted on the works as he has affected party status in terms of the resource consent that will be sought for the works.</p>
126	<p>Marc Schallenberg, Dunedin</p> <p>Water Quality and Quantity ORC to commit more funds to water monitoring, particularly in deep iconic lakes and those perceived to have some water quality problems (Wanaka, Hayes, Tomahawk Lagoons).</p> <p>Deep water lakes (Wanaka, Wakatipu and Hawea) are not monitored adequately by the ORC.</p> <p>Proper monitoring would held understand drivers of problems and progress of any restoration efforts undertaken.</p>	<p>ORC to review its responsibilities beyond SOE monitoring and consenting issues.</p>
126 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - compliance Agree with increasing charges. Farms are businesses which potentially impact the environment and so should pay for monitoring.</p>	<p>Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.</p>
126 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate Agree with the targeted rate.</p>	<p>Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee</p>
126 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate Agree in principle. Would encourage the ORC to include, in its assessment of the sensitivities of receiving environments, all downstream environments including aquifers and estuaries.</p>	<p>Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.</p>
127	<p>Monarch Wildlife, Neil Harraway</p> <p>Otago Harbour Ask ORC to implement a management plan for the harbour in consultation with others. Important part of plan that affects cruises, charters and may vessels is ensuring all tide access for a reasonable range of vessels to all wharves and pontoons, and</p>	

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	<p>ensuring all tide access around the Eastern Channel of the Upper Harbour which has been impacted by sedimentation over the years.</p> <p>One future example of concern is the project to replenish Te Rauone Beach. Ask for vigilance and action to mitigate the possible accelerated sedimentation of the boat channel to Weller's Rock wharf.</p>	<p>To advise Port Otago of concern.</p>
<p>128</p>	<p>Bus Users Support Group, Peter Dowden</p> <p>Bus fares Include community services card holders with a 25% concession. Accessibility to transport increasing problem for those on lower and fixed incomes. Proposed fares in 2016 will increase this problem.</p> <p>Encourage ORC to contact support agencies for low income to get accurate scope of the impact and extent of travel poverty in Dunedin.</p> <p>Alternative solutions are off peak CSC discount, lower fares, or free fares – all households would pay a small weekly fixed charge for transport needs, whether they use buses or not.</p>	<p>Refer to submission 28.</p>
<p>129</p>	<p>Simon Parks, Dunedin</p> <p>Consultation Format for consulting hopeless inadequate and not acceptable for ratepayers to understand, digest and submit on. Advertising was poor, website hopeless, timeframes short between meetings and submissions, information not available, what was available lacked detail, presentation disguised the rate increases and creates significant stress for people.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>
<p>129 cont.</p>	<p>Lower Taieri Schemes (LTFS) Will pay an extra \$4,200, an increase of 16.4%. Total rates will be \$29k, and in 10 years time forecast to rise 65%. In last 8 years, have increased 115%. Despite this, have had no increases in level of service. Why are rates increasing so much? Request for clarity on this was provided at 2.30p.m on 4 May.</p> <p>Increases are not sustainable. Why is \$180k investigative work being charged to East Taieri instead of Lower Taieri flood?</p> <p>Increases impacting on property value. Replacement of the OSGOS (\$370k) was funded by East Taieri instead of Lower Taieri. ORC acknowledged this, but did not refund East Taieri.</p> <p>ORC needs to hold the LTFS rates at the status quo until it has provided all the information to ratepayers and consulted with them properly and obtained a mandate to act.</p>	<p>Work was done prior to review of assets, and shift to Lower Taieri.</p>

