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**From:** Frankton Community Association  
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**To:** Annual Plan  
**Cc:** Janelle Houlston  
**Subject:** Frankton Community Association ORC Annual Plan Submission  
**Attachments:** FCA ORC 2017\_18 Annual Plan Submission.pdf

Hello ORC,

Please find attached ORC Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 Submission from the Frankton Community Association.

Please note: We wish to present our submission at the ORC Annual Plan Hearings.

Regards  
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FCA Chairperson.  
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26 April 2017

Mr Stephen Woodhead  
Chairman  
Otago Regional Council  
Private Bag 1954  
Dunedin

Dear Chairman Woodhead

**ANNUAL PLAN 2017/18 SUBMISSION ON BEHALF OF THE FRANKTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

The Otago Regional Council (ORC) Annual plan 2017/18 comes at a time where the Frankton Community is adversely feeling the effects of sustained and unprecedented growth. We have a local Council (QLDC) who has made their top two priorities in their proposed Annual Plan of; Public Transport and Water Quality. It is obvious from this QLDC statement, that the ORC has shown a lack of leadership in addressing these two issues of which the ORC is wholly responsible.

Frankton is currently experiencing the adverse effects of this sustained and unprecedented growth. We are a Community cut in half by State Highway Six and are home to the Queenstown Airport, we therefore acutely experience the burden of increased growth, in particular traffic movements. Frankton has experienced a 19.5% growth rate in traffic movements in 2015-2016. This is further compounded by the Queenstown Airport passenger growth reported to have increased by 16% for the first half of the FY2016/17 and according to the Queenstown Airports Strategic plan, projected to grow a further 78% by 2025 (1.8M to 3.2M)

We are constantly confronted with congested roads during work hours to a point where residential streets are choked with traffic trying to avoid the State Highway.

We are of a view that a lack of focus and care attributed towards the Queenstown Lakes region by the ORC must cease and investment must be made to address the historical shortfall and the adverse effects of being one of the fastest growing districts in New Zealand. Our review of the Annual Plan document in our opinion does not do this, nor contributes to addressing the urgent needs of the District or our Community.

The following is our submission for ORC consideration:

## 1. PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN THE WAKATIPU

We welcome the proposal inclusive of extending the boundary to include Jacks Point, and support the efforts made to establish an affordable, reliable and effective public transport system in the Wakatipu. We expect it to be fully supported by the ORC during implementation and operation; and it being a permanent part of the long term plan with the adequate levels of funding, allocated consistent with patronage demand. It is disappointing however that the implementation of a subsidised (Go Card \$2 fare) in the Wakatipu is not included in Section 14.3 specific areas of work in the Annual Plan consultation document. We also note the deceptive question in the Annual Plan feedback from, "Do you support the increased subsidy of public transport in the Wakatipu Basin?" What existing subsidy? Unfortunately the ORC is the worst performing major regional council in encouraging public transport. The recent OECD Environmental Performance Review New Zealand 2017 states:"The level of public transport has increased in all major cities (except Dunedin) since 2002.," It is time for the ORC to meet its public transport obligations and make Public Transport in the Wakatipu a priority.

We are of the opinion that the performance target of 8% patronage growth is insufficient. The current unsubsidised system is underutilised considerably, and we would expect a large increase in percentage patronage due to the proposed schedule of fares coupled with low current user base, increase in local population and forecasted airport passenger growth. The current performance target reflects ORC lack of vision, grasp of growth factors, and resulting limited fund allocation as shown by the transport financial summary. We suggest that a performance target should be increased to a minimum of 15% and a further target of limiting traffic movement growth to less than 1%, we also suggest considering a bold goal in making the Wakatipu the highest share of distance travelled by way of public transport, the largest in any city in NZ. Performance targets should be difficult to reach, they should encourage a focus and tenacity to achieve, a low risk approach, with a slow roll out/implementation will not meet the needs of the Wakatipu and would have an adverse effect of the public perception of a subsidised public transport system.

The current funding statement-transport has no allocated funding for any capital works to meet additional demand. International experience shows that a fit for purpose public bus system results in increased funding pressure on transport infrastructure (terminals, bus shelters, ticketing systems, public information systems etc). This is consistent with the historical development of Auckland's bus service over the last 20 years. The plan shows no short term funding allocation to determine the level of future funding and infrastructure requirements to ensure a successful, sustainable public transport system. The current bus interchanges at Frankton and Queenstown are insufficient for even an 8% patronage growth. Funding should be allocated to address this need. We note that the operating surplus for transport in the 2017/18 year is in the order of \$1.3M. We would argue this is a lazy balance sheet and there is a far greater scope and availability of funds to invest further with the QLDC in public transport matters.

It is our view that a successful public transport system will be one of the major solutions to addressing the current traffic crisis in Queenstown. As we are geographically constrained the option

of building more roads is limited and would not address traffic congestion, but further compound it. An effective public transport system will considerably contribute to the amenity value of our community, enhanced visitor experiences and economic benefit flow to the greater Otago region. It will also have considerable multiplier effects on ORC goals two to four of, achieving regional partnerships, realisation of new opportunities and aiding in the emergence of "Brand Otago".

## 2. LAKE QUALITY

The Annual Plan makes a token contribution in addressing Lake Snow (\$100,000) and the restoration of Lake Hayes (\$90,000 shared with two other water bodies). The fact that lake restoration is an actionable item should at least create a moment of pause and reflection on our contributing efforts that have led to this situation. The Queenstown Lakes District as its name suggests is home to significant lakes and rivers providing Otago and New Zealand, positive imagery that is promoted internationally to entice the international tourist to visit. Any adverse degradation would significantly put this at risk as well as the ORC reputation of an environmental steward. It is also disappointing that even with heightened awareness of fresh water quality the ORC still sees fit to reduce the allocated funding in river management by 25% for the Wakatipu region, another example of ORC neglecting both the Wakatipu area and water management in general.

The Lake Hayes restoration funding allocation is insufficient. The Annual plan suggests \$90,000 spread over three different water bodies. Is this to mean Lake Hayes is allocated \$30,000? An Otago Daily times article dated 14 April 2017 suggested the most immediate effective restoration option would cost no more than \$250,000. With regard to Lake Hayes the time for scoping has long past. This allocation should be spent on the immediate rectification with funds made available this year.

The current allocation of \$100k research towards Lake Snow is insufficient given the high profile that Lake Wanaka, Wakatipu and Hawea have to the tourist industry, not just locally, and regionally, but nationally. Funding should at least be set aside to investigate in collaboration with the QLDC for a low cost, fit for purpose, pre treatment filters to obviate any large capital expenditure QLDC would otherwise have to make to screen the lake snow from our potable water supply, while research is being conducted. Research should continue, however a short and medium term plan should be developed with collaboration with the QLDC and the University of Otago to have targeted solutions with actionable dates attached. Consideration of funding to contribute to post graduate research (Masters/PhD level) at the University of Otago should also be considered.

We also note that no funding has been set aside for tackling Lagarosiphon, the weed is now at the head of the Kawarau River, and yet no action has been highlighted in the proposed Annual Plan to stop its spread into Lake Wakatipu or eradicate it. Is it a case of the ORC ignoring the problem, abrogating their responsibility, like they have with Lake Dunstan?

The latest OECD Environmental Performance Review New Zealand 2017 suggests a lack of long term planning has led to the continual degradation of our freshwater bodies and ecosystems. It reports that "Agricultural and Urban Storm water continue to put pressure on freshwater quality and



ecosystems” The effect of Agricultural runoff is well understood and has awareness with the general public; the effect of urban runoff is however generally overlooked. The FCA acknowledges the recent ORC effort in researching the adverse effects of urban discharges on the water quality effects to freshwater. We suggest that the implementation of urban discharge controls be hastened with the additional development of an Urban Water Quality Risk Assessment, similar to the rural risk assessment for any suitably sized development that could have a more than minor effect on receiving waters. If urban environments are going to hold rural activities to a higher standard than it is only acceptable and fair that urban activity be held to account in a similar fashion, we would expect compliance and monitoring to be of a comparative level as if it were a rural activity. We also suggest any proposed environmental limits be communicated to District Councils early so they can plan remediation measures to existing systems.

### **3. QUEENSTOWN OFFICE**

FCA is in support of the ORC establishing an office in the Queenstown District in the 2017/18 year. The Queenstown Lakes District Council is currently progressing with their Queenstown centre Master Plan which will include provision for new Council offices. It may be prudent to collaborate with them to see if any sharing of facilities could be arranged in the future for the benefit of both organisations.

### **4. AIR QUALITY**

The FCA requests that air monitoring be established in Frankton during the winter months to ascertain a baseline of air pollution due to the increased traffic gridlock as well as the use of inefficient burners.

### **5. PEST MANAGEMENT**

The Annual Plan makes a meagre effort in addressing Wilding Tree Control (\$100,000) and no mention of any effort with regard to Rabbit control. The real concern is that the Chairman of the ORC has a real lack of appreciation of the problem as was shown by his reaction to the wilding question, saying that in some areas they were regarded as an asset! During the ORC Annual plan consultation meeting in Queenstown. The FCA requests that funding be increased to at least \$500,000 and include gorse and broom control, an equivalent effort be made with rabbits as is being proposed with wallabies.

### **6. CIVIL DEFENCE AND MANAGEMENT**

FCA encourages the development of a comprehensive Otago wide Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Group plan. We support option one for the rates structure to fund CDEM as we agree that civil defence is for prioritising people not property. However we would expect that this increase in rates demand is in return invested in the Queenstown Lakes region as it is this area that will feel the greatest impact of a seismic event.

We do note that the Annual Plan document states that flood events are the key focus for Council. It is our view that this key focus is misplaced and should be more concerned with a large seismic event (Alpine Fault rupture). The reasoning for this is twofold: The first is that flood events are usually predictable and have a warning period either by way of weather forecasts or water level measurements upstream whereby mitigating actions can be put in place prior to the event. This is in contrast to a seismic event that is sudden and for the foreseeable future unable to be predicted by conventional science. Secondly the general devastation, expenditure of social capital and potential time of isolation for communities is far greater than a flood event of the same return period.

The FCA would suggest that a further item under specific areas of work in 2017/18 that a seismic event preparedness campaign be held in tandem with the proposed flood awareness campaign. We would also like to see planning for a collaborative emergency response centre at the Queenstown Events Centre with the QLDC.

## **7. FLOOD PROTECTION AND CONTROL WORKS**

We suggest that the Shotover flood protection rating area be extended to include Jacks Point/Hanley Farm residential area. The residents from these areas receive the same benefits as the residents in Frankton and wider urban areas of the Wakatipu. Therefore it is only equitable for the rateable area to increase to include these large and developing residential areas, this would also be consistent with the proposed public transport area extension.

## **8. NEW DUNEDIN OFFICES**

The FCA is against any moves to build any new ORC office, while neglect of the Lakes region continues. We are of the view that the money should be allocated towards the ORC's primary duties Land, Air and Water instead of a new building that does not contribute to the wellbeing of the Queenstown Lakes District.

## **9. SIGNIFICANT FORECASTING ASSUMPTIONS**

It is disturbing to read in the Annual Plan document, it assumes the ORC's expected levels of activity for the Otago region is not sensitive to population growth. The OECD Environmental Performance Review New Zealand 2017 states: "High growth regions in New Zealand lead to increased pressure and demand on infrastructure. Sustained population growth has led to bottlenecks in transport, increased nutrient and contaminant load into receiving waters and pressure on social infrastructure. Infrastructure bottle necks have a high risk of becoming a barrier to economic growth." For the ORC to conclude that their current assumption is of low risk is concerning in the extreme and suggests that the ORC does not have a full account of what is occurring in the Queenstown Lakes District or the ORC is negligent, both of these scenarios is worrying.

We ask that the ORC investigates the actual growth concerns of the district and implements a

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**From:** Paul Pope <  
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Please find attached to the Otago Peninsula Community Board's submission to the ORC Annual Plan. The Board wish to speak to its submission.

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program that adequately addresses their core responsibilities. Further disinterest in the Wakatipu region and baseless assumptions underpinning the Annual Plan process will only cause further frustration and aggressive representation from within the Queenstown Lakes District.

In conclusion the ORC is planning on increasing the rates they charge, to do activities that we would have otherwise be the primary duties of a Regional Council. The Queenstown Lakes District ratepayers are facing the largest increase in rates demand. Our expectation is that the ORC actually engages with the Queenstown Lakes Community and its presence is felt, and is positive, exactly the opposite of what is occurring now. We expect that with an increase in rates that the ORC works collaboratively with the QLDC in tackling the significant challenges the district is facing created by such unprecedented growth.

Yours Sincerely

Glyn Lewers  
Chairman  
Frankton Community Association

Note that the FCA wishes to speak to its submission at the ORC Annual Plan Hearing



## **OTAGO PENINSULA COMMUNITY BOARD**

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### **Submission to the Otago Regional Council Annual Plan 2017 From the Otago Peninsula Community Board**

The Board thanks the Otago Regional Council for the opportunity to provide a submission to the 2017 Annual Plan on behalf of the Otago Peninsula Community.

#### **Te Rauone Beach Rock Breakwater and Sand Nourishment Project**

The Community Board continues to support the community over this project and the work of the Te Rauone Beach Coast Care Committee in their efforts to ensure its delivery. We look forward to the lodgement of the resource consent in 2017 and the commencement of the work through to its completion. It is important to the Peninsula community that this longstanding project is kept on track.

- **The Board submits that Otago Regional Council continues its ongoing support of the Te Rauone project through to its completion.**

#### **Tomahawk Lagoon and Management Plan**

The Otago Peninsula Community Board notes the positive clearing of the channel during heavy rain in 2017. This was appreciated by the community and showed the Council as being decisive.

The Council has done excellent work in informing and consulting the community regarding the Algal Bloom issues and there is a strong opportunity to grow this relationship further. The use of the site as a recreational trout fishery, its importance as a bird habitat and significant water body in an urban context make the lagoon unique so close to the city. However, in the floods of 2015 the lagoon caused damaged to the community hall costing \$120,000 to repair. Residents have asked the Board that the Council undertake:

- **Appropriate management of the weir that controls water levels in the lagoon complex**
- **The development of a public management plan that provides opportunities for the community and Council to work collectively together in the management of the lagoon.**
- **Revegetation of riparian edges to promote wider biodiversity and recreation gain**
- **A continued programme of monitoring, reporting and liaison that informs the community of the health of the lagoon.**

### **Portobello/Harington Point Road Safety Improvement Project**

In relation to this project the Board is concerned at the loss of bus stop platforms as the road is widened. It is important to the Peninsula community that we retain bus stops in locations that will increase patronage of the buses and that are relevant to the needs of residents and visitors who wish to use the bus service; especially to children, the elderly and the disabled.

- **In collaboration with Dunedin City Council staff, the Board submits that any bus stop changes need to be well canvassed with the community before those changes are made.**

### **Boatsheds and Moorings**

The occupation of the sea bed and harbour fringes by boat sheds and moorings for recreational use is an important aspect of the character of the Otago Peninsula. In recent years consenting fees for boatsheds have risen considerably as the requirement for resource consent in lieu of occupation has been undertaken by the ORC. Often boatsheds have been on the same site for generations and have largely been unchanged for the same period of time. This means that without exception the effects of occupation have not altered.

- **It is the Board's submission that resource consent fees for such occupations, including ramps and moorings, should be standardised to recognise that effects have not changed rather than requiring complicated and costly assessment of environmental effects.**

### **Harbour Master and Harbour Management Plan**

The Board continues to support the appointment of a harbour master for the Otago Harbour. It is the Board's belief that such an appointment will be beneficial from a recreational, safety and environmental perspective.

The cross boundary relationship between the Otago Regional and Dunedin City Councils over the accessibility and use of the Otago Harbour are very strong. However, the relationship has not brought out the strengths or potential of the harbour from a social, cultural and recreational perspective. It is the submission of the Board that:

- **A working party of the ORC, DCC, DoC, Runaka and other groups is formed to develop a Harbour Management Plan that looks at the recreational, social, cultural and environmental management of the harbour from a marine and terrestrial viewpoint.**

## **Dredging of the Eastern Channel**

The Eastern Channel is important to the Peninsula community for recreational boating, potential access between communities during Civil Defence emergencies and for the Coastguard vessel. With the completion of the walkway/cycle way there will be increased demand for access to the harbour. A safe, navigable, maintained Eastern Channel is important to retain access to jetties and ramps on the Otago Peninsula. Currently it is difficult for recreational craft and the Coastguard to navigate this channel given the silting up of the harbour and the changing nature of the channel.

- **The Board submits that ORC needs to work 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.**

## **Maritime Safety – Navigational Markers**

Some years ago the ORC undertook to provide signage on the bylaws and management of small craft and vessels in the Otago Harbour around its various access points. In many cases those navigational markers have deteriorated, become outdated or been vandalised.

- **The Otago Peninsula Community Board submits navigational markers are fundamental to the safe passage of vessels on the Otago Harbour and as such the ORC needs to review all navigational markers and signage, especially on the Peninsula side of the harbour, working with local boating clubs and Coastguard to identify particular concerns, and that it ensures the markers/signage are updated, replaced and relocated where necessary.**

## **Public Transport**

Public transport is essential for many people within our community and the efficiency and regularity of that service must be continued to ensure our community thrives. However, like any service improvements could make the service more attractive to Peninsula users.

- **With the proposed acceleration of the Peninsula road widening project, cyclists will increase on the road but also we expect the possibility of using the bus to take a bike one way and then ride home, will become a popular trend. The Board submits that buses need to be able to accommodate cycles inside as they do in other countries.**
- **That the Council investigates the possibility of having Wi-Fi on the buses.**

## **Biosecurity – Pest Plants and Animals**

The location of the Otago Peninsula and its importance to the region as a hub of biodiversity means that the area faces unique challenges for both public and private landowners who are working to improve their property for the benefit of biodiversity on the Otago Peninsula. Pest plant control is a major component of ecological restoration and one that many landowners and groups spend significant resources on to achieve.

The rabbit problem in our community is high and this creates serious problems with predator/prey relationships for our area due to increased numbers of mustelids surviving on rabbits. This creates high risk for iconic species of birdlife such as Yellow-eyed Penguin and Blue Penguin through predation that the Peninsula and the City relies on for economic wealth and development. While the Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Trust has made excellent inroads in the possum numbers of the Peninsula and has formed a model of community led control, the opportunity is now required to extend that model onto the rabbit/mustelid issues that we have on the Peninsula.

- **The Board submits that this should be a priority for the Otago Regional Council so that conservation and biodiversity gains made on the Peninsula and other areas are able to be built on and enlarged.**
- **It is the submission of the Peninsula Community Board that resources in control, research and advocacy are required from the Otago Regional Council to support landowners and organisations who are undertaking this type of animal control on the Otago Peninsula. Again there is opportunity for information and resource sharing from the ORC and other agencies.**

*The Otago Peninsula Community Board appreciates the support Otago Regional Council has already given to our priorities and the considerable work staff have undertaken to progress many of them to their current stage. The stronger working relationship we have established with the Otago Regional Council in recent times is greatly valued by the Board. We look forward to working with the ORC to complete these projects for the benefit of the Otago Peninsula community and the wider city.*



**Paul Pope  
Chairman  
Otago Peninsula Community Board**



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**From:** rob adair <noreply@jotform.com>  
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**Subject:** Re: Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 - rob adair

 **Draft Annual Plan 2017/18**

**Name** rob adair  
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I would like to speak with Council about my submission (week starting 22 May) **Yes**

If yes, please provide a contact number

How do you think we should structure the rates for civil defence and emergency management? **Option 2: 50% uniform targeted rate and 50% general rate. Half of the cost is in general rates, and half is an equal amount paid by everyone.**

Do you support our water quality environmental risk-assessment programme? **Yes**

Do you support a risk-based approach to dairy farm inspections for compliance monitoring? **Yes**

Any comments? **More inspections. Non compliance should be enforced, with prosecutions.**

Do you support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows? **Yes**

Do you support funding the deemed water use permit transition work for the Water Management Reserve? **Yes**

Any comments? **Gold mine water takes once expired should be not be issued for farming, esp the lindis river catchment**

Do you support the increased subsidy of public **No**

transport in the Wakatipu Basin?

Do you support extending the Wakatipu targeted rating area for public transport to include Jack's Point?

Yes

When do you think we should open a new office in Queenstown?

Option 2: Delay proposal until the next Long Term Plan process (2018/2019)

Any comments?

Do we need an office there. Does the office in Dunedin need to be there. How about Mosgiel.

How should we structure the rates for the Lower Waitaki River scheme?

Option 2: Leave all costs as 100% Lower Waitaki River scheme targeted rate (status quo)

Any comments?

Land user pays. Make sure that farmers aren't encroaching on the riverbed as it has been reported.

Lake snow increased workplan

No

Lake restoration scoping work

Yes

Wallaby control

No

Climate change adaptation (Clutha delta)

No

Any comments?

Look at land use. Really dairy farms in alluvial river beds, dry arid areas. Drive north of Omakau, and smell the dairy effluent. The mind boggles how this was given a RC.

Do you support the change to our Significance and Engagement policy for strategic assets?

Yes

Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes?

I would like to see a more diverse bunch of councillors. To me it looks too white and too male. Focus must be on water.

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**From:** Grant Hensman <noreply@jotform.com>  
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**To:** Gemma Wilson; Annual Plan  
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 Draft Annual Plan 2017/18

Name	Grant Hensman
Organisation	Wakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group (WCG)
E-mail	
I would like to speak with Council about my submission (week starting 22 May)	Yes
If yes, please provide a contact number	
Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes?	Submission to Otago Regional Council 2017/18 Annual Plan Wakatipu Wilding Conifer Group Incorporated (WCG)

Executive summary: WCG calls for ORC

- To take a lead role in the recognition of wilding spread in Otago
- To continue to support wilding control in Otago financially without deduction from hard fought national funding
- To increase the enforcement of ORC's RPMS contorta control
- To continue working with the WCG and support national wilding funding in Otago, with staff support as in kind administration of the program

1. WCG calls on the ORC to be the lead agency in recognising and addressing the large wilding problem in Otago.

- The tide is turning. Government at national, regional and local levels are taking leadership in fighting the wilding battle. A large percentage of Wakatipu residents now recognise the wilding problem. Rate-payers and taxpayers appreciate well informed data on what is a debateable subject. WCG's experience is that people respond to knowing the facts rather than emotional opinions.
- To work on establishing an RPMS that includes all wilding species that spread seed onto vulnerable low or non stocked land., or wilding free areas.

- **Technical assistance in planting the right trees in the right places.**

**2. Continued financial support for wilding control programs in Otago**

- **The WCG praise the ORC for acknowledging the wilding issue and proposing to commit resources to community groups.**
- **The WCG thank ORC for the financial support of \$40,000 towards our program in 2016/17**
- **The WCG would like to make a strong submission for ORCS allocation to be increased to \$100,000 in the 2017/18 annual plan**
- **To plan incremental financial increases beyond years 2017-18**

**3. Calls for the vigilant enforcement of ORC's RPMS contorta control in Otago**

**4. Calls for a collaborative working partnership with "wilding" community groups**

- **We ask that ORC support the actions and strategy objectives in the draft NZ Wilding Conifer Management Strategy.**
- **WCG recognises the important role of Richard Heyward as a member of the WCG exec in exchange of ideas and work programmes of both organisations**
- **The WCG asks that all administration, planning, and involvement costs in the WCG wilding program are covered by ORC internally. As does the QLDC on top of contributing \$438,063 to the local program last year.**

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**From:** Anna Hughes <noreply@jotform.com>  
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 Draft Annual Plan 2017/18

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I would like to speak with Council about my submission (week starting 22 May) No

How do you think we should structure the rates for civil defence and emergency management? Option 2: 50% uniform targeted rate and 50% general rate. Half of the cost is in general rates, and half is an equal amount paid by everyone.

Any comments? As the value of a property increases I think it would be fair to say that the income of the owner is also higher and can therefore afford to pay more towards services we all need. This makes for greater equality.