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	Increased cost not worth it, rather stick with existing scheme which has never failed. Who is asking for enhancements and who benefits from massive rate hike? Need to complete economic assessment. General rate contribution is too low. Request independent economic assessment.	Economic assessment and review of public/private benefit will take place in 2015/16.
129 cont.	Revenue Policy - water quality rate The burden of this is unfairly lumped onto farmers. This should be funded by the general rate to reflect all benefactors and polluters.	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
129 cont.	Revenue Policy - dairy rate Farmers should not be discriminated on by the sensitivity of their location. The minimum number of inspections and charges should be spread equally on a CV basis.	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
130	Millbrook Dairies Ltd, John Webster, Oamaru Water Quality Is in interest of whole community, charges should not be levied on one sector only who may or may not be contributing to the problem. Time for community conferencing on this topic has been minimal.	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
130 cont.	Revenue Policy - compliance Farmers are already bearing additional costs to meet water standards and understanding what and how Plan Change 6a will affect them. Their charges should not be increased.	Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
130 cont.	Revenue Policy - water quality rate The whole community benefit from results of good water. The whole community should contribute to the science behind creating improvement.	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
130 cont.	Revenue Policy - dairy rate Is it correct refund will be given to farmers who comply? This is relatively unknown. There are many urban and industrial cases where pollution occurs, why are only dairy targeted?	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
131	Nigel McLachlan, Clinton Revenue Policy - water quality rate Concerned this and the dairy rate are aimed specifically at dairy farmers. Why is this rate not applied to urban water discharges as well? This should be a fee based monitoring system on a user pays arrangement.	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee Planning for urban water discharges is included in the LTP.
132	Fish & Game, Peter Wilson Water Quality Supports targeted and general rate increase to implement 6A, to undertake research and development on new tools.	

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	<p>Consider rating is a relatively low cost solution compared with consent fees.</p> <p>Should be an exception for conservation land, such as wetland reserve created or enhanced for environmentally beneficial purposes. F&G has received a rate increase for the wetlands. Fine tuning of rating required to exclude these land types.</p> <p>Supports ORC upskilling key stakeholders and consultants, but still need for direct ORC engagement and liaison with catchment groups. Is a perception development that ORC is pulling back from engagement.</p> <p>Critical component of 6A mediation was creation of key stakeholder group, to assess, monitor and guide ORC in its implementation. Nothing has been said about this committee since its membership was announced. Imperative that it meets shortly given the degree of uncertainty that is emerging about 6a implementation.</p>	<p>Why would we do this, and how would it be applied?</p> <p>This work is provided for in the LTP.</p> <p>Noted. Work on this is progressing.</p>
<p>132 cont.</p>	<p>Biodiversity Supports development of a strategy, but timeframe for development may be too long.</p> <p>Support continued monitoring of wetlands. Note several smaller wetlands which were formally part of Schedule 10 have disappeared e.g., Clarks Junction. Monitor all wetlands.</p> <p>What environmental restoration programmes are planned?</p>	<p>Will be done as quickly as possible.</p> <p>Still to be determined.</p>
<p>133</p>	<p>Save the Otago Peninsula (STOP), Jenny Winter</p> <p>Biodiversity Support measures being proposed. STOP is wary of ORC developing a hierarchy of key areas for biodiversity, e.g., any remnant of native bush is of value and would be disappointed to find that a landowner who wished to protect his native bush was told that it did not rate sufficiently highly.</p> <p>Supports investment in research and development, especially for non -biological control for pests.</p> <p>Like greater involvement by ORC with community weed control programmes, i.e., more than just advice, e.g., would like assistance from ORC through staff time on spraying Darwin's barberry on steeper hills.</p>	<p>Appreciate great work done by STOP. However, this is a landowner responsibility.</p>
<p>134</p>	<p>Otago Conservation Board, Pat Garden</p> <p>Biodiversity Supports a biodiversity strategy. Seeks to register the Board as an active and interested party to the process.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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	Strategy to directly refer to the revised Otago Conservation Management Strategy (expected to be implemented 2016).	
134 cont.	<p>Water Quality Support and advocate for all potential opportunities for ORC and DoC to collaborate on freshwater management.</p> <p>Concerned with low level of expenditure on R & D (\$300k). ORC to collaborate with DoC on opportunities to pool information and research resources, especially where biodiversity in sensitive coastal/riparian landscapes will be affected.</p> <p>Interested in development of a coastal strategy. To focus on coastal erosion, especially where it impacts on marine environments and protected species.</p>	Comments noted.
134 cont.	<p>Land Protection ORC to pursue opportunities to share research funding and to collaborate with DoC.</p> <p>Notes wallaby are not specifically mentioned as a pest species, would like it included in the LTP.</p>	Wallaby is identified in plan. "Unwanted organism" in Biosecurity Act.
134 cont.	<p>Wilding trees ORC to collaborate closely with other agencies and groups doing control work. To extend more financial and informational resources, and technical expertise to those efforts.</p>	Noted.
135	<p>CCS Disability Action Southern Region</p> <p>Air Quality Support development of a strategy, and ORC supporting the Cosy Homes Trust.</p>	Noted.
135 cont.	<p>Transport Support development of bus hub. To be accessible, ORC to consult with the disabled community at the planning stage.</p> <p>Ask for bus stop outside the Dunedin hospital as difficult for people with disabilities getting to the hospital.</p> <p>council to introduce full concessions for all community services card holders.</p> <p>Understand bus company in Wakatipu has been granted exemption from full compliance with RUB, which means many buses are not accessible. When service reviewed in 2016, recommend full compliance is a contractual requirement.</p>	<p>This is being considered.</p> <p>Refer to submission 28.</p>
135 cont.	<p>Total Mobility Services in the Central Lakes District is inadequate, and will not meet needs for population and tourists with access needs.</p>	Queenstown has two providers for Total Mobility.

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	<p>A TM taxi is the only method for a disabled person in Arrowtown to travel to the nearest supermarket in Frankton. The cost of a return trip is \$140. This is prohibitive.</p> <p>There is only one wheelchair accessible van in Queenstown, and a partially accessible van in Wanaka.</p> <p>Recommend ORC conducts a comprehensive review across Otago and liaises with access groups on this.</p> <p>ORC advocate to NZTA and Central Government for improving standards of the TM scheme, including a nationally consistent scheme, which is adequately funded and regularly reviewed.</p>	<p>Use through TM is not high, based on monthly return information.</p>
136	<p>Fonterra, Michael Hide</p> <p>Consultation and industry engagement Willing to engage with ORC on water quality issues and work proactively to achieve outcomes. Support view that the industry has a role to play in supporting farmers to protect water quality. Need open and transparent engagement, as early as possible, between ORC and industry, and ORC to provide high degree of clarity about expectations of farmers, e.g., need to be clear about how ORC will monitor and enforce requirements.</p> <p>Do not believe this has occurred in case of targeted rates proposal. CD does not provide sufficient background on how work programmes were developed, how implemented or alternative options, assessment of beneficiaries etc.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.</p>
136 cont.	<p>Biodiversity Supports development of a strategy. Note engaging with landowners will be critical to achieving a positive outcome.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
136 cont.	<p>Water quantity Support assistance and facilitation of community led investigations into water storage and irrigation projects.</p>	<p>Thank you.</p>
136 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate Understand water sampling programme will target 20-25% of farmers per year. Overall objective of work is not clear. Will it be used to inform and educate or to develop a baseline to measure improvement against? Will results be reported back to farmers? How were benefits attributed? Will results inform the compliance monitoring programme?</p> <p>CD lacks details of options. Currently unable to support the proposal, and ask it does not proceed for 2015/16.</p>	<p>Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee</p>