Do you support our water quality environmental risk-assessment programme? Yes

Do you support a risk-based approach to dairy farm inspections for compliance monitoring? Yes

Do you support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows? Yes

Do you support funding the deemed water use permit transition work for the Water Management Reserve? Yes

Do you support the increased subsidy of public transport in the Wakatipu Basin? Yes

Do you support extending the Wakatipu targeted rating area for public transport to include Jack's Point?	Yes
When do you think we should open a new office in Queenstown?	Option 1: Establish an office in Queenstown in the 2017/2018 year
How should we structure the rates for the Lower Waitaki River scheme?	Option 2: Leave all costs as 100% Lower Waitaki River scheme targeted rate (status quo)
Lake snow increased workplan	Yes
Lake restoration scoping work	Yes
Wallaby control	Yes
Climate change adaption (Clutha delta)	Yes
Any comments?	I would like to see scoping work evolve into action to address the issues that are discovered. I'd also like to see a huge increase in the amount being put toward climate change adaption across Otago. The proposed amount is no where what is needed to create resilience for our region into the future. All money spent now to secure our safety based on the scenarios scientists suggest will be money well spent and far less than what will be need to remedy situations that we haven't properly prepared for.
Do you support the change to our Significance and Engagement policy for strategic assets?	Yes
Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes?	Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Annual Plan.

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**From:** Jinty MacTavish <  
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Kia ora koutou,

Please find attached a submission from the Landscape Connections Trust to the Otago Regional Council Annual Plan. We would be most grateful if receipt of this email could be acknowledged, so we know it has arrived safely.

Jinty MacTavish

on behalf of the Landscape Connections Trust

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## Otago Regional Council Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 Submission

**Organisation:** Landscape Connections Trust (LCT)

**Contact person:** Jinty MacTavish

**Role:** Chair

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Thankyou for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Annual Plan 2017/18.

### Background

LCT coordinated the development of a community-led vision and management strategy for the restoration and enhancement across 55,000ha of Dunedin's North Coast landscape, stretching from North Dunedin to Waikouaiti. Called 'Beyond Orokonui' the management strategy seeks to integrate multiple community objectives for the project area (enhancement of ecosystems, protection of native biodiversity, support of agriculture and local livelihoods, connection of people to their place), identifying priority actions that will have a wide range of benefits for the community and the environment.

Our current priority is the development of the Halo Project – a community-run predator control programme surrounding Orokonui Ecosanctuary. Community engagement has demonstrated strong community support for this initiative. You can find out more about the project [here](#). We were grateful for the Council's support during this financial year, in the form of a \$134,000 grant from the Environmental Enhancement Fund, plus some traps that were identified as surplus to requirements. The grant was for capital costs associated with the Halo project, and (when combined with operational funding from other sources, including the Department of Conservation and the Dunedin City Council) it enabled us to commence work on the project earlier than we had hoped. Our part-time Halo Coordinator has started the roll out of traps around the 3900ha Inner Halo, with volunteers and landowners. Traps are on both private and public land, and will be manned ongoing by Trust volunteers (who are trained in trap handling as part of the process). 150 traps are now in place, and 50 volunteers are providing their time to check traps, make traps, clear and upgrade tracks on their land to improve access.

A second priority project for the Trust is establishing breeding seabird colonies. Several coastal headlands exist within the project area, including Heyward Point, Mapoutahi and Huriawa. These sites have potential to be protected from mammalian predators by intensive trapping and/or pest exclusion fences, thereby providing potential breeding sites for sea birds such as the sooty shearwater, and restoration planting could enhance the habitat. A trap line was established on and around the beach between Doctor's Point and Mapoutahi, prior to the summer of 2015/16, and a second summer's volunteer trap activity is just coming to a close. A stoat decimated a significant breeding colony of little blue penguins in this area in November 2014 – at least 30 individual birds were killed. The volunteers manning this trap line are keen to protect the birds, and see growth in the population ongoing.

The final priority project for the trust is working with landowners to protect coastal forest remnants on the North Coast. This project will build on early work with volunteers from Birds New Zealand, who undertook bird counts on landowners' properties within the Project



area, over two summer seasons. The results of this were analysed by Wildlands, and will shortly be communicated back to the landowners involved.

Below we outline key matters we would be grateful if Council could consider.

### 1. Commendations

- LCT commends the Otago Regional Council's recent decision to become a signatory to the Predator Free Dunedin Memorandum of Understanding. As one of two community projects seeking to control predators at a landscape scale in Dunedin, LCT is also a founding member of the Predator Free Dunedin partnership (PFD). We're excited by what the partnership may be able to achieve, working together. In particular, we're looking forward to the commissioning of (and subsequent implementation of) an integrated predator management plan for the city.

- LCT also commends the work programme underway to establish a Biodiversity Strategy for the region. Having recently been asked to supply our views on the ways we feel the Otago Regional Council may be able to improve on its existing biodiversity work programme, we are heartened to think that some of these ideas might make their way into the Strategy and lead to real improvements on the ground.

### 2. Environmental Enhancement Fund

- As mentioned above, LCT was very grateful to be the recipient of a substantial grant from the Council's Environmental Enhancement Fund this financial year, which has greatly assisted the Trust to commence its work on the Halo Project.

- We would like to express our support for retention of the Environmental Enhancement Fund, and submit that there will be a need to grow this Fund, to support the level of environmental protection and restoration work that communities are expecting. Below, we refer to the example of the Waikato Regional Council, who has an annual budget of \$1.25-1.35M earmarked for similar purposes. We request that Council consider a staged increase to the Environmental Enhancement Fund budget, planned and implemented over a number of years.

- We do have concerns about the Environmental Enhancement Fund being allocated from reserves, rather than being rated for directly on an annual basis. Our concerns are twofold:

1. Allocating from reserves seems a less transparent approach – we consider it preferable that ratepayers are aware that they are being rated to support the Environmental Enhancement Fund, and believe this is clearer if there is a line on each rates bill. Should ratepayers wish to see the allocation grow or shrink, they would then also be in a position to advocate for growth or reduction of the Fund.
2. Should reserves be required for some other purpose, a future Council may well consider the Environmental Enhancement Fund a necessary casualty. We believe that biodiversity protection is core business for the Council, and that allocating annually from reserves does not necessarily reflect this.

- We note that rating directly for annual revenue to support similar grant pools, is something that occurs elsewhere in the country. We give the example of the Waikato Regional Council below. We request that Council consider rating directly for revenue to support the Environmental Enhancement Fund, rather than relying on an annual transfer from reserves.

- We anticipate that the criteria for the Environmental Enhancement Fund will be refined through the development of the Biodiversity Strategy, and that we might have an opportunity to comment more directly through that process. However, we do wish to bring to the attention of the Otago Regional Council that operational costs are some of the most difficult to fund for organisations working in the conservation sector, particularly costs associated with bait and labour. We request that consideration should be given to making explicit provision in the Environmental Enhancement Fund criteria for the funding of operational costs. While the criteria as listed do not preclude this, it seems to us that the Council is not currently envisaging the Fund being applied in this way.

**Case study – the Waikato Regional Council’s Natural Heritage Partnership Programme**  
(drawn from WRC’s *Natural Heritage Partnership Programme Funding Policy*)

- The Waikato Regional Council’s Natural Heritage Partnership Programme is funded through a natural heritage targeted rate of \$5.80 per property across the region. This generates total revenue of \$1.1-1.2 million per annum, which is allocated primarily to an Environmental Initiatives Fund (for project grants \$5000 to \$40,000), and a Natural Heritage Fund (for project grants over \$40,000).
- Unspent funds are put into a reserve and made available once suitable projects are approved, meaning the total budget each year comprises the year’s rates revenue plus the previous year’s closing reserve balance.
- The allocation between different grant pools is determined each year by the Council as part of Council’s Annual Plan process. The Council’s Policy states, as a guide, that the annual allocation is projected to be approximately:
  - \* Natural Heritage Fund - \$850,000 per annum
  - \* Environmental Initiatives Fund (EIF) - \$250,000
  - \* EnviroSchools Grant Fund - Up to \$25,000 per year from the EIF (for schools)
- There is provision for large, significant NHF projects to be funded in part through internal borrowing if required. This allows Council to leverage a small, per property rate into larger sums that can be repaid over time.
- Staff time spent in administering the funds is drawn from the total natural heritage rate revenue, which reduces the amount available for grants accordingly.
- There is an additional fund, the Small Scale Community Initiatives Fund, for project grants under \$5000. This is sourced from the uniform annual general charge (also a targeted, per property rate) with a fixed allocation of \$150,000 per annum. This is the total amount available for grant allocation - staff time for administering these grants is additional to this and is also drawn from the UAGC.
- In total, therefore, the Waikato Regional Council directly rates property owners to provide \$1.25-1.35M of grants that support community-led biodiversity protection and environmental enhancement work.
- A wide range of entities are eligible to apply for funding, including ☐ community groups, iwi/hapu, kaitiaki groups, incorporated societies, community trusts, ☐ resident and ratepayer

groups, territorial authorities, landowner groups (e.g. Landcare or Streamcare groups), educational institutions, businesses and industries.

- Importantly, the funds support the operational costs organisations involved in conservation work, including bait and labour. They also support the purchase of land for conservation purposes.

### 3. Biodiversity Strategy

- As mentioned above, LCT is very supportive of the work programme underway to establish a Biodiversity Strategy for the region. We request that Council continue to make provision in the 2017/18 Annual Plan for the resources required to progress this.

- LCT anticipates that the Biodiversity Strategy, once drafted, will be subject to a period of consultation prior to adoption. We wish to express our strong support for a public consultation period during the 2017/18 year.

- LCT is aware of, and very supportive of, Te Ao Tūroa | Dunedin's Environment Strategy, as developed by the Dunedin City Council, and has submitted to that Council requesting that sufficient funding be allocated in the 2017/18 year to ensure all 'initial actions' identified in that document can be progressed. We have emphasized in particular the need to fully fund the 'Managing Pests' action, which is very well aligned with the integrated predator management plan envisaged by the Predator Free Dunedin partnership.

- LCT notes there may be overlap between actions identified as necessary by the Otago Regional Council's Biodiversity Strategy, and those in Te Ao Tūroa | Dunedin's Environment Strategy. Indeed, many may be better led by (or led in conjunction with) the Otago Regional Council, including 'Productive Landscapes' and 'Ecosystem Health Boost'. We request that the Councils work closely together to ensure any potential for collaboration is maximized.

- Finally, it seems clear to us that any Biodiversity Strategy will identify a number of additions to Council's current work programme. We submit that Council should start considering how new programme elements identified by the Strategy are to be funded, and make initial provision for an increase in next year's Long Term Plan budgets.

- We further submit that establishing a direct rate for the purposes of natural heritage protection is the fairest and most transparent way to fund this revenue stream.

### 4. Cat management

- The National Cat Management Strategy Group recently released a report, noting that whilst "exact cat numbers are unknown" there are "approximately 1,400,000 owned cats (NZCAC, 2016), an estimated 196,000 stray cats (NZVA, 2013)" and that studies show "between 0.2 and 1.2 feral cats per ha in natural landscapes, or 2.4 to 14 million feral cats nationally."

- Recently LCT, in conjunction with Orokonui Ecosanctuary, completed a 'How safe is my cat?' project. This project worked alongside students and teachers at four local schools to:

1. Discover if companion cats living within the Beyond Orokonui project area were a potential threat to animals leaving Orokonui Ecosanctuary;

2. Evaluate if companion cats would be safe from traps set to capture other mammalian predators; and,
3. Understand what other animals inhabited or visited cat owner's gardens and assess the behaviours associated with decommissioned trap boxes.

- The findings reinforced the well-known predatory role that cats have on wildlife, and the need for responsible cat ownership. There are a number of steps owners can take to reduce the chance of domestic cats preying on native animals, which LCT is promoting. It also suggested that traps designed to catch other species, when appropriately sited and baited, don't pose much of a threat to cats.

- Some residents within the Inner Halo are concerned about the ecological and/or public nuisance element of stray or feral cats, and have requested traps to catch them. This has raised the question of how the welfare of domestic cats might be ensured in an area where residents wish to trap feral cats. Whilst this issue has arisen for us in the Inner Halo, we imagine it may be an issue elsewhere in Dunedin.

- After receiving advice from the SPCA about the difficulty distinguishing between different types of cats, LCT is not presently providing traps for feral cats. However, we believe the current vacuum of cat management policy and services in Dunedin is resulting in poor outcomes for both cat safety and welfare, and for Dunedin's ecology. We believe the issue needs to be addressed, and would best be addressed by the Dunedin City Council. We have submitted to the Dunedin City Council raising these concerns, but wished to include this matter in our submission to the Otago Regional Council as we believe the issue is also a pest management matter, particularly in rural areas.

- In 2016, the Wellington City Council has introduced a new bylaw legally requiring owned cats over the age of 12 weeks to be microchipped, allowing them to be identified as owned cats. They can then be returned to owners if lost or if caught in cage traps. Microchipping also provides an opportunity for engagement around other elements of responsible cat ownership, including neutering and collaring.

- LCT is considering fundraising to run its own microchipping service and registry for cats in the Inner Halo, but this is not our preferred option, as we do not feel it should be our role, and we imagine that funders would take the same view. We are currently in conversation with other groups (including the University of Otago, the SPCA and the Veterinary Association) about a pilot in the Beyond Orokonui area. We have requested the Dunedin City Council's involvement in these discussions.

- There are a number of other approaches that can be taken by both councils to better manage cats. We note that the Dunedin City Council resolved, in 2016, in conjunction with cross-agency work on pest management to "review the measures Council currently has in place to address the public nuisance associated with stray and feral cats", and sought recommendations from staff on "alternative or additional measures that could be employed."

- We request that Council add its weight to calls for a more proactive approach to cat management in Dunedin, including a microchipping programme led by the Dunedin City Council.

Thankyou for your consideration of these points.

**Janelle Houlston**

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**From:** Busgo Dunedin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 May 2017 9:24 p.m.  
**To:** Annual Plan; Alex King  
**Subject:** Submission by Bus Users Support Group Otepoti-Dunedin

## **Submission to the Otago Regional Council's 2017 Annual Plan**

Bus Go Dunedin  
c/o Peter Dowden

Peter's phone

We would like to speak with Council about our submission (week starting 22 May): Yes

Bus Users Support Group Otepoti-Dunedin requests that the 2017-2018 Annual Plan include the following:

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### **Bus Stops quality upgrade**

**A programme to upgrade bus stops in Dunedin (and Palmerston) bus network to a standard equalling or exceeding that in the NZTA Guidelines for Public Transport Infrastructure and Facilities and the World Health Organisation's WHO Healthy Cities programme, in consultation with bus users. We suggest that improvements be made when normal road maintenance or construction is carried out so that there need not be any extra construction cost. For example, when road markings are reinstated following resealing, the yellow "bus stop" markings could be reinstated in accordance with the 'Guidelines' document. We envisage all this work would be**

**performed by Dunedin City Council at the ORC's instruction (this list was also included in our DCC Annual Plan submission).**

### **More bus stops**

**We would like the Otago Regional council to fund, and to instruct the Dunedin City Council to install, additional bus stops at the following places (this list was also included in our DCC Annual Plan submission):**

- outside Tool Shed, Hillside Rd (one one side only, as the other direction is adequately served by the Caledonian Gymnasium stop)**
- outside and opposite Pak n save,, Hillside Rd**
- Crawford/Jervois corner**
- Crawford/Jetty corner**
- Outside and opposite rest home in Marne St/Somerville St Andersons Bay**
- Opp/adj Clarendomn Hotel, Mclaggan St**
- both sides near bushy end of Canongate/Serpentine Ave hairpin corner**
- Both sides Portobello Rd near Portsmouth Drive/Shore St corner**

**In most cases these proposed stops are not "improvements" as such but bring routes up to standard to comply with the ORC Regional Public Transport Plan 2014 Policy 18 "(a) In built-up urban areas, spacing between bus stops of 300 and 400m are desirable in most situations, certainly no more than 500m apart and no less than 200m apart."**

**We request the following stops to maintain bus service accessibility in the Octagon area when the Bus Hub is built (these were requested in our submission to the Bus Hub consultation):**

- opp/adj Bracken Court, Moray Pl (to replace Savoy/Tip Top stops)**

- **Opp/adj Library steps (to replace Civic Centre/BNZ stops; could be served by Concord-Port Chalmers bus. We are advised by DCC that although Moray Pl is often closed for graduation, George St and Octagon is always open at such times)**

### **Further improvements to the Dunedin bus service**

- **Immediate reinstatement of the half hourly frequency during weekdays on the City to Belleknowes end of Route 19 and rapid introduction of half hourly frequency on the Waverly end, to bring this route up to the standards of most other routes. It is unfair to treat this route differently due only to its historically poorer service level as Waverly and Belleknowes ratepayers pay the same public transport levy on their ORC rates.**
- **Buses after 6pm on Sundays and Public Holidays: We would like these days made identical to Saturday services. We agree that to pay for this, the three normal weekdays that fall between each Christmas and New Year, known as "interstats", (and possibly a few days immediately after New Year) could be changed to run at Saturday service levels to lower costs at a very low-demand time of year.**
- **Full Public Holiday bus service on Christmas Day, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The Otago Heritage Bus Society, we hope, wouldn't mind being done out of a job but they have demonstrated that there is a clear unmet demand.**
- **We would like an Airport bus to be introduced, possibly by extending some Mosgiel services. We think the Waitati/Harington Pont, Waikouaiti and Palmerston fare zones would be appropriate for fares to Allanton, Momona and the Airport respectively.**

### **Changes to fares**

- **Community service card discount to replace the very limited "beneficiary" discount. In return for this we would agree to Cash fares rounded up to the nearest dollar.**
- **The minimum top up should be \$5 to make use of Go Cards more accessible to people on lower incomes, or at least this lower minimum topup should be available to holders of Community Services Cards, students, elderly and children**
- **We would like the Go Card Adult fare to be set as the "standard" fare (subject to publicly consulted adjustments) with discount fares and cash fares calculated from this base fare. We don't object to cash fares incurring a surcharge in line with the increased costs of collection and the desirability of electronic ticketing for multiple reasons, plus rounding up as detailed above.**
- **We support the publicly notified fares being the declared maximum permitted fare with council staff and/or bus operators being given discretion to offer discounts of various types from time to time.**
- **Weekly/Monthly bus passes should be considered.**

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**from Bus Go Dunedin: Bus Users Support Group Ōtepoti Dunedin**

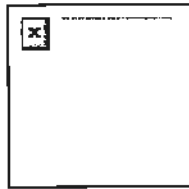
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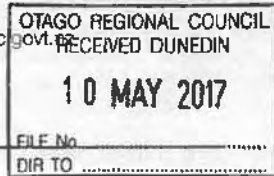
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
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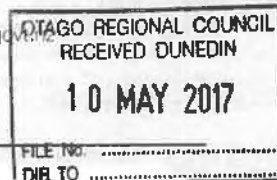
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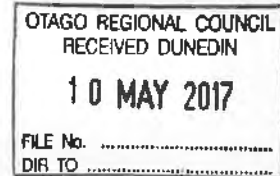
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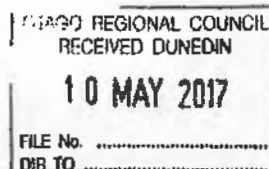
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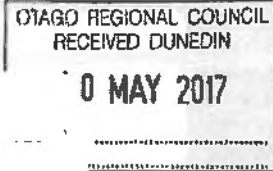
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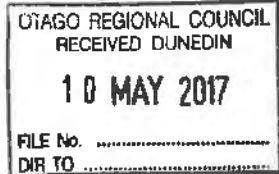
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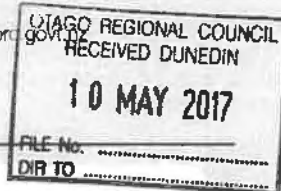
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Organisation (if applicable)

Email

Address

I would like to speak with Council about my submission: Yes  No

This would be in the week starting 22 May.

If yes, please provide a contact phone number

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### Minimum flows and deemed water use permit replacement

Do you support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows?  Yes  No

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Yes  No

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*A 14% increase in rates at a time when inflation is less than 2% is grossly irresponsible and is empire building at its worst. Reduce services to statutory requirements and reduce rates to less than 2% increase if not reducing rates. A 20% general rate increase in Dunedin is totally unacceptable.*

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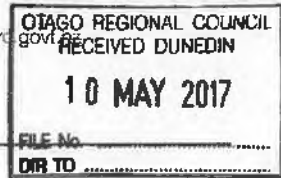
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Name  
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*Paul Hardaker*

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Yes  No

*Cromwell 9383*

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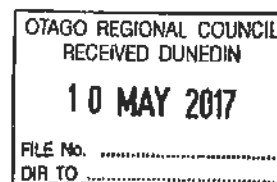
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7<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

I would like to make a submission to the Annual Plan of the Otago Regional Council.

**Community Heating Project.**

I am part of a small group that is wishing to establish a Community Heating initiative. The composition and aims of the group were set out in a letter which I sent to the ORC CEO, Peter Bodeker and to Stephen Woodhead, Chair of the ORC on the 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.

That letter is appended below and included a request for acknowledgement of the letter as well as a substantive response.

Neither an acknowledgment or response was ever received.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, I attended a Horticultural Open Day at Leaning Rock Cherries. This open day was also attended by several ORC Councilors including Stephen Woodhead and in conversation with Stephen he advised that the request for funding had been discussed between himself and Peter Bodeker.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 I again met Stephen Woodhead as well as Peter Bodeker at the funeral of Maggie Lawton at Wanaka. We all discussed my letter and I was advised that my request for funding had been discussed and a decision would be forthcoming.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> March, after receiving no communication from anyone at the ORC I sent an email which is also appended below. No response has ever been received.

To say that we are disappointed so far is an understatement.

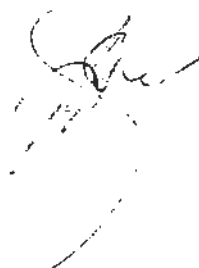
We believe that this initiative is at the core of ORC interests, that there is an ongoing issue with the quality of air in the Alexandra/Clyde basin during winter, and that this group has solutions which will mitigate the problems of air quality.

We are frustrated at not even receiving an acknowledgement of our communications, but would like a substantive response to our request for the small amount of requested support for our initiative.

I would like to speak in support of this submission in Alexandra.

Yours sincerely

Russell Garbutt





Peter Bodeker  
Chief Executive  
Otago Regional Council  
Private Bag 1954  
Dunedin

Cc  
Stephen Woodhead  
Chairman  
Otago Regional Council

Dear Peter

#### **COMMUNITY HEATING INITIATIVE**

Following a public talk a little over a year ago by Greg Bodeker of Bodeker Scientific where the subject of community heating was discussed, I met with both Greg and Jono Conway also of Bodeker Scientific and subsequently with Fraser Jonker, CEO of Pioneer Energy, and Geoff Kernick, a private heating scientist.

As a result of these conversations we determined that we would like to progress a programme of investigating the ways in which a variety of ways of heating community areas such as commercial or residential properties could be provided.

Initial work has been carried out by Bodeker Scientific which shows that significant amounts of renewable energy can be readily obtained from large rivers such as the Clutha River. In addition, Geoff Kernick has recently visited a community heating project in Scotland and Pioneer are also active in pursuing installations using renewable and environmentally friendly technologies.

We are also aware of the high desire of both the ORC and the community to find alternative sources of heating that could mitigate the current high levels of air pollution in Alexandra during the winter months.

It is our plan to set up a Charitable Trust to attract funding to enable a proof of concept installation to be built and the first step to do so is to engage appropriate legal advice to set up the Trust. We have been advised by AWS Legal that the cost of doing so will be approximately \$2,000. The purpose of this letter is to request funding from the ORC to enable this to happen.