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136 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate Supportive of a risk based approach, as creates incentive to improve management practices.</p>	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
137	<p>Craigmore Farming, Grace McLeay</p> <p>Consultation document Agree with Federated Farmers submission, that CD lacks transparency and is not sufficient to prompt the right debate within the community.</p>	Noted. Letters were sent to ratepayers on the proposals.
137 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate Revenue Policy - dairy rate Opposed to new rates</p>	Noted.
138	<p>Cosy Homes Trust, Scott Willis</p> <p>Clean Heat – funding request Request funding of \$20,000 to assist with Cosy Homes operations. This is further to the support offered for the installation of clean heating appliances in targeted areas. Contribution would enable Trust to employ staff to support vision and objectives of the Trust and ORC.</p>	Decline request for funding, as do not fund operating costs.
139	<p>Aaron Hawkins, Dunedin</p> <p>Vison Statement – ‘A prosperous & sustainable Otago’ Increasingly concerned by the foregrounding of economic development in policy work in local government. Giving it equal weighting with sustainable resource management, this trend has a firm foot hold at the ORC.</p>	Comments noted.
139 cont.	<p>Public transport ORC to invest more in reducing fares. Simplify the fare structure to three zones with broader catchments at lower fares, extension of student discount rate to community service card holders. Pay for by slightly higher targeted rate, use of transport reserve and greater contribution by general rates.</p> <p>Central bus hub – concerned what is proposed is a super long bus stop. Need to build a facility, off street, allowing for cycle parking, mixed use retail and an overall urban design.</p> <p>ORC committed to watch on the ability of commercial operators meet needs of community in terms of shuttle services to the airport. Service too expensive and inefficient to meet needs. Alternatives should not be left at \$100+ taxi rides. Ask ORC to set up a trial of a direct point to point airport transfer service.</p>	<p>Refer to submission 28.</p> <p>In discussions with DCC on this.</p> <p>Aware of this. Is discussed in the RPTP.</p>
139 cont.	<p>Biodiversity ORC should commit to more than 1% of its total budget to biodiversity, urge to increase the spend.</p>	Biodiversity strategy will inform future funding needs.

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	Urgently form plans that include the invasive sycamore tree, and mustelids, that serve as a threat to our unique ecosystem.	
140	<p>David Ross, Dunedin</p> <p>Rates Annoyed that general rates subsidise targeted, but taking a step in the right direction.</p>	Noted.
140 cont.	<p>Transport Should be managed by the DCC. Services are uneven, over supplied during the day, and under supplied in the evening. Buses should do circular routes, not go back to terminuses, and should go to and from events, e.g., stadium concerts, Edgar Centre, Pool etc.</p>	Noted.
141	<p>Waitaki Irrigators Collective Ltd, Elizabeth Soal, Oamaru</p> <p>Water Quality Agreed ORC would take an active role in education and extension, commencing with the development of a monitoring protocol. This is yet to be provided.</p> <p>CD clearly places onus on key stakeholders who can educate and advise landholders of recommended methods and practices re compliance with 6A, and that it is not the responsibility of the ORC. Certainly a role for industry, but ask ORC to reconsider its role for the next five years. A greater emphasis needs to be placed on education and extension from ORC, as much to be done on how rules are to be monitored and compliance assessed, e.g., relationship between off farm discharge limits and in stream targets.</p> <p>Industry advisors need clear guidance before advising landowners.</p> <p>Clear message farmers should take more responsibility for undertaking testing and monitoring.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Education is a key focus included in the LTP.</p>
141 cont.	<p>Biodiversity Support development of strategy, and encourage ORC to priorities this outcome.</p>	Noted.
141 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate New targeted rate for monitoring and science because of activities of certain rural land types. Unclear if this new rate is SOE monitoring, and if so, should not be charged as proposed.</p> <p>If it is the responsibility of farmers to test their own discharges, then unclear what further testing is required.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.

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	<p>Opposed to the rate as unclear how work proposed can be explicitly linked to the activities of certain land types.</p> <p>Noted no targeted rate on urban land, even though urban activities equally have effects on water quality.</p>	<p>Planning for urban discharges are included in the LTP.</p>
<p>141 cont.</p>	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate Concerned, low risk farmer in high risk areas is funding visits not required, and high risk farmers in less sensitive areas get less visits. Does not align with effects based approach.</p>	<p>Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.</p>
<p>142</p>	<p>Dunedin City Council, Mayor Dave Cull</p> <p>Hazards Thanks for work doing to identify and map natural hazards. Pleased to see development of a coastal strategy and a natural hazard risk management strategy for South Dunedin. DCC looks forward to ongoing collaboration and information sharing.</p>	<p>Thank you.</p>
<p>142 cont.</p>	<p>Biodiversity Pleased biodiversity is focus over coming years. DCC adopted Biodiversity Strategy (2007) is being reviewed. Important to develop plans and strategies alongside each other.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>142 cont.</p>	<p>Transport Supportive of proposals to implement the Regional Public Transport Plan. Supports the central bus hub and continued collaboration towards an optimum facility.</p> <p>DCC committed 'in principle' to proceed with a transfer of powers for transport. Continued collaboration with ORC staff is appreciated, and will in due course allow staff to recommend a suitable date for the potential transfer.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>142 cont.</p>	<p>Cosy Homes ORC to actively consider the Trust's submission requesting funding for the work programme.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>142 cont.</p>	<p>Revenue Policy - compliance No information received comparing actual DCC costs against current set fee of \$15k, so not possible to determine what impact if any, this proposal will have. Do not consider received enough information for an informed submission.</p>	<p>Information can be provided.</p>
<p>143</p>	<p>Gerrard Liddell, Dunedin</p> <p>Transport ORC is the authority that can coordinate transport across the districts. Need a grand vision for the integration of cycle trails to optimise value.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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143 cont.	Revenue Policy - compliance Strongly support shift from general rate to the payment for use and related costs.	Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
143 cont.	Revenue Policy - water quality rate Monitoring is crucial for 6A to work. The Overseer model is not focused on catchment wide effects, so this needs development.	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
143 cont.	Revenue Policy - dairy rate The proposals are a great improvement. Supports revisiting rates as the data from improved testing becomes available.	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
144	Carolyn Davies, Dunedin Transport Consider replacing buses with electric bus systems. Save incredible amount of money re fuel costs and maintenance.	Service provider matter.
144 cont.	Otago One of most beautiful places in the world. Protect it for inhabitants, now and future.	Noted.
144 cont.	Clean air Make Otago a coal smoke free place. The costs of health issues are far more expensive than alternatives.	No plans to ban coal.
145	KTKO Ltd, Christopher Rosenbrock Water quality and quantity Concerned at potential effects of deteriorating freshwater and coastal water quality on ecosystems and mahinga kai species. Development of flow regimes that support cultural values and practices is another key area of concern. Nga Runanga supports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment to water quality and enforcing discharge standards • Development of a water quality strategy and coastal strategy • Establishment of minimum flows and allocation regimes. • SOE monitoring and reporting. 	Thank you for support.
146	Dr Alex Macmillan, Dunedin Land Protection Support spending on flood protection, but disappointed no mention of effects of climate change – extreme rainfall events and sea level rise. These will have significant impact on economic, social, physical, mental and environmental wellbeing. Recommend flood protection and drainage is future proofed for these impacts.	Climate change is taken into account in the ongoing management of the drainage and flood schemes. The LTP provides for an investigation of sea level rise effects on the Clutha Delta.

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146 cont.	<p>Air quality World Health Organisation air quality report ranked 17 cities in NZ among 1,600 world-wide cities for harmful PM10 levels. Of the 17 cities, Dunedin ranked fourth worst. Consider not just overall level of pollution, but population exposed. Remiss to not include Dunedin in plans to improve the region's air quality.</p>	Concentration is on Airzone 1 and Milton, areas of poorest air quality in Otago.
146 cont.	<p>Transport High quality bus services help address some of the "private bads", i.e., roading investment and car dependence. Appropriate that bus services are paid for significantly through general rates, rather than as a user pays increase in bus fares.</p> <p>Increasing fares reduces patronage further. Support a bus fare review if it took in equity, public good and planned to reduce rather than increase fares, particularly for low income, school children, elderly and those with disabilities.</p> <p>Need bus racks on all buses for all routes.</p>	Comments noted.
146 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate Revenue Policy - dairy rate Ethically sound to internalise the cost of pollution into the cost of farming, rather than for the public.</p> <p>Fully support targeted rates, which ensure polluters pay. Reward farmers demonstrating best practice by rate rebates.</p>	Noted. Refer to sections 4.2 and 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
147	<p>Forest & Bird, Sue Maturin</p> <p>Water quality and quantity Increasing concern with amount of sediment and pollution reaching estuaries and ocean, so development of coastal strategy strongly supported.</p> <p>Supports list of major water initiatives.</p> <p>Should not be contributing financially to cost of establishing irrigation infrastructure, as this is blurring of responsibilities.</p> <p>Supported 6A approach on proviso there would be adequate monitoring and awareness to achieve water quality targets. Concerned that the external stake holders group has not been established. Wish to see specific mention of a project to ensure ongoing engagement with Catchment Groups re up skilling landowners/occupiers to assist with their implementation.</p>	Education and liaison a key focus for this project in the LTP.
147 cont.	<p>Land protection Pleased with work re wallaby control, want to see more collaborative effort with ORC, DCC and other agencies in dealing with full range of pests.</p>	Under action with bordering councils.