The proposed purposes of the Trust are:

investigate ways and means to utilise naturally available resources to heat public or community buildings,  
to liaise with other community groups and organisations to fulfil the primary aim of the Trust,



Thu 30/03/2017 9:17 a.m.

'Stephen.Woodhead@orc.govt.nz'; 'Peter.Bodeker@orc.govt.nz'

Dear Stephen and Peter

I am pleased that we were able to briefly meet at the Horticulture NZ day in Alexandra and at Maggie's funeral in Wanaka and be able to put faces to names.

I was wondering if there was any further information that either of you require before coming to a decision to fund our group's process to form a Charitable Trust? While the sum requested is a modest one, it is an essential step in the process of attracting funds to support the group's aims to develop innovative solutions to the current problems around air quality in the Alexandra/Clyde basin – amongst other things.

We are all anxious to get the Trust up and running as fast as possible, and if there is any further information that you would like in order to come to a decision then please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Russell Garbutt

to raise funds to implement installations in public or community buildings to prove viability of community heating,  
to promote sustainable heating sources and minimise the use of fossil fuels to heat public and/or community buildings,  
to promote research into technologies to advance the aims of the Trust

The proposed members of the Trust would be:

Jono Conway, Research Scientist, Bodeker Scientific  
Fraser Jonker, CEO, Pioneer Energy  
Geoff Kernick, Heating Engineer  
Russell Garbutt, Vincent Community Board member

Hope to receive acknowledgement of this letter and a favourable response to our request.

Yours sincerely

Russell Garbutt

**Janelle Houlston**

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**From:** Andrew Shand <noreply@jotform.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 May 2017 11:06 a.m.  
**To:** Gemma Wilson; Annual Plan  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 - Andrew Shand

 **Draft Annual Plan 2017/18**

**Name** Andrew Shand  
**Organisation** Public Health South  
**E-mail**  
**Address**

I would like to speak with Council about my submission (week starting 22 May) Yes

If yes, please provide a contact number

How do you think we should structure the rates for civil defence and emergency management? Option 1: Uniform targeted rate (\$25.89 per property). Everyone in Otago pays the same amount – regardless of the value of their property.

Any comments? Emergency management is the responsibility of everyone regardless of property value and size. In our opinion option one should be retained with a uniform targeted rate across all properties.

Do you support our water quality environmental risk-assessment programme? Yes

Do you support a risk-based approach to dairy farm inspections for compliance monitoring? Yes

Any comments? Consultation with key stakeholders and landowners is a very important investment. While a big task, we believe visiting each of the landholders over the next three years will provide an excellent platform upon which a catchment based risk management assessment framework can be developed. The changes proposed by Plan Change 6A places the onus on landholders to ensure that discharge limits are not exceeded. This represents a significant shift in thinking. Carrying out assessments in five catchments each year (assuming they will be targeted based on risk), will go some way to

determine where additional restrictions and monitoring/compliance is required.

Do you support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows?

Yes

Do you support funding the deemed water use permit transition work for the Water Management Reserve?

Yes

Any comments?

Given the importance of water for drinking water supplies and contact recreation we support any activity that improves supply security and quality. We believe that more effective allocation of water resources has the potential to do both; therefore we support any programme that accelerates the potential to mitigate risks to public health.

Do you support the increased subsidy of public transport in the Wakatipu Basin?

Yes

Do you support extending the Wakatipu targeted rating area for public transport to include Jack's Point?

Yes

Any comments?

The proposed improvements in public transport in the Wakatipu Basin should serve to reduce vehicle emissions and increase physical activity in the area. Physical activity is associated with many positive health outcomes for individuals, including reducing the risk of obesity. Currently around two in every three adults and one in three children are either overweight or obese in the Otago and Southland region (1).

(1)

Regional results from the 2011-2014 New Zealand Health Survey. Ministry of Health: Wellington, 2016. <http://www.health.govt.nz/publication/regional-results-2011-2014-new-zealand-health-survey> (accessed Feb 7, 2017)

The additional support extending to the Jack's Point area is likely to be extremely beneficial as subsidised fees will enable the community to access services in Queenstown/Frankton more easily. Extending the area will ensure that people utilise these subsidised services and reduce traffic congestion and associated pollution. We suggest Hadley Downs is also included because it will contribute to future proofing for intended growth of the area.

When do you think we should open a new office in Queenstown?	Option 1: Establish an office in Queenstown in the 2017/2018 year
Any comments?	Given the increased population, the environmental needs, and a need to service the new Urban Transport Arrangements effectively, we support the establishment of a Wakatipu Office as soon as practicable.
How should we structure the rates for the Lower Waitaki River scheme?	Option 1: Change the way the scheme is paid for, so that 10% of the scheme's costs are paid for as part of general rates, and 90% by the Lower Waitaki River scheme targeted rate
Any comments?	While this is more likely to affect ratepayers and those immediately in the Lower Waitaki area, we feel there is a high probably of benefits for the whole region and therefore a portion should be allocated from general rates.
Lake snow increased workplan	Yes
Climate change adaption (Clutha delta)	Yes
Any comments?	We have had evidence to suggest that Lake Snow has been affecting the efficacy of domestic water treatment systems in the Queenstown-Lakes District. Along with the work in the South Dunedin area, we support any funding towards investigation and initiatives to deal with potential sea level rise associated with climate change.
Do you support the change to our Significance and Engagement policy for strategic assets?	Yes
Any comments?	We support changes to the significance and engagement policy as it relates to upgrading assets aimed at improving the efficacy of the flood control scheme. We understand there will be a need to dispose of "old" flood control assets, therefore changes will be necessary so they can be sold or otherwise disposed of without having to go through a public consultation phase.
Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes?	We note and support the intention to plan and report on the quality of water in the Shag River and Catlins River estuaries. We also note the intention to start monitoring in the Kaikorai and Tokomairiro estuaries; we also support this work. We appreciate the ongoing effort the council is making to monitor cyanobacteria in recreational waters and reporting to key agencies that this work is being undertaken.  We understand that preliminary consultation on a

plan change to address human sewage including on-site treatment systems (septic tanks) is a focus over the next year. Public Health South supports any investigative work in this area to determine the collective effects of septic tanks in townships and for subdivision (for example, in Clyde and Glenorchy).

We would also like to support the Otago Regional Council on plans to introduce a recreational water monitoring programme across Otago. We understand this will be contingent upon all the Territorial Authorities buying into the process including that of information on public health risks of bathing areas.

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**Janelle Houlston**

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**From:** Victoria Bonham <noreply@jotform.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 May 2017 1:32 p.m.  
**To:** Gemma Wilson; Annual Plan  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 - Victoria Bonham

 **Draft Annual Plan 2017/18**

**Name** Victoria Bonham  
**E-mail**  
**Address**

I would like to speak with Council about my submission (week starting 22 May) **Yes**

If yes, please provide a contact number

How do you think we should structure the rates for civil defence and emergency management? **Option 1: Uniform targeted rate (\$25.89 per property). Everyone in Otago pays the same amount – regardless of the value of their property.**

Do you support our water quality environmental risk-assessment programme? **No**

Do you support a risk-based approach to dairy farm inspections for compliance monitoring? **Yes**

**Any comments?** Our waters are in critical decline through pollution - we do not have the luxury of 3 yrs while we make assessments - water quality should of been fully monitored and tested prior to now showing that our water quality is in serious trouble and needs urgent help and protection . Regulation and management needs to be put in place now - zero tolerance for cattle grazing waterways and good practise standards essential - not negotiable over 3 years . there should be restrictions on new and existing dairy operations - they must show a good management plan re our water or should not be allowed to operate . We must have a zero tolerance to water pollution from our farms fines should be given to anyone not complying .Dairy farms should be rated according to size - and also to their risk - good responsible farming practice should not be

	penalised because of the irresponsible and reckless .Enough talk more action
Do you support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows?	Yes
Do you support funding the deemed water use permit transition work for the Water Management Reserve?	Yes
Any comments?	As a district councillor and member of the Vincent community board - of the Manorburn dam reserve and Galloway irrigator - I have been following the deemed permit transition closely - I have attended drop ins - workshops and listened to ORC talk at council . I have asked many questions that I have put in writing requested meetings and information and have heard nothing . I am very disappointed in the lack of communication on this as shared by others on various boards . I cannot see how such important decisions can be made without transparency - sharing of knowledge and discussion - I also ask for an absolute ban on bottling permits and a revoke of permits already issued and not used
Do you support the increased subsidy of public transport in the Wakatipu Basin?	No
Do you support extending the Wakatipu targeted rating area for public transport to include Jack's Point?	No
Any comments?	I believe the bus service is mostly utilised by tourists and students - not locals . This is feed back I have got from talking to residents - anyone living in the Jacks Point area is likely to be in the higher socio economic area and would have and choose their own transport methods. I believe future planning is best served by linking towns
When do you think we should open a new office in Queenstown?	Option 2: Delay proposal until the next Long Term Plan process (2018/2019)
Any comments?	More urgent issues that warrant spending at hand - non urgent projects should not hold priority tax payer is getting squeezed enough
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Climate change adaption (Clutha delta)	Yes
Any comments?	<p>Lake snow - my understanding is that weed and algae compete so when you remove weed from a water way it creates opportunity for algae to flourish - I am all for cleaning up our water ways by encouraging a restoration back to its own ecosystem - by removing pollutants - chemical run off and sprays - We don't need more people and more talk we need the right people with common sense and knowledge</p> <p>Lake Restoration scoping work - My family have lived at Lake Hayes for 40 yrs It was a pristine beautiful lake once commercially trout fished , we have slowly watched it deteriorate over the years excellerated by the development of the walking track - contributing factors are obvious pollution of contributries feeding the lake from golf course pesticide run off and fertilisers -chemical sprays - live enzymes use in snow making -the removal of the wetlands ( natural filter ) human excrement and rubbish around the water edge and the over allocation of the taking of water for residential areas and new subdivisions - Its not rocket science and Im sure the other lakes and water ways will be burdened by similar issues - if you ask the residents everyone will have an opinion most will be new to the area and wont have any understanding or knowledge ( a waste of time ) Sort out the contributing issues and you wont have a problem - ask the people that know</p> <p>Wallabies There has been talk that a virus may be introduced to control wallabies and rabbits - I am totally opposed to the releasing of viruses its an incredible bio security danger and extremely risky proposition - not to mention a cruel and inhumane death causing great suffering -and the risk of transmutation is always possible - Galloway station has just won a National award for pest management - this has been done by regular shooting and has reduced the population of rabbits to nearly zero . This method works well offers employment - is environmentally friendly and allows opportunity for pelts and meat to be used - All pest control should be given opportunity to become a resource and self funded - viruses and 1080 and other such poisons should NOT and NEVER be an option - Environmentally lethal - totally inhumane - economically disastrous and ethically damning the</p>

poisoning of New Zealand will not only impact our environment our wildlife and see the end of many of our protected birds - it will effect each and every one of us and our families I would also be interested to know the information confirming the wallaby migration into Otago - how significant is this ? What damage has been done ?

Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes?

I support extra funding for urgent prioritised matters that benefit the whole community - I do not support non urgent ORC premises and wage increases . We need less talk and more action more wisdom and common sense - better communication and be community friendly - I do NOT support cruel indiscriminate poisoning of our wildlife and environment - pest management is opportunity for business and resource - as with the wilding pines - With global warming impacting more on our environment we need to be focusing on planting more trees - The removal of wilding pines should be replaced with native trees - A lot of these trees contribute to erosion prevention and should be replaced - Spraying should never be used because of the environmental impact and potential to contaminate soil and water ways - For those that have a hatred for wilding pines I can show you something 100 times aesthetically worse a forest of dead wilding pines - and a fire hazard waiting to happen - Thankyou for your time

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**From:** Tessa Mills <noreply@jotform.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 May 2017 4:17 p.m.  
**To:** Gemma Wilson; Annual Plan  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 - Tessa Mills

 **Draft Annual Plan 2017/18**

Name	Tessa Mills
Organisation	New Zealand Marine Studies Centre
E-mail	
Address	

I would like to speak with Council about my submission (week starting 22 May)

No

Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes?

Submission from: New Zealand Marine Studies  
 Address: PO Box 8, Portobello, DUNEDIN, New Zealand, 9048 Email:  
 Phone: Manager: Tessa Mills,  
 Date: 22 August 2017  
 Attn: Otago Regional Council

**Submission on ORC Draft Annual Plan 2017/18  
 Background**

The New Zealand Marine Studies Centre (NZMSC) is part of the Marine Science Department at the University of Otago. Our mission is to foster understanding and appreciation of New Zealand's unique marine environment and responsibility towards its conservation.

We aim to help every New Zealander develop an enduring understanding of, and interest in, New Zealand's marine realm through an interactive partnership with New Zealand's schools, communities and families.

We deliver a range of marine-themed school programmes and public outreach activities. We produce many resources which are available free of charge for educational use, including a set of highly acclaimed seashore ID guides. One of our recent projects is the development of a citizen science project, Marine Metre Squared, which enables the monitoring of the shores around New Zealand.

#### Comments on the ORC Draft Annual Plan 2017/18

The NZ Marine Studies Centre believes that the coastal environment is a precious resource and supports strategies for its efficient monitoring. It is essential to maintain and protect a healthy natural environment and preserve and enhance the environment for the future.

Engaging people and helping them to see their connection to and dependence on the sea is very important in this regard.

**PROMOTION AND ENGAGEMENT:** With our focus on the marine world, the ORC's support for activities to highlight the sea and human impacts upon it would be valued.

One way this might be done is for ORC to give financial support for a local Seaweek coordinator. Seaweek is held annually in March. Many organisations get involved, but the event has only a voluntary coordinator, and much more could be done if there was a paid coordinator for the Otago region. See [seaweek.org.nz](http://seaweek.org.nz)

**MONITORING AND ENGAGEMENT:** ORC needs baseline data so they can measure changes to the environment and biodiversity. From a marine perspective this means monitoring the quality of our seawater and the biodiversity of marine life.

The NZMSC has developed a citizen science project called Marine Metre Squared (Mm2). This both engages the public and monitors the biodiversity of the intertidal zone.

Anyone can participate and contribute to the Mm2 project by monitoring a 1m x 1m square patch of their local shore once every season. All they need to do is count the animals and plants they find and record them on a data sheet that can be uploaded to our website.

By joining Mm2 people will find out more about shore life, collect valuable scientific information about the distribution and abundance of seashore animals and plants, investigate what changes occur over time and compare with other regions. It is an excellent way for people to engage, monitor and take responsibility for their local environment.

Mm2 has been used in schools to engage students in conservation issues such as supporting recommendations for marine protected areas. Mm2

**Janelle Houlston**

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**From:** Nigel Paragreen <N.Paragreen@fish-game.org.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 May 2017 6:16 p.m.  
**To:** Annual Plan  
**Subject:** Fish and Game Submission on Annual Plan 2017/2018  
**Attachments:** 170510 ORC Annual Plan 2017-2018 Submission.pdf

Hi,

Please find attached a submission on behalf of the Otago Fish and Game Council regarding the Draft Annual Plan 2017/2018. If I can provide any additional information please get in touch.

Cheers,

**Nigel Paragreen | Environmental Officer**  
**Otago Fish and Game Council**

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was also used in the “Sediment and Seashores” project which was developed in 2016 to study the impact of dredging and sediment disturbance on important rocky intertidal communities in the Otago Harbour.

The NZMSC has developed ID guides, videos and many other support materials for this project. Mm2 has already been taken up by some schools, community groups and individuals. The adoption and promotion of the project by ORC would be mutually beneficial. See [mm2.net.nz](http://mm2.net.nz)

We would also like to acknowledge another valuable monitoring project that was developed by a teacher (Andrew Innes) when he was a Royal Society Teacher Fellow at the NZMSC in 2004. The project, “Healthy Harbour Watchers”, is a community-based water quality monitoring programme that facilitates analyses of the water in Otago Harbour on a regular basis. See [neon.otago.ac.nz/outreach/harbourwatch/](http://neon.otago.ac.nz/outreach/harbourwatch/)

Projects such as Healthy Harbour Watchers and Marine Metre Squared are essential in gathering baseline data so that changes in the environment and biodiversity can be monitored in the years ahead.

Summary:

Engage people and their connections to the marine environment by:

- Supporting and promoting Seaweek
- Adopting the Marine Metre Squared project
- Adopting the Healthy Harbour Watchers project

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10 May 2017

Otago Regional Council  
70 Stafford Street  
Dunedin, 9016

To Whom It May Concern,

**RE: Submission on Draft Annual Plan 2017/2018**

Thank you for providing the opportunity for the Otago Fish and Game Council (Fish and Game) to provide a submission on the *Draft Annual Plan 2017/2018*. Below, I have provided the submission on behalf of Fish and Game. I would be pleased to discuss the submission content in further detail should you find it necessary.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Paragreen'.

Nigel Paragreen  
Environmental Officer

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*Fish and Game Submission*

Background

[1] This is a submission from the Otago Fish and Game Council (Fish and Game) on the *Draft Annual Plan 2017/2018*, as notified by the Otago Regional Council.

[2] Fish and Game is the statutory manager of sports fish and game resources within Otago. It is the manager of these species but no direct powers to protect their habitat (in most cases). As such we rely on the *Local Government Act* and the *Resource Management Act processes* (RMA) in order to fulfil our statutory functions. Healthy aquatic ecosystems are central to sustaining productive fish and game populations.

[3] We request to be heard at any oral hearing convened to consider this proposed annual plan.

Water Quantity

[4] Fish and Game supports the ongoing minimum flow setting processes across Otago. With the October 2021 deadline rapidly approaching it is imperative that these processes be adequately resourced to cope with the increased workload.

[5] In line with the above, Fish and Game also supports the accelerated minimum flow process on the basis that we would like to see a swift and smooth transition from deemed permits to RMA consents.

*Statutory managers of freshwater sports fish, game birds and their habitats*

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[6] The focus so far on encouraging the creation of catchment management groups by water users for the deemed permit transition process is encouraging. Fish and Game believes that group management of shared water resources is the most effective approach to long term water management in the region. In the short term, group management presents an opportunity to streamline the renewal process and reduce pressure on Fish and Game staff when the organisation is identified as an affected party. Fish and Game is supportive of the group approach to this process and would like to see adequate funding available to engage with and support water users effectively.

[7] It is noted that some catchment management groups have been encouraged to undertake deemed permit transitions through RMA consenting processes alone, rather than being supported by a minimum flow plan change. Fish and Game would be supportive of adequate funding being set aside for the ORC to engage with these groups. We believe such groups will have elevated resource requirements compared to a run of the mill water permit renewal – as with minimum flow processes.

[8] For the above work, Fish and Game is supportive of utilising funds from the Water Management Reserve.

#### Water Quality

[9] The successful implementation of *Plan Change 6A*, with its 2020 water quality compliance deadline, is of great importance of Fish and Game. To this end, we support the environmental risk-assessment programme at the property level. We are also encouraged by the planned assistance to help landholders achieve the required compliance standards.

[8] Following on from the above point, Fish and Game sees opportunities to utilise catchment management groups as a supportive community structure to assist with meeting 6A compliance standards. Adequate funding for facilitation and engagement, as is provided for on water quantity issues, would assist greatly in a smooth transition to improved water quality for the whole of Otago.

[10] Fish and Game is very supportive of the risk based approach to compliance and monitoring. We believe that strong compliance monitoring and enforcement activities are a critical aspect of improving Otago's water quality and require adequate resources to meet that end.

[11] The preliminary consultation of both the identified water quality plan changes (human sewage and stormwater discharges) is supported by Fish and Game. Urban, or non-rural, water quality plan changes are seen as complementary to the 6A plan change and necessary to improve Otago's water quality.

#### Pest Management

[12] The planned review of the *Pest Management Strategy* is supported by Fish and Game. Due to the impacts on sports fish and game bird habitat, we have an interest in controlling the adverse impacts of any introduced fauna which have the potential to increase sediment loss or any introduced flora which may alter the morphology and/or natural character of waterways.

[13] Fish and Game also supports the continuing development of the *Biodiversity Strategy for Otago* this year.



**Janelle Houlston**

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**From:** Barbara Sloan <noreply@jotform.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 May 2017 7:41 p.m.  
**To:** Gemma Wilson; Annual Plan  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 - Barbara Sloan

**Draft Annual Plan 2017/18**

**Name** Barbara Sloan  
**E-mail**  
**Address**

Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes?

This is not a comment on a proposed change - but on 9 May 2017 we in Waikouaiti experienced a 'smoke full' day resulting from a rural burnoff between Palmerston and Waikouaiti and sending smoke as far as Dunedin. This was a beautiful clear sunny day which we as residents really appreciate going into winter. This resulted in most properties in Waikouaiti experiencing an ash snow phenomeon which apart from the mess possibly caused health concerns for many people due to the amount of smoke generated from this event. Surely such events like this should not be allowed and makes a joke of emissions alleged to be caused by home wood burners and the like. If this is to be allowed for farming properties in an Open Fire Season are we having to experience this on a yearly basis as we suffered the same situation last year when a large amount of forestry rubbish was burnt over a week in the Ramrock Road area in Waikouaiti? It seems farming properties seem to have a preference over anyone else in burning off rubbish. Surely one law for all.

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[14] Additional funding for Lake Snow research is supported by Fish and Game.

Waterway Management, Safety and Hazards

[15] Fish and Game supports the ongoing management of rivers for flood protection. In these matters, it is important to balance ecological and human needs. As one example, gravel aggradation can pose a flood risk; however, gravel banks are also a resource which is distributed downstream during high flows and provides habitat for future salmonid spawning. Fish and Game is supportive of the continued development and implementation of *River Morphology and Riparian Management Plans* with the aim of getting this balance right.

**From:** Raymond Millar <noreply@jotform.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 May 2017 8:02 p.m.  
**To:** Gemma Wilson; Annual Plan  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 - Raymond Millar

 **Draft Annual Plan 2017/18**

**Name** Raymond Millar

**E-mail**

**Address**

I would like to speak with Council about my submission (week starting 22 May) **Yes**

How do you think we should structure the rates for civil defence and emergency management? **Option 2: 50% uniform targeted rate and 50% general rate. Half of the cost is in general rates, and half is an equal amount paid by everyone.**

Do you support our water quality environmental risk-assessment programme? **No**

Do you support a risk-based approach to dairy farm inspections for compliance monitoring? **Yes**

Any comments? **Not just the Dairy Industry, we all have to look to our present actions and change.**

Do you support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows? **Yes**

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When do you think we should open a new office in Queenstown?	Option 2: Delay proposal until the next Long Term Plan process (2018/2019)
Any comments?	New Office for What,
Lake snow increased workplan	Yes
Lake restoration scoping work	Yes
Wallaby control	Yes
Climate change adaption (Clutha delta)	Yes
Any comments?	Would be very interested working with a group on Lake Restoration.
Do you support the change to our Significance and Engagement policy for strategic assets?	Yes
Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes?	Yes

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**Janelle Houliston**

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**From:** Megan Williams <noreply@jotform.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 May 2017 10:49 p.m.  
**To:** Gemma Wilson; Annual Plan  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 - Megan Williams

**Draft Annual Plan 2017/18**

**Name** Megan Williams

**E-mail** ?

**Address**

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If yes, please provide a contact number

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Any comments? Why Queenstown? You should consult with the community to establish where it will best be located! Cromwell, Wanaka? Adding onto current

	facilities perhaps? But yes more presence and activity in Central Otago.
Lake snow increased workplan	Yes
Lake restoration scoping work	Yes
Wallaby control	Yes
Climate change adaption (Clutha delta)	Yes
Any comments?	<p>The money for lake restoration work is woefully inadequate. Lake Snow is one of the obvious issues the lakes are facing.</p> <p>By the time impacts become obvious, the actions required to return a lake to a "healthier" state are expensive and will have negative impacts on the community.</p> <p>Successful management is facilitated with community engagement, working alongside regulators and scientists. The community has indicated strongly a wish to be proactive and develop and implement a collaborative water management plan. The regional council ORC should be a key lead in this with substantial investment.</p>

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**From:** Jonathon Rowe  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 May 2017 8:15 a.m.  
**To:** Annual Plan  
**Subject:** Otago Council feedback

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Name: Jonathon Rowe Organisation (if applicable): Self Employed

Email: [Redacted]

I would like to speak with Council about my submission. This would be via the meeting (if applicable): Yes  No

If yes, please provide a contact phone number: [Redacted]

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**Rural water quality**

Do you support our water quality environmental risk assessment programme?  Yes  No

Do you support a risk-based approach to dairy farm inspections for compliance monitoring?  Yes  No

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**Minimum flows and deemed water use permit replacement**

Do you support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows?  Yes  No

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**Do you support the following activities?**

Lake level increased wetlands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Lake restoration ecolog work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Wetland control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Climate change adaptation (Climate Resil)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

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**Do you support the change to our Significance and Engagement policy for strategic assets?**

Yes  No

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Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes?