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147 cont.	<p>Biodiversity Concerned at accelerating loss, fragmentation and degradation of Otago's biodiversity.</p> <p>Need to identify significant sites, and this should be done with all councils across the region using the same methodology. Recommend key actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire ecologist as staff to help develop strategy, prepared and released for comment by 2016. • Establish a project to collaborate with district councils to undertake a region wide survey • Provide a package for the protection of areas of significant, include a contestable fund, rate relief and technical pest advice. 	Noted.
147 cont.	<p>Wilding trees Need a greater leadership role including providing a fair share of the costs of implementing the NZ Wilding Conifer Management Strategy, facilitating the development of control plans, co-ordinating control operations etc. Delete the action of preparing a wilding tree review and stock take.</p>	Noted.
147 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate Revenue Policy - dairy rate Support using both targeted and general rates to address water quality and the dairy monitoring rate. It is fair that those that are using the resources most intensively for private benefit, and generate greater risk to the environment should contribute.</p>	Refer to 4.2 & 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
148	<p>Pomahaka Farmers Watercare Group, Lloyd McCall</p> <p>River Management Bank erosion is a significant contributing factor to the health of the Pomahaka River, support any initiative by ORC to minimise the effects.</p>	Refer to Engineering staff.
148 cont.	<p>Pathway for the Pomahaka Fully support submission 116. Group is in a strong position to instigate change and help educate farmers at ground level.</p>	Noted.
148 cont.	<p>Water quality Now only growing awareness of requirements of 6A on farmers, and some will need significant investment.</p> <p>Compliance on an effects based system has to be targeted to effect a long term change rather than penalising results of a bigger issue.</p> <p>Both ORC and industry are unwilling to give definitive answers as to what is or is not a prohibitive activity. Needs to be a clear understanding. Interface between ORC liaison staff and farmers is paramount to gaining a change in attitudes.</p>	Survey of 600 farmers across Otago reported 78% awareness.

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148 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate</p> <p>Little consultation re implementing this rate. Capital value basis assumes environmental impact is proportional to value, creating double cost for farmers who have invested in infrastructure to mitigate environmental effects. Need direct benefit to payer – no information of what this is.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
148 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate</p> <p>Dairy farmers already pay rates disproportionately based on capital value. What is a rateable unit? Map assumes all farms in specific zone have same management practices. Will there be refunds if visits are not made?</p>	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
149	<p>Shane and Noeleen Hildred, Dunedin</p> <p>Lower Taieri schemes</p> <p>Notification requires immediate attention as many people not aware of changes. Newspaper advertising is no longer considered form of modern communication in 2015.</p> <p>800,000 people come through airport, and ORC has victimised the Taieri ratepayers as financial funders. An independent economic assessment is needed.</p> <p>Taieri ratepayers cannot sustain the increases that are proposed, making farming business uneconomic and devaluing farm asset. Rates have increased over 300% since 2006 to 2016.</p> <p>Last two floods centred in the Mosgiel area, where rates were incorrectly decreased in the last rate review.</p> <p>Proposed upgrades are not required. Not enough consultation and information, (requested but not available from ORC) on proposed changes.</p>	<p>An independent economic assessment will be undertaken. Revenue policy review will be undertaken re public/private benefits.</p> <p>Upgrades will be consulted on before progressing.</p>
149 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - compliance</p> <p>Object to this. Not enough information being provided and should be paid through general rates which benefits the public.</p>	Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
149 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate</p> <p>Object to this. Not enough information being provided. Information requested was unable to be provided in time for this submission.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
149 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate</p> <p>Object to this and any increase. Not enough information being provided. Have requested information that is unable to be provided in time for this submission.</p>	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.