Minimum flows - concerned there is some very misleading information being use to inform the public.

Please add additional paper as required.

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**Name**

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No

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Any comments?

**Rural water quality**



Do you support our water quality environmental risk-assessment programme?

- Yes  No

Do you support a risk-based approach to dairy farm inspections for compliance monitoring?

- Yes  No *no submission*

Any comments?

The economic impact of all water quality proposals and plans must be considered carefully.

### Minimum flows and deemed water use permit replacement

Do you support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows?

- Yes  No

Do you support funding the deemed water use permit transition work for the Water Management Reserve?

- Yes  No

Any comments?

The hasty determination of minimum flows in the Central Otago District is of crucial importance in order that irrigators know what level of take may be available for consents following expiry of deemed permits.

### Public transport in the Wakatipu Basin

Do you support the increased subsidy of public transport in the Wakatipu Basin?

- Yes  No

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- Yes  No

Any comments?

As this does not impact on our ratepayers, we make no submission on these points

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**Queenstown office**

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**Any comments?**

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**Do you support the following activities?**

**Lake snow increased workplan**

- Yes
- No

**Lake restoration scoping work**

Yes  No

**Wallaby control**

Yes  No

**Climate change adaption (Clutha delta)**

Yes  No

**Any comments?**

Council is very concerned with the level of lake snow is nearby lakes and trusts that the amount of resource and funding allocated in this Annual Plan is adequate. Ensuring that lake snow is prevented from becoming a problem in lakes and waterways in this District is vitally important.



Wallaby Control - as with lake snow, Council is very concerned about the spread of wallaby into the District and trusts that the money allocated is enough to address the issue.

**Do you support the change to our Significance and Engagement policy for strategic assets?**

Yes  No

**Any comments?**



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*Only Support above if funded partly by Targeted Rating*

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*a.) Don't support new Queenstown office. Should be located in Cromwell - better location to service the whole area & cheaper to establish & run.*

*b.) There should be a targeted rate component to fund this activity*

*c.) Need to know the criteria to be applied in assessing "risk" to comment!*

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## **Submission ORC Works Programme**

**2017/18**

Submitting in regard to Lower Taieri Flood Protection Scheme.

The Annual Plan states for flood protection schemes the performance measure is to “Maintain and renew flood mitigation works to ensure design standards are met.”

My concern is that lack of work on willow and other vegetation as well as sediment build up is reducing the capacity of the main Lower Taieri River to handle high flood flows.

The evidence of this is shown in the photos attached;

The first photo shows the dramatic increase in willow growth from 1976 to 2017 in the Taieri river channel south of the Allanton bridge. This is not the only example of this choking of the channel by willows; it is general from Outram to Henley.

This problem is extenuated by the breaking off of large branches and logs which are being trapped in the various bridges on the Taieri River particularly the Otokia SH 1 traffic bridge where ever increasing amounts of drift wood are having to be removed after each high flow event.

The second photo shows the railway bridge at Otokia where there are four main channel spans. Two of the spans now carry minimal flows because willow and other vegetation and major sediment build up. In the past this sediment has been removed but has not been done for many years now. This area has been identified as a choke point in the flood channel by the ORC so anything that reduces flow is critical to maintaining flood capacity.

Desired Outcome;

That the ORC ensure willows are removed to maintain flood flow capacity.

That the ORC remove sediment build up in flood channel choke points.

That the ORC hold local ratepayer meetings to explain the works programme for the Lower Taieri Flood Protection scheme and justify the proposed 9.75% rate increase for this scheme.

2017 Taieri River From Allanton Bridge SH86  
South



1976 Taieri River From Allanton Bridge SH86 South

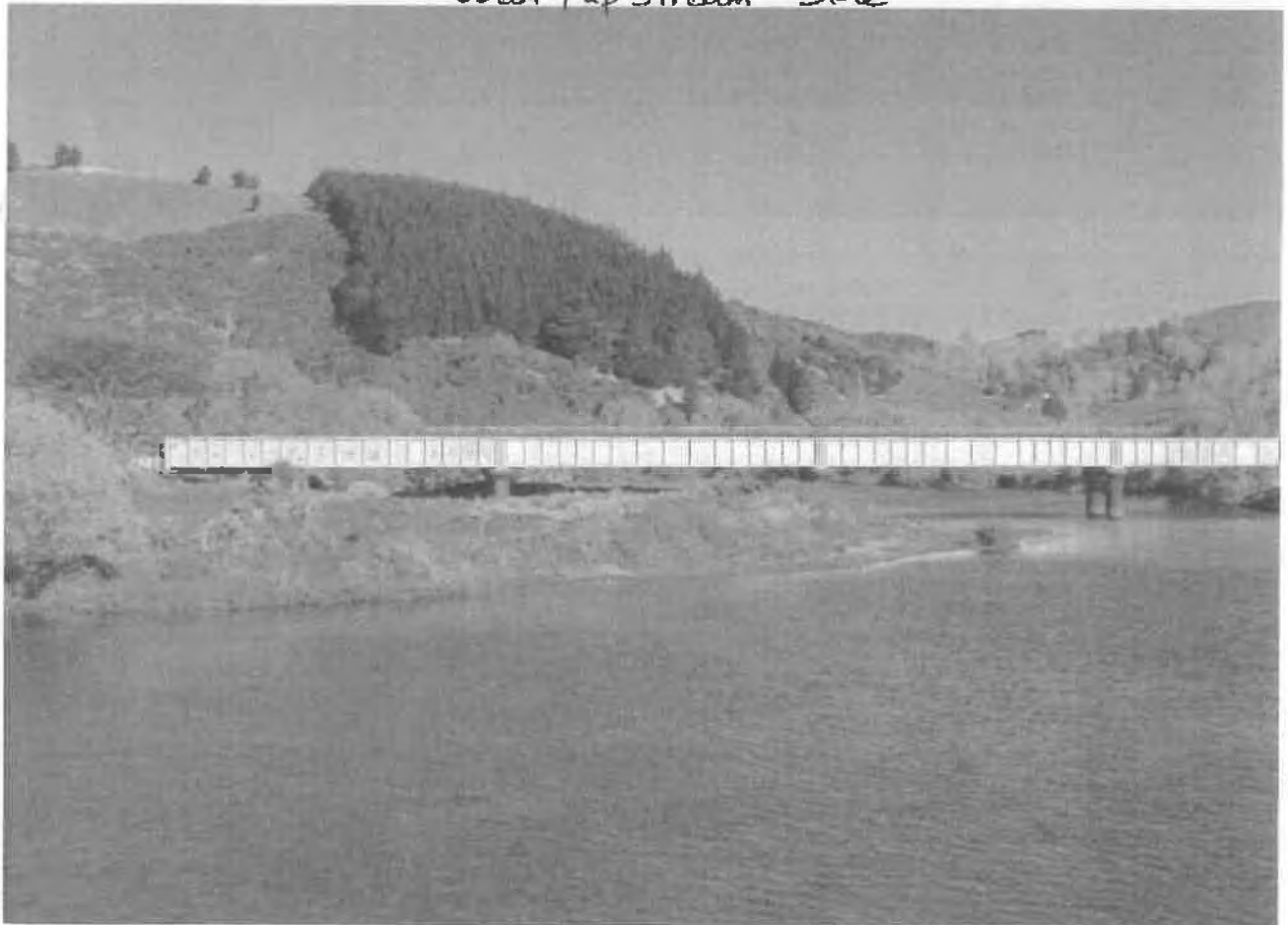


2017

Main Trunk Railway Bridge Otokia  
East / Downstream Side



West / up stream Side



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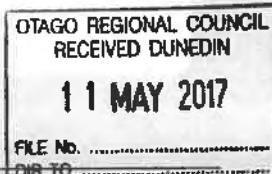
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\* WHO DECIDES THE RISK??

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THERE SHOULD NOT BE A RESERVE.

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Wallaby control + RABBIT  Yes  No

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### Do you support the change to our Significance and Engagement policy for strategic assets?

Yes  No

\* MORE INFORMATION REQUIRED

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\* IF YOU ARE GOING TO OPEN AN OFFICE IN Q/TOWN WHICH I'M SURE YOU WILL, PLEASE OPEN IN FRANKTON NOT DOWNTOWN.

CHEAPER RENT, MORE CONVENIENT.  
PLEASE RECONSIDER EMPLOYE BUILDING POLICY.  
PLEASE RELEASE RABBIT VIRUS NOW.

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
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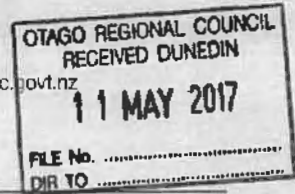
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
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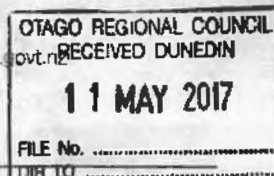
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**CARLA & RONALD CUNNINGHAM**

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OPTION 1 ALTHOUGH WOULD PREFER A WAY TO TARGET THE PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT RATHER THAN PROPERTY.

**RURAL WATER QUALITY**

I AGREE WITH THE "RISK ASSESMENT PROGRAMME

**MINIMUM FLOWS AND DEEMED WATER USE PERMIT**

I AGREE WITH THE "MINIMUM FLOWS PROGRAMME"

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN WAKATIPU**

THIS SHOULD BE DECIDED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE AREA CONCERNED AS THEY SHOULD BE PAYING FOR IT NOT ANYONE ELSE.

**QUEENSTOWN OFFICE**

THIS IS A LOADED OPTION, IF I AGREE TO EITHER OPTION I AM AGREEING TO A OFFICE BEING OPENED, WHICH I DO NOT.

**LOWER WAITAKI RIVER CONTROL SCHEME**

I AGREE WITH OPTION 1. FOR THE REASONS AS OUTLINED.

**LAKE SNOW**

I SUPPORT THIS AS IT EFFECTS THE WHOLE REGION

**LAKE RESTORATION**

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I SUPPORT THE USING OF RESERVES FOR THESE INVESTIGATIONS BUT IF IT SHOULD COME TO BUILDING ANY INFRASTRUCTURE THE RATEPAYERS MUST BE CONSULTED.

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THE EMPIRE BUILDERS ARE OUT AGAIN. RENT OR LEASE A BUILDING AND REALLOCATE THE RESERVES PUT ASIDE TO OTHER PROJECTS LIKE GETTING RID OF LAKE SNOW AND LAKE RESTORATION. I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF A NEW BUILDING BEING BOUGHT OR BUILT IN DUNEDIN.

### **SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY**

I DO NOT AGREE WITH THIS POLICY AS WHO DECIDES WHAT IS OF SIGNIFICANCE

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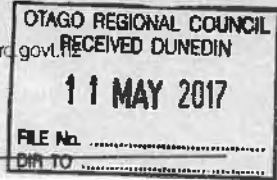
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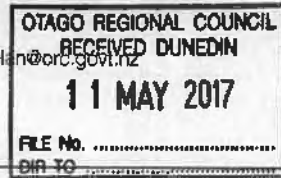
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**Janelle Houliston**

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**From:** Hannah White <  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 May 2017 10:15 a.m.  
**To:** Annual Plan  
**Subject:** Submission from QLDC  
**Attachments:** Submission to ORC 2017 18 Annual Plan from QLDC.pdf

Hi there

Please find attached a submission from QLDC on your 2017/18 Draft Annual Plan.

QLDC would like to speak to their submission and I have been in communications with Janelle Houliston over this recently. At present I am holding some time in our Mayor and Chief Executive's diaries on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May for a hearing in Cromwell (TBC). If you could confirm a time for them on this day that would be much appreciated.

Kind regards

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**Hannah White** | Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive  
Queenstown Lakes District Council  
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11 May 2017

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Mr Stephen Woodhead  
Chairman  
Otago Regional Council  
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File: DE/05/2

Dear Chairman Woodhead

**SUBMISSION ON BEHALF OF QLDC**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on your 2017/18 Annual Plan. This plan comes at a time of unprecedented growth in the Queenstown Lakes District and unprecedented environmental threats to our lakes.

On that basis, we note from the outset, that there is no invitation in your submission feedback construct that asks the more strategic question as to whether the Otago Regional Council ('ORC') investment in the fastest growing district in New Zealand is adequate.

Otago is a very diverse region, and while some services need to be delivered on a standardised basis we consider that it is important that the region also invest into programmes that will match and address the environmental pressures that arise from having the fastest growing District within the QLDC region. Our overall impression of the ORC Annual Plan 2017/18 is that it does not reflect a strategic approach in relation to QLDC issues and an accordingly inadequate proposed investment in the Queenstown Lakes District.

A. *Significant Forecasting Assumptions:* As outlined, the Queenstown Lakes District is experiencing unprecedented growth, and our growth forecasting predicts this scenario will continue. The QLDC is strategically looking to proactively prepare for and manage this significant challenge. On page 55 of the ORC Annual Plan we submit the assumption regarding Growth Change Factors, which assumes 'no impact' on the ORC's level of activity in the next Ten Years.

Under the revised 2017 medium-high population growth projections, the Queenstown Lakes District's population is expected to increase by 102% to 66,355 by 2048.

This assumption doesn't reflect the significant demand that the growth of the district will invariably have on the communities expectations on the services that the ORC provides, and we submit that the ORC needs to undertake some detailed analysis to adopt a programme that meets the needs of growth areas (we refer you to the QLDC Annual Plan which highlights the challenge. For example traffic movements in Frankton have had an annual increase of 19.4% 2015 – 2016 and resource consent applications increased 25.6% 2015 – 2016). It is also in conflict with your Public Transport statements.

In that context our submission speaks directly to the tension created between our fast changing district and the delivery of the ORC community outcomes, particularly in relation to sustainable development and meeting the needs of 'Otago' people.

- B. *Queenstown Office:* We do favourably note the proposal to re-introduce a Queenstown Office. The response is supported in principle; however we would like to be further engaged on this proposal.
- C. *Transport:* The Queenstown Lakes District Council supports the Otago Regional Council contribution of \$600,000 towards matching the contribution being made by Queenstown Lakes District Council (subject to consultation) and NZTA funding. It is now critical that transport issues are addressed in the Wakatipu, with public transport being a critical part of a suite of solutions needed to address traffic solutions.

The ORC will need to join with us in some innovative thinking in the solution space that takes us beyond a standard metro fix, namely the provision of bus transport. We have a unique environment that calls for unique solutions, for example ferries. The government is encouraging this innovation and whilst the proposed enhancement of the bus service is welcome, strong and improved collaboration with ORC in showing some leadership in this critical space.

A risk adverse or process bound response carries the real risk of impugning the reputation of our district and experience of ORC ratepayers (QLDC residents) and visitors alike in a destination that is the jewel in New Zealand's tourism crown.

Transport is fundamental to unlocking the potential of the district and we know that a second stream of work will also be required in the Wanaka environs. Again this is in direct conflict with the ORC growth assumptions.

It will be critical for the ORC and QLDC to work closely together to ensure the proposed transport solution outlined in our respective Annual Plans is implemented as soon as possible. We submit that we would like a discussion on a draft plan for implementation within the next two months.

On behalf of our community we request this matter becomes an ORC delivery priority, particularly given the additional at risk component of \$300,000, in addition to \$600,000 that QLDC has put towards this critical project. This project must succeed and given the wide-spread support in our community our view is we simply need to get on with it.

- D. *Water:* Our lakes and rivers are a key economic asset, both to the district and the country. This plan appears to contain \$30,000 - if the project is to receive a third share of \$90,000 page 11 (CD) but we would like this clarified - towards a vision and action plan to restore the quality of Lake Hayes and \$100,000 to find out about lake snow, which is seriously impacting Lakes Wanaka, Wakatipu and Hawea.

As a Council and on behalf of the community, we are disappointed in the limited approach being proposed to 'research the problem', and is concerning to the community and the QLDC, who have in the case of Wanaka in particular been investing hundreds of thousands of dollars to manage this issue over almost a decade. This Council (QLDC) is now facing the prospect of investing millions of dollars of filtration equipment to counter this issue. The scale of ORC's investment has been widely criticised and QLDC shares that concern. The lakes as a water source and as a tourism amenity are core critical assets to the district, the region, and NZ. This is not a remote science problem, and ORC needs to convince its communities that it is showing leadership and urgency in its efforts to address the issue. Again, this is an issue that carries with it major reputational implications.

The lakes and rivers are an essential environmental and economical asset, locally, nationally and globally. Again, we submit that the ORC work with the QLDC to produce a solution-based plan. The Queenstown Lakes District ratepayer is already facing the largest ORC general rate increase (in dollar terms) in the region page 5 (CD) and we are not suggesting this be funded through rates.

Given the significantly wider implication of this environmental matter we submit that the ORC offset an increase and solution-based fund for this work from its considerable reserves (\$13m) as outlined. We note specifically that the ORC holds two river management reserves for Wakatipu and Wanaka (total value \$1.2m on page 80 Annual Plan). This may be a wholly appropriate fund to utilise on this occasion.

On page 96 (Annual Plan), we note your intention to utilise reserves to fund research into water quality but we suggest the Council 'digs deeper' to enable an escalation of response to this concerning issue.

An alternative funding option may be to reconsider allocation of the \$3m Port Otago special payment dividend over the next two years that you have flagged as offsetting the general rate, as outlined on page 1 (CD) or the ability to dispose of assets as proposed through a change in your Significance and Engagement Policy on page 15 (CD).

Returning to the Lake Hayes proposal, and in the context of our submission regarding increasing the investment in water quality, we submit that the budget be increased (our understanding is the solution is already understood and the cost is in the vicinity of \$200,000) to fix permanently the water quality issue for Lake Hayes. Lake Hayes is in Councils view, a straightforward fix that will enhance the location as a recreational asset for the local communities of Queenstown and Arrowtown. It is also a significant tourist destination in its own right and the quality of the experience is increasingly becoming compromised.

We do acknowledge your proposed investment in urban water quality in accordance with the national policy statement on urban development targets and look forward to understanding how this work relates to and benefits our district.

Finally, it is with concern that on review, we have identified that the ORC may in fact be investing less in Wakatipu waterways in the proposed Annual Plan than on the previous Annual Plan and Ten Year Plan (page 14 CD). This indicates a reduction in the targeted rate of \$50,000 (\$150,000 take as compared to \$200,000 in the previous two years). Can you please clarify?

- E. *Pest control*: On page 11 (CD) of your consultation document the ORC outlines the issue created by wallabies. By simply exchanging the word wallaby for rabbit, the commentary would adequately outline the serious threat that the escalating rabbit population poses for Central Otago. The QLDC does not support any delay in solutions for rabbit eradication and submits that funds must be included in this Annual Plan. Again we submit this could be funded through reserves.

We are very much in support of the ORC's ongoing commitment to both wilding pine eradication and Lagarosiphon control. QLDC is taking a proactive leadership approach by consulting on the early harvest of its own Coronet Forest, and notes that ORC and QLDC have successfully together lobbied LINZ to finally establish a working group on Lagarosiphon for Lake Wakatipu.

- F. *Working with your capital:* The ORC has developed a wholly prudent approach to its finances that does not effectively use the capital that the ORC has on its balance sheet nor utilise debt funding as a tool to enable future generations to pay for today's investment. We are not promoting a reduction or cap on regional rates but as outlined we ask the ORC to see how best it can add value to the urgent programmes in our district.

We submit that the ORC needs to recognise the significant and unprecedented growth in the Queenstown Lakes District and more effectively partner the QLDC to find critical solutions to challenges as outlined and to become more strategic in its forecasting to meet the future challenges.

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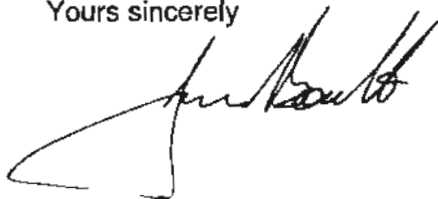
- G. *Air Quality:* We commend the ORC role in monitoring air quality but submit that it includes additional funds to establish air quality monitoring at Frankton. Anecdotally the feedback last winter was that there were air quality issues that were exacerbated by idling vehicles. We further recommend that the ORC shift from an educational and monitoring mode to commence enforcement in the Arrowtown environs due to the ongoing emission of some dwellings compounding the winter air quality issue.
- H. *Emergency Management:* QLDC supports the regional council's critical role in civil defence and emergency management. We would note that QLDC, like all Council continues to make a financial investment in emergency management.

If Option 1 as outlined page 6 (CD) is the preferred option then we would caution that the investment in resilience and response for Lakes District ratepayers is not disproportionate with areas of higher population.

As previously stated our support for this initiative will be predicated on ensuring that an appropriate investment in resource and readiness specific to QLDC is made. We are encouraged by the dialogue already underway with the regional EM office, and look forward to seeing further detail in this space.

We have before us all some significant challenges. I have every confidence that if our Councils work in a united and constructive way we will be able to overcome these challenges together.

Yours sincerely



Jim Boulton ONZM  
MAYOR

*Adopted and endorsed by Full Council on 20 April 2017.*

*Please note that QLDC wishes to speak to its submission at the ORC Annual Plan hearing.*

**Janelle Houliston**

**From:** Irene Hawkins <noreply@jotform.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 May 2017 10:26 a.m.  
**To:** Gemma Wilson; Annual Plan  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 - Irene Hawkins

 **Draft Annual Plan 2017/18**

<b>Name</b>	Irene Hawkins
I would like to speak with Council about my submission (week starting 22 May)	No
How do you think we should structure the rates for civil defence and emergency management?	Option 1: Uniform targeted rate (\$25.89 per property). Everyone in Otago pays the same amount – regardless of the value of their property.
Do you support our water quality environmental risk-assessment programme?	Yes
Do you support a risk-based approach to dairy farm inspections for compliance monitoring?	No
Any comments?	All Farmers need to be monitored without notification, or how do you get to see the ones that are offending. The modern approach for self regulation does not work as we see in others areas.
Do you support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows?	Yes
Do you support funding the deemed water use permit transition work for the Water Management Reserve?	No
Any comments?	This should be a cost to the farms etc that use it. The ratepayer does not have an endless supply of funds but is expected to pay for anything and everything. User pays, and then perhaps they will use it more efficiently
Do you support the increased subsidy of public transport in the Wakatipu Basin?	No

When do you think we should open a new office in Queenstown?	Option 2: Delay proposal until the next Long Term Plan process (2018/2019)
Any comments?	Queenstown is not the only growth area
How should we structure the rates for the Lower Waitaki River scheme?	Option 2: Leave all costs as 100% Lower Waitaki River scheme targeted rate (status quo)
Lake snow increased workplan	Yes
Lake restoration scoping work	Yes
Wallaby control	Yes
Climate change adaption (Clutha delta)	Yes
Any comments?	The amount set aside for wilding pines seems woefully inadequate. \$100000 for the Otago region is not enough. I realise that you are concentrating in Naseby but wouldn't it be effective also to start in others areas before they become as much a problem as Naseby.
Do you support the change to our Significance and Engagement policy for strategic assets?	Yes

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**Janelle Houlston**

**From:** Murray Neilson <noreply@jotform.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 May 2017 10:57 a.m.  
**To:** Gemma Wilson; Annual Plan  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 - Murray Neilson

**Draft Annual Plan 2017/18**

**Name** Murray Neilson  
**Organisation** n/a  
**E-mail**  
**Address**

I would like to speak with Council about my submission (week starting 22 May) **Yes**

If yes, please provide a contact number

How do you think we should structure the rates for civil defence and emergency management? **Option 2: 50% uniform targeted rate and 50% general rate. Half of the cost is in general rates, and half is an equal amount paid by everyone.**

Do you support our water quality environmental risk-assessment programme? **Yes**

Do you support a risk-based approach to dairy farm inspections for compliance monitoring? **Yes**

Do you support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows? **Yes**

Do you support funding the deemed water use permit transition work for the Water Management Reserve? **Yes**

Any comments? **This programme needs greater funding and more extensive research and advice than is currently being planned - see NZFWSS submission on this topic to Clean Water 2017 programme.**

Lake snow increased workplan	Yes
Lake restoration scoping work	Yes
Climate change adaption (Clutha delta)	Yes
Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes?	<p>I am aware that there is likely to be a petition presented to ORC, as part of the annual planning process, asking for funding for Lagarosiphon control in Lake Dunstan. I am opposed to this proposal, as there are far more important priorities in the Otago Region, such as the deemed permit water use replacement programme, which would benefit from greater funding and research. The recently-signed 10 year Lake Dunstan Lagarosiphon control plan is sufficient and appropriate and contains a process, agreed by all signatories, which provides adequate opportunities for public input to the proposed methods of control and to an agreed process for obtaining further funding for such, as and when needed. Those who signed the plan, including the Lake Dunstan Guardians (those behind the petition), should abide by its proposals, including appropriate review periods, rather than trying to subvert it, in its infancy. Lagarosiphon control is not ORC's responsibility, under the Biosecurity Act.</p>

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**Janelle Houliston**

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**From:** Annual Plan  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 May 2017 10:16 a.m.  
**To:** Janelle Houliston  
**Subject:** FW: Annual Plan submission forwarded

**Importance:** High

**From:** Diana Bonham  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 May 2017 8:46 p.m.  
**To:** Shirley Howden  
**Subject:** Lake Hayes

Hello Shirley

I understand that you are looking for submissions to help care for the beautiful Central Otago area.

I was brought up in Dunedin spending many happy holidays in the Alexandra and Arrowtown area and now own property

Close to Lake Hayes where my husband and I and family have spent over thirty years living and working in this special place.

As well as being a school teacher and teaching in both England and the Otago/Southland areas , I, together with my family, lived and worked for 10 years in the Alexandra area. I was in charge of a Real Estate office during which time I became qualified by exam to hold my position, selling a variety of properties over those years.

After that I worked for a Management company in the Queenstown area for 25 years, managing the refurbishment, the staff of approximately 25, solving the Leaking buildings, running the three resorts at 95-98% occupancy and keeping the 20 spa pools running cleanly and efficiently as close to 100% as possible, and redesigning the access, plumbing and electrics for these pools. I was also, together with the management company answerable to over 1,000 owners.

I know that most people are very good at giving negatives so have tried to make some suggestions for the Otago Regional Council to consider to help to resolve a few of the many problems which I know you are faced with daily plus some information that will require more research.

After living for many years in the exciting Queenstown area, I have watched its evolution, seeing the respective Councils including the ORC trying to balance the pros and cons, dealing with not only many Tourists but now an explosion of permanent residents who are filling every room in their houses in order to afford to live in the area, all of which put an enormous strain on an infrastructure not built for such a fast increase in population

With History, knowledge which is readily available from both the experts, Google and our own experience, an ability to understand the problem, and a fair bit of common sense, most problems can be tackled and resolved not just short term but hopefully longer term

I have seen Lake Hayes change from a beautiful healthy scenic lake, well known for its trout fishing and its myriads of tiny and often larger perch to a stagnating lake with algae.

At the turn of the 20th Century, Lake Hayes was even commercially fished

I believe that if we return to the time that the lake was in it's prime, think carefully about what has happened since then and try to fix or even reverse some of the changes such as re-instating wetlands, the natural filter for any waterway which provides cover and food for natural wild-life and birds.

The pure spring water that fed the lake is now being utilized by so many residences.

Maybe a bore beside the Kowarau river could take the pressure off the spring.

When I sought knowledge about algae in waterways, I discovered that water weed and algae fight for sunlight to photosynthesize. (Not mentioned in any report that I have seen)

I remember in the not too distant past that there was a huge clearance of weed in many local waterways and more is still being contemplated and at a great cost to ratepayers. While it may fix one problem, it seems to be creating another

Maybe this could be a cause of the sudden increase in algae in the many waterways in the areas afflicted with this problem. Perhaps certain areas could be reinstated with good healthy weed which would encourage the tiny wild-life that the fish naturally feed on.

This would serve with the cleansing of waterways and to reinstate the delicate eco -systems.

As far as Lake Hayes is concerned, we also need to look at Mill Stream and its catchment area, which is mainly the Coronet Peak Ski field and surrounds.

Maybe we should be questioning any fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides or additives (especially for snow making) being used on and around this area which would naturally be washed into Mill Stream

I do hope that I have given some useful information for discussion and hopefully helped to give some resolution to retain our beautiful areas for future generations.

Best wishes

Diana Bonham

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**Janelle Houlston**

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**From:** Andrew Innes >  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 May 2017 3:17 p.m.  
**To:** Annual Plan  
**Cc:** Lisa Gloag; Cr Gretchen Robertson (ORC); Cr Trevor Kempton (ORC); Andrew Innes  
**Subject:** Submission for Draft Annual plan 2017/8  
**Attachments:** 9th may 17.docx

Dear sir or madam, please find attached ECOTAGO's submission for the draft Annual plan 2017/8.

Thank you  
Andrew Innes



9<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## ECOTAGO'S SUBMISSION TO OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL IN REGARD TO THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2107/18.

### ***Back ground to the submission***

ECOTAGO is a charitable trust whose purposes include: promoting environmental education (EE), supporting a multi-disciplinary approach to EE with local government, business, iwi and community groups, increasing awareness of local environment, building networks between people and knowledge and advocating for policies and programmes that support a sustainable environment.

Its mission to support, empower and encourage regional community initiatives in the area of monitoring waterways (Tomahawk Lagoon, Otago Harbour, Kaikorai Catchment and Sinclair Wetlands (Trust)). Enhancements of these ecosystems is dependent on having robust and reliable scientific data in regard to water quality and knowledge of the condition of the riparian area as a first step.

ECOTAGO has made a successful application for funding to facilitate a water quality monitoring project about the Tomahawk Lagoon(TL) from the Participatory Science Platform (PSP)

*“ECOtago has successfully applied for funding for this project from the Participatory Science Platform (PSP). The PSP is designed to encourage communities – particularly young people, educators and scientists – to work together on collaborative science projects so that they become more enthused and informed about the role that science plays in their lives.”*

### ***Excerpts from our funding application***

*Tamahawk Lagoon is a water way of significant ecological and recreational value to the wider Otago coastal community. There are community health concerns over historical and recent nutrient discharges and related frequent algal blooms, often comprising cyanobacteria species which are known to produce toxins. Severe blooms were reported in 2012 and 2014). The Otago Regional Council does no regular water quality monitoring except for visual inspections for blooms and algal counts when blooms occur. So little information exists on the ecological health of the lagoon (status or trends), which is a DoC reserve and host to wildlife including fish and birds.*

*This project will establish a Tomahawk Lagoon Health team to survey the water quality (WQ) of the upper (northern) Tomahawk Lagoon over a 12 month period and investigate how, through monitoring of the physical, chemical and biological aspects of the ecosystem, the*

*environmental health of the lagoon can be assessed by the community.*

*This monitoring programme will be designed to facilitate long term data collection, support committed community partnerships, and create systems to report back to the wider Tomahawk community about the environmental health of the Tomahawk ecosystem.*

*The project team will present a report that will describe the environmental health status of Tomahawk Lagoon and will suggest future community actions on environmental health for local water bodies.*

### **Our submission.**

The project is consistent with the “Vision Statement, Goals and Measurements”, namely *Goal One and Goal Two*, that talk about stewardship and partnerships as part of the current Draft Plan. In the consultative document there is a section on “**Lake Restoration**” which states- *“to work with the communities to develop a vision and action plan to restore these lakes for the next generation to enjoy”*

We have community teams that are effectively gather data to help us understand water quality in both parts of the lagoon from our upper stream site to a site adjacent to the lagoon outlet. Data collected at each site includes: water temperature, electrical conductivity, salinity, DO, pH, turbidity, dissolved nutrient levels(N/P), chlorophyll a and *Ecoli* as well as careful investigations into the different fish, macroinvertebrates species and numbers, bird counts and variability in the different macrophytes present at different sites. We collect all of this data monthly.

This project started in February 2016, so now we have a data base with 14 months of data. This is the only time series of data that exists and is accessible at this time. We do have additional data from investigating teams from the Zoology Department of the University of Otago who have organised field days going back 20 years. We plan to have a symposium at the end of the year to report back on what we have found out and make recommendations on appropriate or informed decisions on a restorative programme for Tomahawk Lagoon (TL).

The restorative programme relies on having quality and robust data. The Otago Regional Council should assist ECOTAGO in improving the quality of this data base. These steps should be taken:

- Meeting with ECOTAGO and the TL advisory group that facilitate the programme.
- Organise to have a parallel monitoring day(s) so we improve the quantity and accuracy of the data and incorporate elements of Quality Control (QC) for the TL teams to test the accuracy of our lab analysis.
- Establish a data Sonde to collect more frequent data points of some aspects eg DO.
- Constructive commentary on “science stories” that TL team will make on our facebook page or a developing website.

**Janelle Houlston**

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**From:** Moira Parker  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 May 2017 4:41 p.m.  
**To:** Annual Plan  
**Subject:** submission attached  
**Attachments:** OPBG ORC DAP submission 5-2017.docx

I have attached the submission from the Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group on the draft Annual Plan .

Regards

Moira Parker (Sec OPBG)

Please write your comments below and send your submission by

12 May 2017 to:

Draft Annual Plan

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Name or representative:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Moira Parker

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 11 May 2017

**OPBG would like to present this submission in person**

**Our submission is to the Otago Regional Council's Draft Annual Plan 2017/18; specifically those sections dealing with Land and the Council's intended activities in relation to a review of the Pest Management Strategy, and developing a Biodiversity Strategy for Otago and the Environmental Enhancement Fund. These aspects of the Annual Plan, are of particular interest to the OPBG as they are the issues we deal with.**

#### *OPBG activities*

The Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group (a charitable trust) was established in 2008 by a group of Peninsula landowners. The landowners wished to maintain and enhance the wildlife and natural habitats of the Peninsula, enable the contribution the Peninsula makes to the tourism industry to continue, and to maintain the Tb-free status of the Peninsula. Pest animals have a significant impact on the Peninsula flora and fauna, and following widespread community consultation, it was agreed that possums should be the initial target animal for the OPBG to control. Since then, the OPBG has raised more than \$1,000,000 and has applied this to removing over 11,500 possums in a series of operations conducted by both contracted professionals and local residents. Monitoring of vegetation plots and bird transects before and after possum removal, as well as anecdotal reports from residents, show that the control programme to date is achieving positive results. The OPBG has received considerable local and national media coverage for its efforts. Since Feb 2016 a part time Operations Manager has been co-ordinating control work in order to consolidate the gains already made. Once possums are reduced to minimal levels, and a buffer zone established along the city boundary, the OPBG will begin implementing the next stages of its Strategic Plan, looking further ahead to other pest species and biodiversity goals, all with community support as a major focus.

#### *Biodiversity Strategy*

The OPBG is very pleased that council is developing a Biodiversity Strategy as a specific area of work in 2016/17. We suggest that as part of this work Council undertakes consultation with private sector organisations, community trusts, and other groups seeking to maintain and enhance biodiversity values. This would ensure that all parties are aware of each other's activities, difficulties and operational constraints, and avoid duplication of effort or omission of significant species or areas from the Strategy.



Community groups, such as the OPBG have stepped up to retain and enhance biodiversity in the region. Consequently, community groups have gained considerable practical experience in managing environmental projects and could make a useful contribution to the development of the Biodiversity Strategy. Indeed, a closer working relationship between OPBG and ORC would ensure our particular community project is strengthened and enhanced.

#### *Review of Pest Management Strategy*

We note that the ORC's Pest Management Strategy 2009 includes rabbits, hares, rooks and wallabies, yet ignores possums. Given the nationally recognised significance of possums, both as Tb vectors and as a serious pest in terms of damage to both indigenous flora and native birds, we urge Council to include possums on the list of pest species in the Revised Strategy, to be notified in March 2018.

Both Environment Southland and Environment Canterbury include possums in their Regional Pest Management Strategies.

Environment Canterbury's RPS objective 7.3.3 is to contain possums below a 10% residual trap catch (rtc) level within community initiative programme areas. Possums are to be reduced to below 10% rtc at targeted high value environmental sites. Annual trap line monitoring by Environment Canterbury ensures that possum numbers are not exceeded.

Environment Southland's Pest Management Strategy 2013 (currently under review) classifies possums as a "suppression pest" in mainland Southland. Landowners within their 5% rtc area are required to control possums on land they occupy to at or below 5% rtc, and the same rule applies for landowners within their 10% rtc area.

We draw Council's attention to the fact that the OPBG is entirely funded through the efforts of the local Peninsula community and the OPBG trustees, with no costs to landowners for possum control on their properties. However, possum control over much of the remainder of Otago is subsidised via OSPRI because of the status of possums as Tb vectors. The OPBG's current focus on removal of possums is thus instrumental in keeping the Peninsula Tb-free. The value of this work to the Otago region should not be overlooked. The recent occurrence of Tb in cattle on the northern side of the Otago harbour indicates that there is

always the possibility of an outbreak of Tb in other areas, such as the Peninsula.

#### *ORC Environmental Enhancement Fund*

OPBG appreciates the importance of monitoring any pest control project in order to find out the benefits of the control work and was pleased to receive \$27,000 in 2016 from the Environmental Enhancement Fund. This is to be used for analysis of data from rodent, bird, vegetation, lizard and invertebrate monitoring projects, plus the purchase of materials for a trial pest aversion fence (OPBG will be reporting to Council in June on the outcomes). However, OPBG was disappointed that Council declined to fund project management time to co-ordinate and communicate this information to the community and disseminate the environmental benefits and outcomes of an animal pest control project in an Otago setting.

OPBG requests that Council reconsider the criteria for this fund with respect to labour. As a community group we could not function without our pool of dedicated volunteers. In the 6 months between Oct 2016 and March 2017 volunteers contributed 2,469 hours of volunteer time. However, for volunteers to be trained, motivated and organised it is essential to have a paid, part-time person as co-ordinator. We request that ORC reconsider the decision to exclude labour costs from the Environmental Enhancement Fund.

#### *What we would like Council to do*

- 1) We would like ORC to consult with us when developing the Biodiversity Strategy for Otago. As a group of Peninsula landowners, we have gained considerable experience in working with our local community on pest control.
- 2) We request that the ORC includes possums as an animal pest, when the RPS is reviewed in 2018.
- 3) We ask that ORC consider labour costs as an essential part of environmental projects and that the criteria for the Environmental Enhancement Fund be broadened to include this.

**Janelle Houliston**

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**From:** Nona James <noreply@jotform.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 May 2017 4:41 p.m.  
**To:** Gemma Wilson; Annual Plan  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 - Nona James

**Draft Annual Plan 2017/18**

**Name** Nona James

**E-mail**

**Address**

I would like to speak with Council about my submission (week starting 22 May) **Yes**

If yes, please provide a contact number

How do you think we should structure the rates for civil defence and emergency management? **Option 1: Uniform targeted rate (\$25.89 per property). Everyone in Otago pays the same amount – regardless of the value of their property.**

Any comments? **Funding through a general rate levied against a property's value unfairly penalises Queenstown ratepayers. Why should someone already struggling to make ends meet in the unaffordable Qtn market pay a much higher \$ amount toward civil defence and emergency mgmt. than someone living in Dunedin where they can earn higher wages than in Qtn?**

Do you support our water quality environmental risk-assessment programme? **Yes**

Do you support a risk-based approach to dairy farm inspections for compliance monitoring? **Yes**

Any comments? **I support more monitoring of all water quality and especially rural water quality.**

**Intensive monitoring of dairy farms is required...the more the better to send a clear message of zero tolerance. I support increased monitoring for dairy farms which have been found non-compliant in the past. However, I believe all dairy farms should be monitored at least once a year. The fines collected from prosecutions could be used to cover increased**

monitoring of those farms so that complying farms are not effectively charged a higher rate due to poor behaviour from other farmers. Thank you for charging the cost of monitoring dairy farms exclusively to the dairy farms in an appropriate user pays model.

Do you support funding the deemed water use permit transition work for the Water Management Reserve? No

Any comments? The cost of the deemed water use permit work should be a targeted rate charged to the holders of water permits. User pays is the most equitable method for allocating costs of work such as this which benefits those deriving an income from the water use. It is completely untenable to fund this work through the general rates. (This inequitable allocation of the cost is particularly alarming for a Queenstown ratepayer who pays a much larger and unfair burden of the general rates).

Do you support the increased subsidy of public transport in the Wakatipu Basin? No

Do you support extending the Wakatipu targeted rating area for public transport to include Jack's Point? Yes

Any comments? Although I strongly support the subsidy of public transport in the Wakatipu Basin, I cannot support the proposal with the proposed funding model.

Why are Qtn ratepayers paying towards the Dunedin stadium when it has no benefit to the Qtn area, yet other areas in Otago which benefit from Qtn tourism hub are not expected to reciprocate and assist with funding to address the congestion on all the roads in the Wakatipu?

Tourism in Queenstown is the driving force behind the problem of congested roads..both in the form of rental vehicles as well as the increased # of workers that must be accommodated to service the growing tourism industry. Put simply, it is time for someone besides the poor ratepayers in Qtn to start putting some funding in to address the problems caused by tourism. It appears the public transport that is supposed to solve our road congestion problems is to be funded entirely by Wakatipu ratepayers...albeit thinly disguised by splitting the rate increase between ORC and QLDC. If this is the solution, I do

	NOT support the proposal...let the National government pay to build the roads needed to accommodate the tourism increase they are promoting as I have had enough of paying to solve problems caused by tourism through my rates.
When do you think we should open a new office in Queenstown?	Option 1: Establish an office in Queenstown in the 2017/2018 year
Any comments?	Why should ratepayers in Queenstown (who pay an unfair share of general rates due to higher capital values) be provided a lesser level of service than those communities that are being subsidised by general rates collected from Queenstown?
How should we structure the rates for the Lower Waitaki River scheme?	Option 2: Leave all costs as 100% Lower Waitaki River scheme targeted rate (status quo)
Any comments?	Why should someone already struggling to make ends meet in the unaffordable Qtn market pay toward the Lower Waitaki River scheme when those benefitting from that Queenstown subsidy are not also expected to pay a share of the proposed Qtn public transport which also has benefits for the wider area? Funding work that specifically benefits those in the Lower Waitaki through a general rate levied on CV is even more preposterous in light of the fact that the high capital values in Queenstown unfairly allocate a proportionately larger general rate cost per household to those already struggling to make ends meet in an unaffordable market.
Lake snow increased workplan	Yes
Lake restoration scoping work	Yes
Wallaby control	No
Climate change adaption (Clutha delta)	No
Any comments?	Again, all costs specific to an area should be funded by targeted rates...not general rates which are disproportionately charged to each household in Queenstown due to the higher capital values.  In particular, why are those in Qtn required to fund wallaby control while those in the Waitaki are not contributing through a general rate to the cost of wilding pine control in Queenstown as pines are also a pest and stopping their spread benefits the wider community as much, if not more so, than wallaby control?
Would you like to make comments or provide	ORC needs to seriously consider the funding model for general rates. The huge difference between capital values between Queenstown and other parts

feedback on any of the other proposed changes?

of Otago results in a disproportionate rate levy on the Queenstown community. Why should a wage earner in Qtn, already struggling beneath the burden of low wages and unaffordable housing, subsidise a Dunedin household where the ratio of housing cost to income is much more affordable? There is absolutely no justification for levying a Qtn household more per household for administration, democracy and public information (and other general costs funded by the general rate) than a household in Dunedin. ORC needs to move to a model which includes a higher fixed charge per household. One proposal would be to charge a fixed charge for all households at or less than the median value FOR THEIR PARTICULAR REGION/AREA as this would equalise the current inequities where hard hit Qtn households pay a disproportionately higher cost for the same general services. (The fact that capital values in Queenstown have risen so rapidly does NOT indicate that households in Qtn have more disposable income and can afford to pay a higher share of costs). Properties with CVs over the median value could then be charged a general rate on the excess of their CV over the median to ensure that those who can afford to pay more do so. In summary, due to the extreme differences in CV between areas within the ORC rates catchment, it is high time that ORC address this inequity that is resulting in struggling Qtn households paying more than more affluent households in other areas such as Dunedin. I, for one, have had enough of subsidising other areas in ORC rating catchment simply because my property values have gone up...we all pay a price for living in Qtn in the form of the low wage economy and I simply cannot afford to keep subsidising other areas in Otago. Let's see some action on the part of ORC to address this matter.

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**Janelle Houliston**

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**From:** Julia Wilson <noreply@jotform.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 May 2017 5:39 p.m.  
**To:** Gemma Wilson; Annual Plan  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 - Julia Wilson

 **Draft Annual Plan 2017/18**

Name Julia Wilson  
 E-mail  
 Address

I would like to speak with Council about my submission (week starting 22 May) No

How do you think we should structure the rates for civil defence and emergency management? Option 1: Uniform targeted rate (\$25.89 per property). Everyone in Otago pays the same amount – regardless of the value of their property.

Do you support our water quality environmental risk-assessment programme? Yes

Do you support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows? Yes

Do you support the increased subsidy of public transport in the Wakatipu Basin? Yes

Do you support extending the Wakatipu targeted rating area for public transport to include Jack's Point? Yes

How should we structure the rates for the Lower Waitaki River scheme? Option 1: Change the way the scheme is paid for, so that 10% of the scheme's costs are paid for as part of general rates, and 90% by the Lower Waitaki River scheme targeted rate

Lake snow increased workplan Yes

Lake restoration scoping work Yes

Wallaby control Yes

Climate change adaption  
(Clutha delta) Yes

Do you support the change  
to our Significance and  
Engagement policy for  
strategic assets? No

Any comments? I am concerned that the new wording is vague and  
could result in different definitions of 'significant  
decision's, depending on who is on the Council.

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**Janelle Houlston**

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**From:** Richard Bowman <noreply@jotform.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 May 2017 8:03 p.m.  
**To:** Gemma Wilson; Annual Plan  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 - Richard Bowman

 **Draft Annual Plan 2017/18**

Name Richard Bowman  
 Organisation Friends of Lake Hayes Society Inc  
 E-mail  
 Address

I would like to speak with Council about my submission (week starting 22 May) **Yes**

If yes, please provide a contact number

Lake restoration scoping work **Yes**

Any comments? Submission to Otago Regional Council on its draft Annual Plan for 2017-18  
 From Friends of Lake Hayes Society Inc.

Friends of Lake Hayes Society Inc. requests that Otago Regional Council increase water quality monitoring in Lake Hayes and in its catchment. (A list of suggested requirements needed to help track recovery of the lake and demonstrate effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of the strategies is provided below.)

The information which can be provided by the additional monitoring is necessary to better understand the factors which contribute to the present eutrophic state of the lake and how the water quality can be restored. Over the last 10 years severe algae blooms over the summer period (October – May) have reduced water clarity, produced an unsightly brown water colouration, dramatically impacted on the once healthy trout fishery and have caused people who have had extended contact with lake water to suffer hay fever-like symptoms. The degraded state of the lake has caused major concerns for local people and risks impacting on high and increasing levels of public use as well as the lakes international status as a 'New Zealand tourism icon'.