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150	<p>Jerry Wing, Oamaru</p> <p>Water Quality Current minimum flow on the Waianakaura River is measured at Browns Pump. A recent dairy development on the South branch has shown that this branch should have its own minimum flow.</p>	Will pass on to staff for consideration.
150 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate Supports the new monitoring and science work.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
151	<p>Lindsay & Marie Marshall, Balclutha</p> <p>Lower Clutha Flood & Drainage Rates Rate increases are excessive and unjustified. Should maintain rates at current levels until consultation and consensus with communities are agreed on.</p> <p>At recent meeting, no justification for massive increase was provided, told just for normal maintenance of the scheme.</p> <p>Increases proposed on two properties are 23.78% and 33.64% for the 2015/16 year.</p>	Proposed capital works will be consulted on before proceeding.
152	<p>Wendy & Craig Sheppard, Balclutha</p> <p>Rate increases Rates will increase between 27 – 51% for properties, which is huge. Require more justification for this and detailed explanation for the increase. Would like to see where the money is going in detail, and how the ORC funding is allocated currently, showing direct costs. ORC to look internally at own costs, evaluate if management and overheads are justified.</p> <p>If pay ORC rates late in error for first time, be granted a remission of the 10% penalty provided you agree to pay by direct debit in the future. Not allowing for once in a life time error is harsh and archaic.</p>	<p>Infrastructure strategy provides detail.</p> <p>Rates have been amended for the 2015/16 year.</p>
152 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - compliance Oppose increase in costs. 50% for performance monitoring and audits should continue.</p>	Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
152 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate Strongly oppose new rate. ORC is targeting the dairy sector, should be openly monitoring other industries.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
152 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate Strongly oppose this rate. Dairy already paying significantly more rates as capital value is more than others.</p>	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.

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153	<p>Janet Ledingham, Dunedin</p> <p>Forest & Bird submission Fully endorse submission made (refer 147).</p>	Noted.
154	<p>Philip Wilson, Mosgiel</p> <p>Science Work In a major dairy recession, any costs of ORC should be absolutely necessary. Seriously question expenditure on “science work”. Dairy farmers are already paying industry levies spent by Dairy NZ. Have been involved with dairy trials on water quality for last 10 years, being conducted by AgResearch. Can’t afford duplication.</p>	Noted.
154 cont.	<p>Lower Taieri schemes ORC to review its rating for the West Taieri drainage scheme.</p> <p>Major emphasis must be flood protection. Need help from wider Otago area to fund better flood protection for the Dunedin Airport area.</p>	Review of public/private benefit will be undertaken in 2015/16.
154 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - compliance Please keep these affordable, as they currently are.</p>	Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
154 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - water quality rate No science work to be undertaken by ORC. This is already being done by AgResearch and DairyNZ.</p>	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
154 cont.	<p>Revenue Policy - dairy rate Questions if farmers are being picked on. Are there targeted rates for water quality in the Kaikorai Stream and sewerage outfalls in urban areas?</p>	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee. Planning for urban discharges included in the LTP.
155	<p>Otago Polytechnic Students’ Association, Mark Baxter</p> <p>Transport Note fares are less than initially proposed, but some increases are still too great. Recommend lower new Zone 1 & 2 fare, to lower large increases. Recommend adult cast fares are rounded to \$2 (new Zone 1) and \$3 (new Zone 2).</p> <p>Not clear that tertiary student concessions will remain as they are not specifically referred to in the concession column title of fare schedule.</p> <p>Support BusGo’s proposal that community service card holders receive a 25% concession, similar to other NZ and Australian cities.</p>	<p>Concessions will remain.</p> <p>Refer submission 28.</p>