Friends of Lake Hayes Society was incorporated in 2008 principally to improve the water quality in Lake Hayes. It has a membership of 120, an executive committee of 10 local property owners and has actively pursued this goal since that time. It has made numerous submissions to Otago Regional Council annual plans over the last 10 years. It is making this submission on the advice of Dr Gavin Palmer in a letter from Otago Regional Council dated 24 March 2017 regarding a request to for further data and research to support restoration options of Lake Hayes water quality.

Recently Friends of Lake Hayes commissioned a report on the restoration and monitoring of Lake Hayes by Dr Marc Schallenberg of Hydrosphere Research Limited. The report is in the final stages of editing and will be released publicly in the next week or so. Comments on an initial draft have been sought from Otago Regional Council technical staff as well as from a variety of other sources. It will be made available to Otago Regional Council as soon as it is released.

The report entitled "Lake Hayes Restoration and Monitoring Plan" evaluates the potential for many various restoration activities to accelerate the recovery of the lake. Four of these strategies have been selected to be the most promising and cost-effective. These are: (1) food web bio-manipulation, (2) enhanced flushing by using surplus irrigation water from the Arrow River, (3) alum dosing to flocculate and bind phosphorus in the lake bed, and (4) a focus on land use activities in the catchment to further reduce nutrient and sediment losses from land to water. These strategies were scrutinised using the available data and some costings were determined. This allowed the development of a restoration strategy proposing the most promising strategies to use, potential timelines to achieve implementation, and suggesting a range of restoration targets by which to measure success. This report also discusses lake monitoring options to help track recovery of the lake and demonstrate effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of the strategies. A key recommendation made in the report forms the basis of the Society's request for more lake monitoring. The additional requirements are set out in order of priority in the table below.

Priority Type of monitoring Frequency and technology

1a. Sampling by boat at 2 deep water sites (31m and c. 26m)

1. CTD datasonde casts (Temp, DO, Chl a, phycocyanin)
2. Samples at 5m, 10m, 15m, 20m 25m, 30m for:
  - Total, dissolved inorganic N and P
  - Chlorophyll a and pH (only at 5m)
3. Samples at 5m, 10m and 15m for phytoplankton species
4. Vertical zooplankton hauls for species and density of Daphnia
5. Secchi depth Monthly; various standard methods
- 1b. P budget
 

Measure total P and flow rate (where relevant) in:

  - Mill Creek (plus flow)
  - Spring (plus flow)
  - 6 depths in the lake at 31m site (1a.)
  - Hayes Creek outflow (plus flow) Monthly; standard wet chemistry methods
2. Profiling lake monitoring buoy at 31m site
  - Temp
  - DO
  - Chl a
  - Phycocyanin (cyanobacteria) Hourly; Limnotrack monitoring buoy
3. Survey aquatic plants using divers (e.g., LakeSPI)
 

At 4 fixed transects record:

  - Maximum depth of plants
  - Native species distributions and % cover
  - Presence and cover of non-native species
  - Health of plants Every 5 years; Scuba divers (e.g. LakeSPI methodology)

Further to this request Friends of Lake Hayes as a community-based group would like to offer its support and assistance to Otago Regional Council in its role as the agency responsible for managing water quality in the region. In this respect a member of the Society with professional expertise in water quality data collection has suggested that the Society could provide direct assistance in relation to resampling the Mill Creek catchment, i.e., recommendation 1b., in the table above. The Society would like to make a formal offer of support and is also considering making an application to the Otago Regional Council's Environment Enhancement Fund toward the cost of sample collection and analysis. We trust that such an offer of support would be received favourably by the Council.

We note that the requests made in this submission are consistent with the statement made in Section 1.1 of the draft Annual Plan ie. "Water is a precious resource in Otago. The quality of our water and its availability are critical to our way of life. Our

Regional Plan sets out policies and rules that aim to protect both the quality and availability of water in our aquifers, rivers, lakes and wetlands.”

Given the high level of public concern being expressed about water quality in Lakes Wanaka, Hawea, Wakatipu, Hayes and other waterways in the Southern Lakes area we are surprised that the draft Annual Plan does not seem to address this issue. We do note that funding has been proposed in 2017-18 to provide \$100,000 for research into lake snow. However this only addresses one specific issue and does not consider the wider issues of water quality and the factors influencing this. We would like to see the draft plan amended to give greater recognition to water quality issues in the Southern Lakes.

We trust that the requests and comments made in this submission will help Otago Regional Council to improve its Annual Plan for 2017-18.

We look forward to expressing our views directly to the Council at the submission hearings.

Yours sincerely

Friends of Lake Hayes Society Incorporated

11 May 2017

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**Janelle Houlston**

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**From:** Bill&Kirsty Sharpe <noreply@jotform.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 May 2017 9:18 p.m.  
**To:** Gemma Wilson; Annual Plan  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 - Bill&Kirsty Sharpe

**Draft Annual Plan 2017/18**

**Name** Bill&Kirsty Sharpe

**E-mail**

**Address**

I would like to speak with Council about my submission (week starting 22 May) Yes

If yes, please provide a contact number

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Do you support extending the Wakatipu targeted rating area for public Yes

transport to include Jack's Point?

Any comments? Improvement in the bus services would be most welcome

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Any comments? The previous office should never have been closed. A new office should be established ASAP

Lake snow increased workplan Yes

Lake restoration scoping work Yes

Wallaby control Yes

Climate change adaption (Clutha delta) Yes

Any comments? See additional comments below

Do you support the change to our Significance and Engagement policy for strategic assets? Yes

Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes?

Further Comment on the ORC Annual Plan

**Wilding Pine Control**  
We would like to see a bigger financial commitment to this vital work. The government recognises this threat to our DOC estate and other hill sides in the Queenstown area. A concerted effort is needed now to contain the spread. We would like to see at least \$500,000 being spent which would mean say \$5 per ratepayer. No one could argue with that.

**Rabbit Control**  
This is no longer a rural problem. Rabbits are getting into gardens at Kelvin Heights. Please attend to this urgent problem and spend what money is required to get on top of it.

**Water Quality**  
There is much to be concerned about in this area as with the rest of NZ. We remind the Regional Council to give this matter top priority.

a) Lake Snow - This has not yet been identified. Urgent action is required to deal with this. Firstly adequate research to identify the problem. Then for action required to get rid of it. We cannot wait around for this problem to get worse. We would like to see much more finance allocated to get some action.

b) Lagarosiphon Weed - The annual plan has nothing allocated for controlling the spread of this weed. Recent press reports indicate that it is at Kawarau Falls and will obviously come into Lake Wakatipu. Queenstown is the tourist capital of NZ. We cannot

afford to endanger our lake. We rely on the Regional Council to control weeds and pests and this matter requires urgent attention. Meaningful resources must be allocated to deal with this because if it gets into Lake Wakatipu control would be almost impossible.

c) Lake Hayes - The poor water quality of this lake has been known for decades. Regional Councils were put in place to deal with water quality. Please get on and deal with it! Extra money must be allowed for research and then the required action to bring this once pristine lake back to full health. In conclusion we are asking for proper attention to be given to environmental matters that are so important to this area. We have wonderful scenery that requires high protection. It is not fair to put all the costs of this protection on to the QLDC ratepayers as we have a huge resource in need of urgent attention compared to other Otago areas. Much of this work could be funded from ORC financial reserves as well as from rates.

We wish to appear at the hearings meeting.

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Option 2: Leave all costs as 100% Lower Waitaki River scheme targeted rate (status quo)

## Minimum flows and deemed water use permit replacement

Do you support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows? Yes  No

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Yes  No

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**MINIMUM FLOWS & WATER PERMITS**  
**REMEMBER THAT FARMING FEEDS THE COUNTRY AND THE WORLD.**  
**IRRIGATION RUN OFF SUPPLEMENTS LOW SUMMER NATURAL FLOWS AND HAS DONE SO ON THE MANUHERIKIA SCHEME FOR AROUND 100 YEARS**  
**TROUT AND WILLOWS ARE INTRODUCED SPECIES. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE MANUHERIKIA HAS RUN DRY NATURALLY PRE IRRIGATION EXTRACTION**  
**"IF IT AINT BROKE, DONT FIX IT"**  
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Yes No

Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes? Before irrigation in

Central Otago some of the rivers ran dry. An old timer who lived next door to us said that the Manuherikia River used to be a series of puddles before irrigation, in a dry year. As I see it irrigation has enhanced the natural flow. I am very concerned about the probable erosion of property values if irrigation quota is reduced. Also the cost of having to put in place efficient irrigation system and the financial consequences of this. As the old saying goes if it is not broke don't fix it

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**To:** Gemma Wilson; Annual Plan  
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 **Draft Annual Plan 2017/18**

Name Joel Vanderburg  
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Any comments? 1) Must assure adequate staff to oversee  
 2) Requires serious community consultation  
 3) "Precautionary Approach" MUST be used in setting minimum flows!

Any comments? No comment

When do you think we should open a new office in Queenstown? Option 1: Establish an office in Queenstown in the 2017/2018 year

Any comments?	MUST not affect the number of staff in Dunedin office - thus allowing Dunedin staff to concentrate on local Dunedin issues.
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## Guardians of Lake Hawea

### Submission on ORC Draft Annual Plan Consultation Document 2017/18

1. **Process:** The ORC consultation document alone is not very useful to provide a basis for comment on Otago water management issues – being a summary pitched at a superficial level of readership and therefore not very informative. To understand what ORC is or isn't doing about water quality the consultation document needs to be read in conjunction with the full Draft Annual Plan 2017-18, the 2016 "Updated Regional Plan: Water for Otago" and the Rural Water Quality Strategy 2011, all of which appear to drive the water items in the draft Annual Plan 2017-18, but which are (with one exception) not mentioned in the draft. The approach to water quality management for Lake Hawea (& the other 2 deepwater lakes) in each of the 2017-18 Annual Plan Consultation Document, and in the full 2017-18 Annual Plan Document as well as in the 2016 "Updated Regional Plan: Water for Otago" is grossly inadequate and provides us with no confidence that ORC will manage the lake and its catchments water quality. We have serious concerns that this can be achieved by Plan Change 6A alone.
2. **Importance of Our Lakes:** Lakes Wakatipu, Wanaka, and Hawea are undoubtedly three of NZ's most treasured environmental assets. They feature prominently in why many of us wish to live near them and why tourists are attracted to the region. Their good health is thus of great importance to us. As Guardians of Lake Hawea our focus is on the health of Lake Hawea, nevertheless our concerns are equally applicable to Lakes Wanaka and Wakatipu.
3. **ORC Information System:** The Draft Annual Plan Consultation document ("Your Feedback Please"): makes no mention of plans for monitoring lake water quality provides minimal information about rural water quality monitoring and Lake Snow does not direct the reader to sources for more detail on these matters

Detailed information (e.g. monitoring of Lake Hawea water quality) is either non-existent or difficult to find on ORC's website. We find the search engine on ORC's site is very poor at identifying relevant documents. This makes it difficult to prepare a well-informed submission. This needs to be rectified.

Despite this, there is sufficient evidence to conclude that the current and proposed monitoring of the health of Lake Hawea do not provide an adequate evidence base to inform an assessment of the health of Lake Hawea.

4. **Lake complexity:** The deep Otago lakes including Lake Hawea are complex biophysical systems. This complexity needs to take into account in their management. For example, the water coming down the Hunter River will be carrying nutrients including nitrates. This dense cold water presumably sinks to the bottom of the lake. The changes in climate underscore the urgency of obtaining some baseline measurement. In the event of increasing westerly winds (predicted by climate change models), nitrate-laden bottom water could rise to higher levels in the lake. More detailed sampling and monitoring than that proposed by ORC would be required to understand such processes.
5. **Overseas Investment Office:** Also of concern to Guardians of Lake Hawea is the Overseas Investment Office approval of the sale of the Hunter Valley Station lease. One of the conditions of the sale is to improve productivity – which presumably includes increasing stock numbers and increasing applications of nutrients to pasture. This has potential implications for Lake Hawea quality. For effective lake and catchment management, ORC needs to assess whether the plans for increased productivity will impact on the quality of Lake Hawea catchments such as the Hunter River and smaller tributaries such as Neck Creek, the Sawyer Burn and Terrace Creek.

6. **Lake Snow:** We welcome the investment in research on Lake Snow but it is difficult to assess the size of this investment when the documentation does not put a dollar value on the staff time allocated or how much will be assigned to Lake Hawea.
7. **Lake Water Quality:** Surprisingly the Draft Annual Plan Consultation document (“Your Feedback Please”) makes no mention of plans for monitoring Lake Water Quality.

We have been advised:

*“The lake trophic state monitoring started in late 2016 is proposed to continue until late 2019. This involves water quality monitoring in Lakes Hawea, Wanaka and Wakatipu – with a single open water site in each lake and two “inshore” sampling locations in each of Lakes Wanaka and Wakatipu. Sampling includes depth profiles of dissolved oxygen, temperature, conductivity, pH, chlorophyll and turbidity as well as nutrient sampling. Samples are also collected for analysis of phytoplankton composition, including a standardised sample of lake snow. Zooplankton samples are also collected and preserved and archived for later analysis.”*

We understand that there is only one open water sample for Lake Hawea and no “inshore” sampling. These readings from this single site cannot be considered representative of the whole lake. Therefore, they are not an adequate basis from which to form an evidence-based understanding of the quality of the water.

8. **Other Aspects of Lake Health:** It is of concern that the current and proposed strategies as detailed in the Regional Water Plan exclusively deal with water quality. While necessary, this is not a sufficient basis from which to assess the health of the Lake. Consideration needs to be given to ecosystem functioning.

9. **Recommendations:**

- that ORC initiate development of a Lake Hawea and catchments management plan with the community and lake stakeholders
- that the water quality of Lake Hawea and major tributaries be monitored according to international best practice
- that Lake Hawea ecosystem health indicators be adopted and monitored according to international best practice.

We recommend this greater investment in the monitoring of water quality for Lake Hawea and its major catchments on the grounds that:

- Lake Hawea is a significant environmental asset
- there has been virtually no monitoring in the past
- the current investment does not provide a reliable evidence base from which to arrive at a determination of Lake Hawea water quality and ecosystem function.
- the absence of any management of Lake Hawea water quality and ecosystem functioning means that it is at risk and is likely declining.

Alison Brown  
Secretary  
Guardians of Lake Hawea

**Janelle Houliston**

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**From:** John Walker <noreply@jotform.com>  
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 **Draft Annual Plan 2017/18**

Name John Walker

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Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes? Priority to preserving clean lakes and rivers by allocating more resources together with more funding and reserving accumulated funds before spending anything further on buildings. A building will not contribute anything to an environmental legacy that is already overly degraded due to lack of governance.

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Sustainable Glenorchy is an incorporated society with 63 members with an interest, amongst other things, in the sustainable management of wastewater in the township.

The Glenorchy community is facing significant pressure to pay close to \$30,000 per household for a reticulated town wastewater scheme. It has emerged, that apart from there being no certainty of what standards any such scheme would have to comply with under ORC Plan Change 6b, there has been no monitoring undertaken to provide a baseline of the adequacy, or not, of the existing treatment regime.

Over the years both the regional and district councils have failed to take the measures such as water sampling, inspection and testing of treatment plants and monitoring of compliance with consents that would enable a clear picture of the state of our groundwater to be ascertained.

We consider that this should be undertaken in the 2017/8 year, in particular:-

1. Monitoring/sampling to determine if there are any detrimental effects detectable to the quality of groundwater beneath the township and at the margins of the lake, and if so, a determination of the source.
2. Monitoring of existing consents to ensure compliance with consent conditions.
3. Sampling the quality of river water entering the lake.

Given that it is proposed to increase our rates by over 20%, we consider that this work could be funded from that increase.

We, also consider the Rees, Dart, and Greenstone Caples catchments should be included in year one of the Rural Water Quality Catchment Study Programme in order to help the Head of the Lake community gain a better understanding of the health of upper Lake Wakatipu region. This was a key recommendation arising from the 2016 Glenorchy Shaping our Future visioning and task force report.

Sustainable Glenorchy supports the establishment of an ORC Queenstown office.

John Glover  
On behalf of the Sustainable Glenorchy Executive Committee

*Sustainable Glenorchy*

**Janelle Houliston**

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**From:** marlene laureys <noreply@jotform.com>  
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**Draft Annual Plan 2017/18**

**Name** marlene laureys

**E-mail**

**Address**

I would like to speak with Council about my submission (week starting 22 May) **No**

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**Draft Annual Plan 2017/18**

**Name** Tony Lepper  
**Organisation** Earnsclough Irrigation Limited  
**E-mail**  
**Address**

Do you support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows? **Yes**

Do you support funding the deemed water use permit transition work for the Water Management Reserve? **Yes**

**Any comments?** The economic well being of Central Otago will be determined by the outcome of the renewal of deemed water permits. The need for or otherwise of minimum flows on all rivers and streams should have been established by now so that planning for the future can take place in a timely and sensible manner. When setting these flows an economic impact analysis needs to be completed. I can assure Council that the residents in my catchment are more interested in the multi million dollar investment that relies on water than they are in some Utopian view that 100 years ago the stream looked different to the way it does today.

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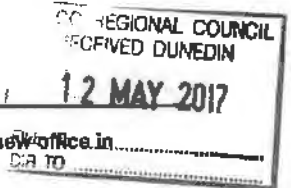
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- + South Dunedin**

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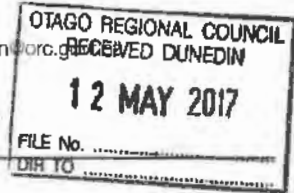
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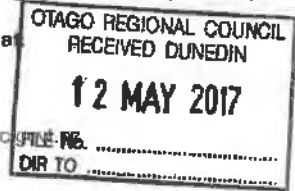
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Peter W. Prestage.

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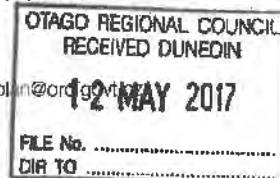
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Jenny Frost

Organisation  
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Yes  No

*Does Dunedin have \$2 buses?*

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*Wahm The ORC does not need a new building. Find an existing one. You are servants of the ratepayers not Lords & Ladies. Spend the money on clean water.*

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To whom it may concern

Firstly I was disappointed re the Sessions at Cromwell on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April. I was lead to believe that I could walk in at any time between 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm and ask individual questions, but No, I was wrong.

I feel Council may have also been disappointed with only a dozen people present, and 95% over the age of 65 years!

I feel as a rate payer in the centre of Central Otago, I cannot really make comment or vote on subjects such as Queenstown Office or their transport, also the subject of Waitaki River scheme, or the Climate change in the Clutha Delta, unless I'm given a lot more information.

As for Wallaby Control, just remember some of us have been fighting pests for a life time, such as rabbits, briars, now pigs and Wilding Pinés. So máybe all should come under the same umbrella, for example we have never had pigs on our country until the last 10 years, but have now seen a number of pigs and also a lot of sign, we are convinced that they have been released from other areas , and also being breed by individuals.

As for minimum flows, again I can only speak about my local area – Bannockburn, which I have been involved with for a "life time", the two streams being Shepherds and Bannockburn.

In my opinion Shepherds would not exists for any irrigation, or at all, if it wasn't for the water takes out of the Upper reaches of the Bannockburn and the Carrick Water Scheme coming through Duffers Saddle, plus the flood irrigation from these schemes. The "earliest" scheme being the Kawarau water right obtained from the Miner's in 1906 for irrigation.

As for the Bannockburn Stream, it is now home for hundreds of willow trees, so how can you even suggest a minimum flow in this situation.

Yours sincerely

R J Anderson



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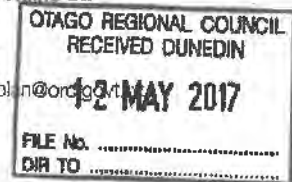
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**Sent:** Thursday, 11 May 2017 11:05 p.m.  
**To:** Annual Plan  
**Subject:** submission  
**Attachments:** Ollie Yeoman ORC submission comments May 2017.docx; Ollie Yeoman submission May 2017.JPG

Hi there

I have attached my submission as two documents.  
- the ORC feedback sheet.  
- extra comments and questions

Thanks  
Ollie Yeoman



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## **1.) Rural Water Quality**

### **Do you support our water quality environmental risk-assessment programme?**

I am in support of the water quality environmental risk-assessment programme, but have some concerns and questions.

The ORC feedback document states that “By 2020 rural landholders need to limit the amount of E. coli, nitrogen and phosphorous going into freshwater.” The document also states that landowners are allowed to “make their own decisions on how they manage their land – so long as their activities don’t pollute lakes, rivers, wetlands or groundwater (or breach our Water Plan)”.

My concern is regarding the limits of E. coli, nitrogen and phosphorous. I would encourage the ORC to set significantly more ambitious limits than those laid out in the National Policy Statement, which have been scientifically proven to be inadequate. Recent reports on the state of our freshwater confirm that our water management is failing. To suggest a compromise between water quality and economic gain is not enough. Freshwater ecosystems do not have the ability to compromise – if we set poor environmental limits our freshwater ecosystems suffer, and that is to the long term detriment of all. Our freshwater is a public asset so if a landowner is managing their land in a way which is compromising freshwater health yet bringing them economic gain there is clearly an injustice being done. This is clearly the case in many catchments and must be addressed by council. Setting meaningful water quality limits that will restore freshwater ecosystem health would be a significant step that I urge the council to take.

‘Swimmability’ has been a popular phrase recently. I would argue that swimmability is a poor measure of freshwater health, given that humans may well be able to safely swim in a degraded freshwater system. The well-being of other organisms and levels of E. coli, nitrogen and phosphorous within that ecosystem are a far better measure of freshwater ecosystem health, and hence I believe ambitious limits must be set, monitored and strictly enforced.

The term ‘pollute’ is a vague term and means different things to different people. Whether a landowner pollutes or not should be quantified and based on scientific data – ambitious limits as previously discussed above. I am concerned that the environmental risk assessments on rural properties and large lifestyle properties will merely inform and add understanding, but may well fall short on enforcing higher standards.

I support the increase in the rural water quality target rate.

The document states that ORC are “proposing to carry out catchment studies in five catchments every year.” I am strongly in support of this but would encourage ORC to once again be ambitious with this. As catchment sizes vary significantly I would question which catchments will be included in the five? Five might be appropriate if it is large catchments like the Clutha or Taieri that are being studied, but if it is smaller catchments I believe that ORC should extend their study to a greater number of catchments. I would also suggest that ORC must look at land use and prioritise the

study of those catchments that are most intensively farmed or contain other industry considered high-risk. These studies must be scientifically sound and independent of economic interests. The sooner ORC can gain a thorough baseline understanding of the state of our waterways across the region the better.

Do you support a risk-based approach to dairy farm inspections for compliance monitoring?

I am in support of the risk based dairy farm inspections, but again have some areas of concern and uncertainty.

I agree that ORC must regularly inspect those farms assessed as being most at risk of impacting water quality, and I believe those farms must receive at least three visits a year. I have concerns however that farms deemed as low risk may only receive one visit every two years. The document is unspecific about how the risk will be assessed, I would expect that ORC would make this a transparent process and that all farms, whether deemed high-risk or low-risk, have to meet the same high standards, with penalties for not doing so.

Furthermore I question why ORC are only targeting dairy farms? I believe that dairy farms must be included in this risk assessment but that ORC must also investigate what other land uses might be having detrimental impacts and should therefore be receiving regular inspections. I support ORC when it states that "it means more visits in total and will focus our attention where it's most needed." I also support the raising of the increased rate charge for this, but once again encourage ORC to look more widely than just assessment of dairy farms.

**2.) Minimum flows and deemed water use permit replacement**

Do you support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows?

I am in support of an accelerated program to determine minimum flows, once again however this must be rigorous and ambitious minimum flow requirements must be set. It is widely accepted that the more water that remains in a waterway the healthier that waterway will be.

ORC states that "Minimum flows and levels ensure that economic use of water continues while enough water remains in our lakes, rivers and aquifers to maintain ecosystems and natural character." I would argue that to use the word *maintain* is unambitious and insufficient. Many of our waterways are already degraded and to maintain is simply to maintain a degraded waterway. We need to do far more than maintain our aquatic ecosystems, we need to restore and improve them through setting higher minimum flow requirements, as well as stricter pollution limits and enforcement of these. A minimum flow that *regenerates* the ecosystem is a priority, land users must then adapt their land use to work within these limits. Any land use that cannot occur within these limits cannot be considered an appropriate or sustainable land use as it is relying on the degradation of an ecosystem.

ORC is encouraging local catchment 'water management groups' to manage water sharing and rationing. My concern with this approach is that those with economic interests will be over-represented and those with ecological concerns under-represented. Council must manage this to ensure that ecological 'bottom lines' are met and those with economic interests adapt their practices to work within these ecological bottom lines so that aquatic ecosystems can regenerate.

Do you support funding the deemed water use permit transition work from the Water Management Reserve?

According to the ORC document the water management reserve is already the smallest of the estimated reserves for June 2017, at just \$1.5 million. I am concerned that if this is dipped into to fund the deemed water use permit transition work there will be very little left in the reserve. The ORC document states that this reserve is "tagged for use for community water management purposes." I am interested to know what exactly is included in this? What was the original intent of the fund? If the reserve fund is dipped into, are there other community water management issues that will be neglected as a result?

Water use permit transition work was previously funded by general rates. The proposal is that the water management reserve fund would be used. I would question whether either is appropriate, or should this not be funded by the individual permit holders who are applying for new resource consents?

On another note, I am advised that much of the infrastructure built under the deemed water use permits has inadvertently had the positive impact of protecting many of our native fish species from predation by trout (which were introduced at a later date). They have provided a physical barrier, preventing the movement of trout. If this infrastructure is removed in the process of landowners transitioning to resource consents our freshwater species will be at risk of predation and quite possibly extinction. ORC must work with the Department of Conservation in order to manage this process and ensure the survival and growth of these galaxid populations, many of which are critically endangered and largely forgotten. Does ORC have a plan in place for managing this transition?

Thankyou

*Ollie Yeoman*



**Janelle Houliston**

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**From:** Barbara Blatt <noreply@jotform.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 May 2017 9:47 p.m.  
**To:** Gemma Wilson; Annual Plan  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 - Barbara Blatt

 **Draft Annual Plan 2017/18**

**Name** Barbara Blatt

**E-mail** .

**Address**

I would like to speak with Council about my submission (week starting 22 May) **No**

How do you think we should structure the rates for civil defence and emergency management? **Option 2: 50% uniform targeted rate and 50% general rate. Half of the cost is in general rates, and half is an equal amount paid by everyone.**

Do you support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows? **Yes**

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**Any comments?** I actually wish MORE was attributed to this issue, but also that the ORC support was also given concurrently to the Upper Clutha basin. Public transport is needed now in and around Wanaka, to avoid being very soon in the same situation as Queenstown is today!

This being said, Public Transport isn't the only way to help with traffic, roading and parking issues. Solutions such as car-pooling, park and ride (bikes), and commuting on foot or by bicycles should be encouraged just as much as a Public Transport system; both by appropriate infrastructures and communication campaigns.

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Any comments?	I fully support point D) of Mayor Boulton in his SUBMISSION ON BEHALF OF THE QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL. Merely researching the problem is not sufficient. Action needs to be taken as soon as possible. I submit that the ORC offset an increase and solution-based fund for this work in 2017/18.
Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes?	I think "Wallaby control" should be replaced by "rabbit control", then I would support it.  Successful management of water quality and health is facilitated with community engagement, working alongside regulators and scientists. The Upper Clutha community has indicated strongly a wish to be proactive and develop and implement a collaborative water management plan. The regional council ORC should be a key lead in this, but I urge you to please support the development of a community led plan!  Finally, I submit that the ORC needs to recognise the significant and unprecedented growth in the Queenstown Lakes District and more effectively partner the QLDC to find critical solutions to challenges as outlined and to become more strategic in its forecasting to meet the future challenges.  Thank you.

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**From:** michael Ramsay <noreply@jotform.com>  
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**From:** Lloyd McCall, M90 Farm Solutions  
**Sent:** Friday, 12 May 2017 12:03 p.m.  
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## **SUBMISSION TO OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL ON THE LONG TERM PLAN 2017**

4<sup>th</sup> May 2017

To Otago Regional Council [annual.plan@orc.govt.nz](mailto:annual.plan@orc.govt.nz)

From Lloyd McCall

Contact

I would like to present this submission in person

### **SUBMISSION**

#### **1 Rural Water Quality Risk Assessment Programme**

- I think this is a commendable initiative targeting education.
- The question is, will farmers buy into this initiative?
- It is noted this initiative will require an 86% increase in the rural water quality targeted rate.

#### **CONCERNS**

- By making the risk assessment voluntary it is highly likely the only farmers to take advantage will be the farmers who are already proactively making changes to improve water quality
- The target group are very unlikely to take the opportunity to invite the ORC onto their properties to do a farm assessment/plan
- Farmers will be very wary of allowing the ORC onto their properties to itemise any possible compliance issues. Prohibited activity rules spotted by ORC staff are required to be forwarded to the compliance team. What farmer in their right mind would risk this.
- There is a real chance the farmer may not be able to become fully compliant due to reasons outside his control.
- There needs to be a form of regulation, reward or savings for farmers to take up any initiative

- Being voluntary with no follow limits any usefulness
- There are currently many voluntary industry farm environmental plans farmers can complete. Is the proposed plan just replicating what is already available?

## IDEAS

- I favour a base plan for all farm businesses. This would be an amalgamation of all the current industry plans.
- The development of the plan should be done in conjunction with industry groups and proactive farmers.
- The farm plan delivery should be privatised. This would remove the issue of regulatory compliance and trust issues with the council. To be truly successful it is important farmers buy into the desire to reduce their environmental input rather than tick boxes.
- Any plan needs to be realistically achievable, measurable and time bound. This will require follow up and monitoring of any action points.
- The completion of an accredited plan needs to be either made compulsory or be of significant benefit to the farmer. This could be in the form of a rates rebate or recognition in some way. (ie say noted on an ORC database) The ORC could then recognise these farmers as reduced risk come 2020 compliance time allowing ORC staff to concentrate on the 20-30% of farmers who remain in denial.
- It needs to be made Chrystal clear to farmers what the likely costs of obtaining consents will be if compliance thresholds are not met by 2020. (It is highly likely a functioning, monitored farm plan would form part of any consent)
- Discharge testing would be a pillar of any plan. Farmers need to know what their farm is contributing to the environmental footprint before they will take ownership and commit to making improvements.
- Participation would not give immunity to the current prohibited activities rules but would recognise good farm practice.



### **Risk Based Dairy Farm Inspections**

- I agree with the concept of risk based assessment. This risk based assessment should be complemented with a risk based payment system. User pays.
- I do not think it unreasonable for all farmers to pay a set rate based on one assessment per year. Additional visits should be fully charged to the individual farm owner. This is one way that infrastructure issues can be targeted. Currently the effects based approach monitors the outcomes. Often the outcomes are determined by the infrastructure.

**Janelle Houliston**

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**From:** Aspiring Environmental.  
**Sent:** Friday, 12 May 2017 12:04 p.m.  
**To:** Annual Plan  
**Cc:** 'Natasha Garvan'  
**Subject:** Submission on changes from the Long Term Plan to the Annual Plan for 2017/2018.  
**Attachments:** 3F fif-application-form-part-1 Final.pdf; 3F\_Rural WQ ORC Annual Plan Submission.pdf

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**Name: 3F - Food, Farms, and Freshwater - A project that involves an economically profitable route for farmers to enhance the quality of waterways and on-farm biodiversity**

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Regards Chris Arbuckle



**CHRIS ARBUCKLE**

**Director**

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***Ideas, like large rivers never have just one source – Willy Ley***

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Rural Water Quality – “Risk Based Assessment”



3F ([www.3f.co.nz](http://www.3f.co.nz)) supports the Otago Regional Council’s focus on improving rural water. Land holders will have to meet stringent rules in 2020, and the council has briefly outlined in the consultation document a proposed “risk based assessment” as a mean to further implement policies and help farmers transition to good management practice and monitor progress towards a goal of good water quality in Otago catchments. Also, catchment studies will inform farmers and communities as to the state of their water

resource. We also note there will be a significant increase in rates to fund these activities.

In March 2017 3F applied to the government’s Freshwater Improvement Fund (FIF). The application to test and implement 3F is focusing on 4 regions throughout NZ, including Otago (the Lake Wanaka catchment). The application has over \$326K of committed funding from private funders and Regional Councils

During the application process 3F encouraged ORC to partner on one of our focus catchments, Lake Wanaka. Currently we have some private funding and commitment from catchment farmers to investigate a farm based charge to pay for a whole of catchment farm plan process. This would provide the building block framework for 3F and development of its audit model.

This submission is to support the earlier request for the ORC to co-fund the 3F Lake Wanaka catchment project FIF application. We have attached the FIF Grant Application for your information.

**Request: 3F is asking the ORC to contribute \$30,000 per annum for 2 years from the LTP rural water quality budget to co-fund the establishment of the 3F framework on Lake Wanaka farms. We also request the ORC use the Wanaka Catchment as one of its 5 intensive sampling catchments.**

## **3F Background**

3F's main activity is integrating people, places, practices, knowledge and systems to provide the pathway to achieve 3F's vision - for New Zealand and international consumers to value and choose food products that support farmers to farm more sustainably, with the result that water quality and biodiversity are restored in New Zealand within two generations.

The 3F team has experience in developing environmental brand strategies, preparing farm plans, working with farmers to implement good management practice (GMP), and reviewing verification systems.

## **Purpose**

3F's project is to scale the Taupō Beef model in four pilot catchments to enable food producers to take an economically profitable route to enhance the quality of waterways within their farm business. New business models are needed to assist farmers to obtain greater market value for their products so they can afford to farm within limits and implement good management practice required to achieve community and national objectives for freshwater. 3F will establish a nationwide environmental verification system grounded in catchment-science for all farmers to improve their environmental performance, and will create a value chain for verified products, initially focussing on the red meat sector.

## **The Big Challenge:**

We know there are currently significant financial barriers to the advancement of farm business in NZ under future resource constraints (both regulatory or natural) and the adoption of GMP on farm to attempt to mitigate farm environmental effects is currently poorly implemented. At present environmental limits are viewed as economic restraints. However, providing a financial incentive through an environmental verification process can change this perception (as has been achieved by Taupō Beef).

One key method to underpin community action is to provide economic resilience. 3F will help individuals to see value and pride in implementing GMP or adoption of farm systems changes because of a tangible benefit (profit). 3F will add momentum to the adoption of mitigation actions in catchments and provide a method for a community collaborative process to trust farmers and their actions, build pride, and ensure land users can follow through on priority issues that advance water management without affecting their bottom lines as significantly. This is at the heart of the nexus between environmental improvement and cost to community.

## What will we do?

Our approach involves the establishment and communication of a verification system designed for all types of farmers to improve their environmental performance in respect of all the priority contaminant challenges (nitrogen, phosphorous, sediment, and pathogens). Our aim is that farmers who meet the 3F standard (verified through auditing) will receive a premium from consumers to provide greater incentives and the mechanism for participating farmers to deliver or maintain swimmable and fishable freshwater. Therefore, our project involves the creation of a value chain for such products, initially focussing on the red meat sector.

This solution addresses the problem as it provides a new business model to assist farmers to undertake the necessary behaviour change to improve our waterways in an economically profitable way. The verification system will provide farmers (and associated councils, processors and retailers) the ability to make meaningful brand claims about the sustainability of their products and regulations. The system will provide consumers with proof that the environmental claims made by such food brands are real, and so they can trust that the premiums they pay are delivering environmental benefits for the local catchment.

It is likely the solution will mean community objectives and regulatory limits will be achieved earlier as farmers adopt tailored GMPs for their farms and these in turn provide measurable improvements in water quality, farm profit, and community wellbeing.

The proposed solution is the most appropriate for the problem described as it is more likely to be enduring compared to other possible options that change the economic model for food production (for example, subsidising farmers). The 3F solution incorporates environmental credentials into the value chain/market which is likely to be the best source for long-term funding and corresponding behaviour change.

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## How does this support the improvement of the regions Rural Water Quality?

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## What we need from ORC?

3F already has some private funding for Lake Wanaka and commitment from catchment farmers to investigate advancing a whole of catchment farm plan model. 3F requires co-funding to develop the framework for Otago and value chain for the catchment.

**3F is asking the ORC to contribute \$30,000 per annum for 2 years from the LTP rural water quality budget to co-fund the establishment of the 3F framework on Lake Wanaka farms. We also request the ORC use the Wanaka Catchment as one of its 5 intensive sampling catchments. \$30,000 per annum is commensurate with the commitment from other councils.**

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Ministry for the  
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*Manatū Mo Te Taiao*

# Freshwater Improvement Fund

## Application Form (Part 1) 2017

For office use only	
Application number	FIF-XXX
Applicant name	
Project name	
Total cost of project	\$0.00
Amount requested from FIF	\$0.00
Duration of project (1-5 years)	

## Official information and privacy

### Official Information Act 1982

**Important:** Information presented to the Minister for the Environment or the Ministry for the Environment is subject to disclosure under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Certain information may be withheld in accordance with the grounds for withholding information under the OIA. Further information on the OIA is available at [www.ombudsmen.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsmen.parliament.nz).

Information held by the Minister or Ministry may have to be released under the OIA in response to a request from a member of the public (or any other body) for that information. If you wish to provide sensitive information to the Minister or Ministry which you do not want released, it is recommended you consult with the Ministry as to whether the information is necessary for the application, and whether there may be grounds in the OIA for withholding the information. For instance, if release of the information would disclose a trade secret, or be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information, then there may be grounds to withhold the information. If an OIA request relating to your application is received, the Ministry will endeavour to contact you to discuss it, and what the implications of releasing your information are.

The grounds for withholding information must always be balanced against consideration of public interest that may justify release. Although the Ministry does not give any guarantees as to whether information can be withheld under the OIA, it may be helpful to discuss OIA issues with the Ministry in advance if information provided with an application is sensitive.

### Privacy Act 1993

**Important:** The Ministry for the Environment (Environment House, 23 Kate Sheppard Place, Wellington 6011 temporarily located at Level 2, 3 The Terrace, Wellington 6011) may collect, use, hold or disclose personal information for the purpose of assessing eligibility and suitability for Freshwater Improvement Fund funding. Individuals have the right in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993 to request access to and correction of their personal information. While the provision of personal information is not mandatory, failure to provide requested information could lead to a delay in considering the application or a decline of the same.

## Introduction

This application form is for project proposals to the 2017 funding round of the Freshwater Improvement Fund. We strongly recommend that you read the *Freshwater Improvement Fund Guide for Applicants 2017* before completing this application form.

## Important information

- To improve your chance of success, refer to the *Freshwater Improvement Fund Guide for Applicants 2017* before completing this form.
- There are two parts to the application form – both must be completed:
  - Part 1 : Project proposal and governance (in Word) [this document]
  - Part 2 : Estimated Project budget (*in Excel*)

You must fill out both parts as incomplete applications will not be assessed.

- You can move between boxes in this form by using the mouse, pressing the ↑ and ↓ keys on your keyboard, or using the Tab key. Use text only; do not enter images, tables or graphs into the form.
- Complete all questions and the checklist. If a question does not apply to your project, please use 'N/A' or 'none' instead of leaving the reply blank.
- Follow the word limits for those parts that have them. To check the number of words, highlight the text and use Word Count on the Review toolbar.
- We are unable to accept applications which are late or incomplete. An application will not be considered if:
  - the designated application form (Part 1 and Part 2) is not used or the template form has been altered in any way
  - the application form (Part 1) is not electronically signed
  - the 'Balance of Funds (C)' in application form (Part 2) is showing a negative figure
  - the required supporting documentation has not been attached
  - all of the required information is not submitted as one email
  - it is received after the closing date, or received after the closing time on the closing date.
- Note that Freshwater Improvement Fund grant payments can only be paid **after** funding is approved and a deed of funding has been signed by both contracting parties. Funds are not available for activities which occur before the deed is signed.

**If you need help to complete the application form, refer to the *Guide for Applicants 2017* in the first instance. For any further information, email [fif@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:fif@mfe.govt.nz).**

## When your application is complete

Completed application forms (including all supporting information) must be received by the Ministry for the Environment by mid-day 13 April 2017. We are unable to accept late applications. We are also unable to assess incomplete applications, so it is important you provide all the required information.

Email your completed application form and supporting documentation (as required) to [fifapplication@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:fifapplication@mfe.govt.nz) (with 'FIF application' and your organisation name in the subject line). We will only accept **one email per application** – documents submitted as multiple emails will not be accepted. There is a checklist for your use on the last page of this application form.

Once you have emailed your application, you should receive a reply to acknowledge that your application has been received. If you have not received a reply within one working day please call us to let us know. Rarely emails can be blocked without notification to either party and we do not want to miss your application.

## Eligibility criteria

Applications to the Freshwater Improvement Fund must be able to answer 'yes' to each of the eligibility criteria below. The following self-assessment checklist is based on the fund criteria. If you cannot meet these criteria, you are not eligible to apply to the Freshwater Improvement Fund.

Note that meeting the eligibility criteria does not guarantee that your project will be funded. If you have any queries about the eligibility criteria please, email [fif@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:fif@mfe.govt.nz).

### Self-assessment checklist

Does your project meet the following criteria?		Yes / No
1	The project will contribute to the improvement of the management of New Zealand freshwater bodies.	Yes
2	<p>The project will address <b>one or more</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• achieve demonstrable co-benefits such as improved fresh, estuarine or marine water quality or quantity; increased biodiversity, habitat protection, soil conservation; improved community outcomes such as recreational opportunity or mahinga kai; a reduction to current or future impacts of climate change; reduced pressure on urban or rural infrastructure</li> <li>• increase iwi/hapū, community, local government, or industry capability and capacity in relation to freshwater management</li> <li>• establish or enhance collaborative management of fresh water</li> <li>• increase the application of mātauranga Māori in freshwater management</li> <li>• include an applied research component which contributes to improved understanding of freshwater interventions and their outcomes.</li> </ul>	<p>Select all that apply:</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	The project is requesting at least \$200,000 (excluding GST) from the fund.	Yes
4	The project is able to provide at least 50 per cent co-funding from other sources (excluding in-kind contributions).	Yes
5	The project will be funded for a maximum period of up to 5 years after which the project objectives will have been achieved or the project will be self-funding.	Yes
6	The project will achieve benefits that would not otherwise be realised without the fund or are not more appropriately funded through other sources.	Yes
7	The effectiveness of the project and its outcomes will be monitored, evaluated and reported.	Yes
8	An appropriate governance structure is in place (or will be established as part of the project).	Yes
9	The applicant is a legal entity.	Yes

## Assessment criteria

Projects are measured against assessment criteria. The assessment panel reviews, scores and assesses applications that meet the eligibility criteria by determining the extent to which and how well the project demonstrates it meets the assessment criteria.

Some projects may be recommended for funding without conditions. Some projects may be recommended for funding for less than the requested amount, and/or with specific conditions of funding attached.

Assessment criteria	
1	The extent to which the project addresses the management of freshwater bodies identified as vulnerable.
2	The project demonstrates improvement in the values and benefits derived from the freshwater body.
3	The extent to which public benefit is increased.
4	The project demonstrates a high likelihood of success based on sound technical information or examples of success achieved through comparable projects undertaken elsewhere.
5	The extent to which the project will leverage other funding.
6	The project will involve the necessary partner organisations to ensure its success.
7	The project will engage personnel with the required skills and experience to successfully deliver the project.

## SECTION A: Applicant details

See pages 13 and 14 of the Guide for Applicants 2017 for information on how to complete this section.

### 1. Organisation details

Organisation name	Food, Farms, and Freshwater (3F) Trust
Trading name (if different)	3F
Description of your organisation	<p>3F's main activity is integrating people, places, practices, knowledge and systems to provide the pathway to achieve 3F's vision - for New Zealand and international consumers to value and choose food products that support farmers to farm more sustainably, with the result that water quality and biodiversity are restored in New Zealand within two generations.</p> <p>The 3F team has experience in developing environmental brand strategies, preparing farm plans, working with farmers to implement good management practice (GMP), and reviewing verification systems.</p>
Physical address <i>Include post code.</i>	
Postal address <i>Include post code.</i>	As above.
Telephone	
Website address	www.3F.co.nz
GST number <i>Enter 'N/A' if you are not GST registered.</i>	GST registration is pending

<p><b>Legal entity status</b> <i>Select one only.</i></p> <p><i>(You will be required to provide a certificate of incorporation if you are invited to Stage 2 of the funding process.)</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Incorporated society <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability or cooperative company <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Regional council / unitary authority <input type="checkbox"/> Limited partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Territorial authority <input type="checkbox"/> Māori trust board <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Date of incorporation or establishment	Established as unincorporated group in 2014 and application to register as charitable trust lodged April 2017

### 2. Contact details for this application



Primary contact name	Chris Arbuckle	Secondary contact name	Natasha Garvan
Organisation	3F	Organisation	3F
Role or job title	Project Manager	Role or job title	Project Co-ordinator
Phone		Phone	
Email address		Email address	
Physical address		Physical address	



## SECTION B: Project details

See pages 15 and 16 of the Guide for Applicants 2017 for information on how to complete this section.

### 3. Project overview

<b>Project name</b>	Food, Farms and Freshwater (3F) – Pilot Catchment Project
<b>Project purpose</b> <i>This should be a short and succinct description of the problem, solution and outcome your project will achieve.</i>  <i>You will have the opportunity to expand on this description later in the application form. (approximately 100 words)</i>	3F's project is to scale the Taupō Beef model in four pilot catchments to enable food producers to take an economically profitable route to enhance the quality of waterways within their farm business. New business models are needed to assist farmers to obtain greater market value for their products so they can afford to farm within limits and implement good management practice required to achieve community and national objectives for freshwater. 3F will establish a nation-wide environmental verification system grounded in catchment-science for all farmers to improve their environmental performance, and will create a value chain for verified products, initially focussing on the red meat sector.
<b>Region</b> <i>Select all that apply.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Northland <input type="checkbox"/> Taranaki <input type="checkbox"/> West Coast <input type="checkbox"/> Auckland <input type="checkbox"/> Manawatu-Wanganui <input type="checkbox"/> Canterbury <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waikato <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wellington <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Otago <input type="checkbox"/> Bay of Plenty <input type="checkbox"/> Tasman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Southland <input type="checkbox"/> Gisborne <input type="checkbox"/> Nelson <input type="checkbox"/> Chatham Islands <input type="checkbox"/> Hawke's Bay <input type="checkbox"/> Marlborough
<b>How many years are you seeking funding for?</b> <i>Project must be between 1 and 5 years.</i>	3 years
<b>Total project cost</b> <i>What is the cash cost (exclusive of GST) of your project, including Freshwater Improvement Fund funding, external funding, and your organisation's contribution?</i>  <i>Do not include in-kind contributions in the total project costs.</i>	\$642,000.00
<b>Freshwater Improvement Fund contribution</b> <i>How much funding (exclusive of GST) are you requesting</i>	\$316,000.00

from the Freshwater Improvement Fund?

This must be no more than 50% of the Total Project Cost.

#### 4. Details of water body

Tell us more about your project by answering the questions below. See page 16-18 of the Guide for Applicants 2017 for information on how to complete this question.

##### Name and location of water body

If your project includes more than one water body, include details of each water body.

Mangatarere Stream Catchment, Wairarapa District, Wellington Region

Lake Wanaka Catchment, Queenstown Lakes District, Otago Region

Aparima River Catchment, Southland District, Southland Region

Torepatutahi Stream Catchment, Upper Waikato, Waikato Region

##### Type of waterbody

Select all that apply.