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	<p>Consider a daily or weekly fare cap, easy to implement on modern electronic systems. Set cap that ensures 10 average bus journeys should cost no more than 10% of a low income resident's weekly income.</p> <p>Ask that minimum top up be lowered to \$5.</p> <p>Supports BusGo's proposal for a One Last Journey ticketing facility, where a bus user with less than the required fare on their card is given the trip for the remainder of their balance, the difference being deducted next top up.</p>	<p>Decline. Not efficient.</p> <p>Will investigate with new ticketing system.</p>
156	<p>Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust, David McFarlane</p> <p>General comments Should include concept of resilience in vision statement. Building resilience into what we do is essential.</p>	Noted.
156 cont.	<p>Water quality and quantity Concerned with deteriorating coastal water quality on ecosystems and species, and supports ORC commitment to maintaining water quality standards.</p> <p>Request a clearer commitment and responsibility for coastal territorial seas. The coastal strategy may be designed to address this need. Would like clarification of relationship between proposed strategy and Regional Plan: Coast.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Clarity to be provided.</p>
156 cont.	<p>Biodiversity Strategy long overdue. Engagement and encouragement will be very effective. Useful to have a designated biodiversity officer as a contact point within ORC. Strategy to include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of biodiversity on private land • Integrating human activity and biodiversity conservation. • Identification of biodiversity assets, priorities, objectives and measures. • Restoration programmes should be related to priorities in the strategy. • How will strategy be funded? • Work with whole Otago community • Encourage Enviroschools to grow <p>Welcomes commitment to fund yellow-eyed penguin research.</p>	Comments noted.
157	<p>Clutha District Council, Steve Hill</p> <p>Guiding Principle Commend guiding principle. Keen to understand ORC's action points and programmes being proposed to support 'sustaining our people through economic activity', and how they may interrelate with CDC's approach.</p>	Discussion welcome.

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157 cont.	Land Protection Supports initiatives, especially around hazards work and new South Island Pest Management Plan.	Noted.
157 cont.	Biodiversity Support initiatives, but raise two points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring significant wetlands should be strengthened to include monitoring and protecting wetlands. • Support research into the yellow-eyed penguin, but not clear why this species has been singled out when there are so many other species worthy of research. 	Noted.
157 cont.	Air Quality Agree balance needed between clean air and warm homes. Urge ORC to consider affordability, and strategy developed should include exploring external funding opportunities.	Noted.
158	Mathew Luke, Dunedin Revenue Policy - compliance Unfairly lumped a huge rate increase on rural landowners. Proposal includes work on own property which never been consulted on.	Refer to Section 4.1 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee. Is on all consent holders, not just rural.
158 cont.	Revenue Policy - water quality rate Water quality and flood protection has huge impact on wider Dunedin community. Costs should be spread over Dunedin, unfair for farmers to carry bulk of this cost.	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
158 cont.	Revenue Policy - dairy rate Placed in highest category – why on highest rate? ORC inspector commented the Taieri Plains are an easy area to mitigate risks. Need more consultation with farmers.	Refer to Section 4.3 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee.
159	Brian Dixon, Dunedin Transport People with community service cards should get travel discounts, similar to students.	Refer to submission 28.
160	Grant Taylor Revenue Policy - water quality rate Nowhere mention efficiencies and accountability. \$813,000 benefiting some landholders, what % of the community is this? Balance paid for by general rates – we do not need any increases in rates. Proposal is not socially responsible.	Refer to Section 4.2 of report to Finance & Corporate Committee
161	Julie Hamilton, Oamaru Revenue Policy - dairy rate? Compliance monitoring? Consider joining together monitoring with other monitoring	Refer to Sections 4.1 and 4.3 of report

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	<p>already taking place. Already monitored by Fonterra and NOIC. Consider those farms being monitored/audited be exempt from proposal as the same information will be provided. Would save both time and money for ORC and farmers.</p>	<p>to Finance & Corporate Committee.</p>