Lake  River  Wetland  Groundwater

Other Estuary (Please specify)

##### Is your project located in a catchment identified as vulnerable?

Refer to the Fund's map of vulnerable catchments published on the Ministry for the Environment's website. [<https://data.mfe.govt.nz/layer/3523-fif-catchments/>]

Yes  No

##### Please provide the GPS coordinates of your water body

If your project includes more than one water body, confirm the GPS coordinates of the largest water body only.

Mangatarere Stream Catchment- 1810000 E 5458000 N NZTM (Not classed as vulnerable)

Lake Wanaka Catchment - 1289046E; 5049685 N NZTM (classed as vulnerable)

Aparima River Catchment 1217330E 4874397N (classed as vulnerable)

Torepatutahi Stream Catchment, 1892693 E 5734601 N (classed as vulnerable)

##### If your project is for a water body not identified on the map of vulnerable catchments, what information or data can you provide supporting your view that it is in a vulnerable catchment?

Provide a summary of the information available only. This

##### Mangatarere Stream Catchment

The Mangatarere Stream is a sub-catchment of the Ruamāhanga. It has soluble nutrient concentrations that are elevated from both a regional and national perspective and is recognised in Greater Wellington Regional Council's Proposed Natural Resources Plan as needing enhancement for aquatic ecosystem purposes. It is also recognised for its trout spawning values and provides habitat for four species of threatened native fish.

*should be descriptive text rather than raw data.*

During groundwater quality sampling for the Mangatarere catchment investigation (October 2008 to October 2009), several bores in the unconfined aquifer and in surface waters had nitrate concentrations that were elevated. The highest concentrations in both groundwater and streams occurred in the winter months. This is the time of year when groundwater levels were closer to the soil surface and more likely to intercept land drainage. This indicates a 'flushing' of nitrogen from saturated soils through into the underlying groundwater.

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What activities have previously, or are currently, impacting upon water quality and/or quantity?

Please also indicate whether these activities are ongoing.

### **Mangatarere Stream Catchment**

The effects of human activities are undeniable in the Mangatarere catchment. The levels of nutrients, faecal bacteria and suspended sediment are all higher than what we might expect under natural conditions. Although some of this pollution comes from point sources (e.g. the wastewater treatment plant discharge) a lot of it comes from diffuse pollution. Because of the distributed source, it can be very difficult to identify exactly where the high levels of contamination in the river are coming from.

The Mangatarere Catchment has a mixed land use of drystock and dairy whose impacts have not been quantified. However, water quality results indicate that the impacts of stock access and surface runoff of dairy shed effluent are having an effect. Furthermore, many dairy farms within the catchment do not have deferred effluent storage. The Carterton Waste Water Treatment Plant discharge has led to an increase in DRP loads in the lower reaches of the catchment. The application of wastewater to land at a piggery has had a measurable impact on soil, groundwater and stream water quality.

Greater Wellington Regional Council is at a key stage in developing how they will implement the Proposed Natural Resources Plan and individual Whaitua chapters. These Whaitua chapters will set environmental limits, which will take the Council into new territory in terms of effectively collaborating and partnering with communities to meet these limits. Additionally, climate change will pose new challenges (especially in the Wairarapa). In the not-so-distant future water management will be especially important as droughts and extreme events become more frequent. Resilient and adaptable communities will need to become the norm.

The3F project will assist this approach by:

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- Trial the creation of a sub-catchment management group in the Mangatarere sub-catchment to advance community catchment environmental planning;

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#### **Aparima River Catchment**

The Aparima is the smallest of Southland's four main catchments (153,740 hectares). It extends from the Takitimu Mountains west of Mossburn to the Jacobs River Estuary and the headwaters drain alpine, native tussock and forested land. The Aparima River flows directly into the Jacobs River Estuary, where issues with faecal coliforms (shellfish gathering), high sedimentation rate and macro-algae proliferation have been identified. The estuary is shallow (mean depth ~2m) and has a mixture of poorly flushed and well flushed areas. Human use of the estuary is high and is used for walking, shellfish collecting, boating, fishing, duck shooting, bird watching, bathing, and whitebaiting.

The Aparima influences the estuaries water quality as it drains a primarily agricultural catchment, with an increasing level of land use conversion from sheep and beef to dairy. Other primary sector land uses within the catchment, e.g. deer, forestry, and arable, are minimal and not showing a significant expanding or contracting trend. The estimated number of commercial farms (farms > 25 ha) within the catchment is 150 dairy farms and 251 sheep and beef farms.

A key threat to the existing water quality in the Aparima catchment is the land use change from sheep and beef to dairying. While it may bring significant net economic benefits, the change will cause significant environmental effects unless GMP is widely implemented. If all sheep and beef land in the catchment considered suitable for dairying is converted to dairying and dairy support (an increase from 25,000 to 75,000 hectares), this will increase economic gain of

around NPV \$370 million as assessed by MPI – an increase in farm income of \$700 million versus the capital costs of conversion of around \$330 million.

However, the assumed land use intensification increases the modelled nutrient losses from farm land in the catchment significantly. In the absence of any further mitigation measures, intensification results in increased nitrogen (N) losses of 43 percent (from 1,878 to 2,692 tonnes) and increased phosphorus (P) losses of 20 percent (from 71 to 85 tonnes). The Aparima requires a catchment wide implementation of GMP regardless of predicted N or P loss from future conversion because of the existing compromised health within the Jacobs River estuary.

While Environment Southland has instigated a Farm Focus Study, to roll out farm plans across catchments, this programme is not solely focussed on one catchment. The Aparima River is also a key catchment to examine limit setting methods for the current Regional Water and Land Plan review. 3F is an innovative model to test in the Aparima because of its susceptibility to land use change and its approach may retain lower impact land uses within the catchment by increasing sheep and beef profitability.

#### **Torepatutahi Stream catchment**

The Torepatutahi sub catchment is in the Upper Waikato Management Unit and located near Reporoa, Taupō. The catchment is about 21,500 ha of mainly flat to undulating pumice country. The upper and lower catchment is separated in the middle by a scarp of rolling hills with some steep sided gullies. The streams flow from east to the west to join the Waikato River. The main streams are the Torepatutahi, Mangatete, Otonga and Ruatawiri. The soils are porous and the upper section of these streams are often dry and only flow in the heaviest rains. Land cover is mainly exotic forest and pasture. Land use is mainly forestry and dairying. There is some sheep and beef on the rolling land. There are 98 properties of which about 76 are farms. The catchment is identified as a high priority catchment in the Waikato Regional Council (WRC) Healthy Rivers Plan and assessed to be in the top 10% for high risk to water quality in the upper Waikato River Catchment. Risk from phosphorus is high and diffuse source management on farm is the key to improving water quality. Nitrogen from the catchment is assessed as moderate and mainly comes from dairy land use. E. coli and clarity risk is low. The Healthy Rivers Plan is at a key stage in developing how WRC will implement their proposed catchment plans. This plan approach will set environmental limits, which will take communities into new territory in terms of effectively collaborating and partnering with Council to meet these limits. WRC see 3F as a supporting implementation measure, to further enable the use of farm plans that are required through consent to be integrated and used in day to day farm business. 3F will assist in adding value to the Catchment Story approach WRC is using in their limit setting framework.



## 5. Details of the project

Tell us more about your project by answering the questions below. See pages 19-22 of the Guide for Applicants 2017 for information on how to complete this question.

What is the problem that you plan to address with the project? Consider:

- the size or extent of the opportunity or problem
- the impact the problem has on the environment, the community, and/or people's lives
- the likely future consequences of not addressing the problem now.

(maximum 400 words)

Behaviour change is required to deliver 'swimmable and fishable' waterways that most of our communities want. Regional councils are currently implementing the NPSFM but regulation alone will not achieve the necessary behaviour change and adoption of good management practice. New business models are needed to assist farmers to obtain greater market value for their products whilst farming within limits and implementing good management practices. This is a nation-wide challenge and 3F presents a rare opportunity to align our primary production with national and community objectives for our waterways and New Zealand's brand as represented and respected in tourism and export markets.

Currently few farmers are rewarded for looking after our environment and limited numbers can demonstrate their actions are improving their local water quality. There is no nation-wide environmental verification system for farmers to measure their environmental performance against, nor grounded in catchment-science, which can credibly withstand consumer and competitor scrutiny. Without such a system, it is difficult, if not impossible, for farmers (and associated processors and retailers) to make meaningful brand claims about the sustainability of their products. This also means few consumers have the choice to support and value those farmers looking after our environment.

If we do not investigate innovative approaches that enable and speed up behaviour change and increase adoption of GMP, then our waterways will continue to deteriorate because even if other one off 'clean up' actions occur, these are unlikely to suffice if the simple underlying causes of the degradation are unchanged. Alternatively, if regulatory limits require significant on-farm changes at a catchment level and are strictly enforced then our economy and farmers' businesses are likely to suffer if we persist with existing business models based on the quantity produced. In the future, it is likely international markets will set environmental standards for market access, and New Zealand will have lost its opportunity to obtain greater market value because it has no independent verification system.

The four catchments and regions supporting this work represent an ideal test framework for 3F. They have adequate science and monitoring histories and a range of regulatory frameworks in place. Each region is using different policy development methods and community engagement approaches. This represents a sound canvas to test the effectiveness of the 3F approach and to test its applicability across New Zealand farming systems, catchments and communities.

What is the solution or action you are proposing to address the problem described? Consider:

- how the solution (or specific actions) being proposed addresses the problem
- what improvements to freshwater quality and/or

Our solution involves the establishment and communication of a verification system designed for all types of farmers to improve their environmental performance in respect of all the priority contaminant challenges (nitrogen, phosphorous, sediment, and pathogens). Our aim is that farmers who meet the 3F standard (verified through auditing) will receive a premium from consumers to provide greater incentives and the mechanism for participating farmers to deliver or maintain swimmable and fishable freshwater. Therefore, our solution involves the creation of a value chain for such products, initially focussing on the red meat sector.

<p>quantity are expected to occur</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the impact the solution will have on the environment, the community, and/or people's lives</li> <li>how you have determined that the solution proposed is the most appropriate for the problem described.</li> </ul> <p><i>(maximum 400 words)</i></p>	<p>This solution addresses the problem as it provides a new business model to assist farmers to undertake the necessary behaviour change to improve our waterways in an economically profitable way. The verification system will provide farmers (and associated councils, processors and retailers) the ability to make meaningful brand claims about the sustainability of their products and regulations. The system will provide consumers with proof that the environmental claims made by such food brands are real, and so they can trust that the premiums they pay are delivering environmental benefits for the local catchment.</p> <p>It is likely the solution will mean community objectives and regulatory limits will be achieved earlier as farmers adopt tailored GMPs for their farms and these in turn provide measurable improvements in water quality, farm profit, and community wellbeing.</p> <p>The proposed solution is the most appropriate for the problem described as it is more likely to be enduring compared to other possible options that change the economic model for food production (for example, subsidising farmers). The 3F solution incorporates environmental credentials into the value chain/market which is likely to be the best source for long-term funding and corresponding behaviour change.</p>
<p>If applicable, explain how your project will develop freshwater management capability and/or capacity of iwi/hapū, the community, local government, or industry.</p> <p><i>(maximum 300 words)</i></p>	<p>The project involves the 3F team working across farms, catchments, with communities, testing marketing innovations, and supporting regions with all facets of catchment management.</p> <p>The work starts at the farm business and at farm scale which is where the effects of land use are felt on a catchment's water quality. By working with farmers within catchment communities and by adding value, we scale up the implementation of farm based management activities quickly as we lessen the financial barrier for adoption of such activities.</p> <p>The project design is to nest 3F within any community process or regulatory frame, so it can act as a conversation starter (cold start process in a new catchment with farmers or farm systems just engaging in the challenge and threat of regulation), or add value to existing activities (for example, existing catchment projects such as Landcare Trust focus catchments, Waitaitua or zone processes) or provide environmental validity to an existing innovative farmer group adding value to a product (for example, organic farming).</p> <p>By working in these different situations, 3F can empower different fragments of community on the topic of freshwater management, and develop their capability. This has been the case with Taupō Beef which has engaged with iwi/hapū as participating farmers, worked within existing industry structures to develop industry capability and capacity, and has had significant community involvement in educating people about freshwater management challenges.</p>
<p>If applicable, explain how your project will increase the application of mātauranga Māori in freshwater management.</p> <p><i>(maximum 300 words)</i></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>If applicable, explain how your project will establish or enhance collaborative management of fresh water. Consider how the project will enable parties to</p>	<p>The collaborative model requires shared experiences and shared challenges to be held by community. In water management, these experiences need to be directly relevant to the people who live and work in a catchment and relevant to the things they can do to influence water management. For example, how they manage farm system change, lessen nutrient losses, or plant trees. We</p>

<p>establish a collective understanding of desired outcomes and how to achieve them.</p> <p><i>(maximum 300 words)</i></p>	<p>also know that improving or even maintaining water quality or halting its decline is an intergenerational challenge, and will require actions in community and on farm to endure for decades.</p> <p>We know there are currently significant financial barriers to the advancement of farm business in NZ under future resource constraints (both regulatory or natural) and the adoption of GMP on farm to attempt to mitigate farm environmental effects is currently poorly implemented. At present environmental limits are viewed as economic restraints. However, providing a financial incentive through an environmental verification process can change this perception (as has been achieved by Taupō Beef).</p> <p>One key method to underpin community action is to provide economic resilience. 3F will help individuals to see value and pride in implementing GMP or adoption of farm systems changes because of a tangible benefit (profit). 3F will add momentum to the adoption of mitigation actions in catchments and provide a method for a community collaborative process to trust farmers and their actions, build pride, and ensure land users can follow through on priority issues that advance water management without affecting their bottom lines as significantly. This is at the heart of the nexus between environmental improvement and cost to community.</p>
<p>Does your project include an applied research component? If yes, then describe how this will contribute to an improved understanding of the impacts of freshwater interventions and their outcomes.</p> <p><i>(maximum 300 words)</i></p>	<p>AgResearch will provide an applied research link to the 3F trial. Existing work on mitigation strategies (based on the Matrix of Good Management) applicable to our catchments and farm systems will be reviewed by AgResearch in the second year as Farm plans are implemented. This work will further reaffirm the relevance of on farm environmental management to catchment water quality outcomes.</p>
<p>How will you ensure the outcomes resulting from your project will endure, once Freshwater Improvement Fund funding has ended?</p> <p><i>(maximum 300 words)</i></p>	<p>We will ensure the outcomes in the pilot catchments will endure because the project will foster and embed an environmental stewardship ethic and sense of kaitiakitanga amongst the project participants, as opposed to simply establishing a "tick the box" system. This, coupled with greater market value for verified products, provides the foundation for enduring systems change.</p> <p>Beyond the pilot catchments, the roll-out of catchment based limits provides 3F with an opportunity to achieve outcomes at scale and shape the approach to farming within environmental limits in a positive manner. In addition, existing farmer catchment and landcare groups provide a platform for 3F to achieve scale and ensure the 3F verification system and value chain endures. There is a significant amount of effort and resources already being put into local catchments. The 3F system will appeal to such groups as it provides financial incentives for environmental performance.</p> <p>In the mid-term 3F aims to establish a social enterprise to support the roll out of the verification system and value chain to more catchments and farmers. To achieve this 3F will endeavour to create a revenue stream which could involve a percentage of sales of 3F verified products, an annual fixed verification fee, or payment for ecosystem services. These options will be explored during the project.</p>

**Supporting information:** You may provide additional supporting information as part of your application. Supporting information must be directly related to the project proposal, the issue you are trying to address or the solution being proposed. This should be provided as one document Refer to page 22 of the *Guide for Applicants 2017* for further information.

## 6. Implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (council applicants only)

*This question applies only if you are applying on behalf of a regional council, unitary authority, or territorial authority. See page 23 of the Guide for Applicants 2017 for information on how to complete this question.*

<p><b>How does this project relate to the council's implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management</b> <i>(maximum 200 words)</i></p>	<p>Each one of the Regional Councils supporting this application are using 3F as an innovation measure within steps of the NPS-FM Limits setting process. Greater Wellington Regional Council has integrated 3F into their whole response to the NPS-FWM, across values, attributes, objectives, limits and methods. Environment Southland is using 3F as a method / implementation tool, while they consult on their Water &amp; Land 20/20 policies, to ensure farmers are ready to respond to limits. Waikato Regional Council is integrating 3F into their methods section, using it to support the roll out of farm plans at a catchment scale. Therefore, 3F is being used as a supporting measure across each Regional Councils freshwater policy implementation response to the NPS-FWM.</p>
<p><b>How will the project support the transition to managing water quality and quantity within limits?</b> <i>(maximum 200 words)</i></p>	<p>3F will assist farmers to advance their use of tools such as farm plans and nutrient budgets because they will be part of their business. Thus, enabling a value add to regulation. This will increase the uptake of mitigation measures at a farm scale, and ensure these actions can endure and remain relevant to meeting freshwater objectives within a catchment.</p>

## 7. What environmental, social, cultural and economic benefits will occur as a result of this project?

*Ecosystem services are the benefits people obtain from ecosystems. Identify which of the ecosystem service categories listed below will be enhanced or improved through the delivery of your project. If required, you may include additional types of benefit and/or value in the 'other' category. See pages 24-25 of the Guide for Applicants 2017 for information on how to complete this question.*

<b>Ecosystem services category</b>	Using the following scale, indicate the expected magnitude of change:	For those ecosystem services categories that apply to your project, describe how the benefits will be realised through the delivery of the project. Consider:
	++ Potential significant positive effect + Potential positive effect 0 Negligible effect - Potential negative effect -- Potential significant negative effect ? Gaps in evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>an estimated timeframe of when changes may occur (eg short-, medium- or long-term)</li> <li>what indicators (qualitative or quantitative) you will use to measure change</li> <li>any assumptions underlying the nature and estimated magnitude of the changes.</li> </ul>
<b>Food</b> <i>eg, mahinga kai, fisheries, wild food, crops</i>	++	Significant positive effects for mahinga kai and fisheries are expected to be realised over the

		<p>medium to long-term within the pilot catchments as water quality improves.</p> <p>3F will primarily rely on regional council and, where relevant, community monitoring of mahinga kai and fisheries and policy implementation measures to track change.</p>
<p><b>Raw materials</b>  <i>eg, fibre, timber, fuel wood, fodder, fertilizer</i></p>	+	<p>Potential changes to the use of fertiliser are likely to occur over the medium-term as some farmers gain a better understanding of the opportunities within their farming systems to reduce fertiliser use. Also, the soil resource as a whole will be better managed by the adoption of advanced cropping methods and soil management approaches (such as direct drilling) on farm.</p> <p>Fertiliser use will be measured through the environmental verification system developed as part of the project, related to efficiencies gained by implementing the recommendations from nutrient plans.</p>
<p><b>Fresh water</b>  <i>eg, for drinking, irrigation, cooling</i></p>	++	<p>It is estimated changes will occur over the medium (10years) to long-term (100years). Regional Council SOE and resource monitoring data will be used to measure changes in freshwater in the pilot catchments.</p>
<p><b>Medicinal resources</b>  <i>eg, natural medicines and pharmaceuticals</i></p>	N/A	N/A
<p><b>Local climate and air quality</b>  <i>eg, capturing (fine) dust, chemicals</i></p>	+	<p>There is evidence of a correlation between improvements in water quality and reduction in greenhouse gases including through lowering stock numbers as changes in stock policies are adopted. The latter will be evident in the short-term and beyond as farming systems change and new management approaches are adopted.</p> <p>Stock numbers and policy changes will be accounted for as part of the environmental verification system which will enable possible co-benefits of climate change to be measured.</p>
<p><b>Carbon sequestration and storage</b>  <i>eg, C-sequestration, influence of vegetation on rainfall</i></p>	+	<p>There is evidence of a correlation between improvements in water quality related to activities such as riparian planting and wetland restoration and a small but quantifiable increase in carbon sequestration at a National scale.</p>

<p><b>Moderation of extreme events</b> <i>eg, storm protection and flood prevention</i></p>	+	<p>Mitigation measures at a farm scale, such as wetland restoration, riparian planting and land retirement may well accumulate at a catchment scale to equate to an improvement in mitigating flood peak flows during rainfall events.</p>
<p><b>Regulation of water flows</b> <i>eg, natural drainage, irrigation and drought prevention</i></p>	++	<p>Farm Plan processes identify water use efficiency and management options, leading to improved irrigation practice on farm. Increasing farm profit can be re-capitalised into infrastructure developments, such as moving from gun irrigation to spray. This is especially relevant in the Wairarapa and Otago. Advances will be measured through the farm plans and environmental verification system.</p>
<p><b>Waste-water treatment</b> <i>eg, water purification, removal or breakdown of organic matter</i></p>	N/A	N/A
<p><b>Erosion prevention and maintenance of soil fertility</b> <i>eg, soil retention/prevention of land or asset erosion</i></p>	++	<p>These are likely to be medium to long-term benefits, and erosion prevention will be measured through the farm plans and environmental verification system.</p>
<p><b>Habitats for species</b> <i>eg, taonga indicators, native or migratory species, nursery habitat</i></p>	++	<p>Significant positive effects for species are expected over the medium to long-term within the pilot catchments as water quality improves, and in relevant catchments riparian planting is undertaken to provide shading for fish habitat.</p> <p>3F will primarily rely on regional council and, where relevant, community monitoring to measure change.</p>
<p><b>Recreation and tourism</b> <i>eg, fishing, swimming, tramping</i></p>	++	<p>These benefits are expected to be realised in the short and medium-term depending on the current baseline in the specific pilot catchment.</p> <p>These benefits will be measured primarily through measuring improvements to water quality which often translate to increases in recreational use of the relevant water body. Community support of farmer environmental initiatives may add tangible benefits to tourism through the value of supporting and evidencing the Clean Green Image.</p>
<p><b>Aesthetic appreciation</b> <i>appreciation of natural scenery other than through deliberate recreational activities</i></p>	++	<p>Some of these benefits may be immediate for a community for example riparian planting of a waterway which aids aesthetic appreciation. Whereas other aesthetic benefits are likely to result in the medium to long-term because of improvements to farming practices for example</p>

		<p>stock exclusion and corresponding improvements to water quality.</p> <p>Aesthetic appreciation will be measured indirectly via records of planting undertaken, farming practices through the 3F environmental verification system, and regional council monitoring of water quality and community values.</p>
<p><b>Spiritual experience and/or sense of place</b>  <i>eg, wahi tapu, wai tapu, karakia and/or species with spiritual / religious value</i></p>	?	<p>There are tangible links to the value of landscape and spiritual value of water for all people. As farming practices are improved, economic benefits felt in community and greater community value of well-being will be evidenced in catchment.</p>
<p><b>Information for learning and development</b>  <i>eg, education and science opportunities for formal and informal education and training</i></p>	++	<p>There will be opportunities for formal science and informal education in the short-term and beyond. For example, formal social science in assessing the common factors for behaviour change and physical science through practical experiments such as those being undertaken on the Barton's farm. In addition, the lessons learnt from developing the 3F system can be shared with regional councils and industry bodies and catchment community groups.</p> <p>3F can measure this by retaining a register of formal and informal education and training linked to the 3F project.</p>
<p><b>Other</b>  <i>Provide details of any other values or benefits of significance not described above.</i></p>	++ Economic	<p>We expect economic benefits over the medium to long-term which will make farming more viable under a limits regime and/or robust environmental management framework.</p> <p>Economic benefits will be measured by the sales of verified product and the premium returned to the farmers for these products.</p>



## 8. Project objectives

Provide between three and six concrete statements which describe the tangible results your project will achieve. Note that some project outcomes will be achieved over a longer timeframe, however the objectives described here must be achievable within the duration of the funding. Please ensure that:

- objectives are SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, and Realistic within the Timeframe of the project). Refer Appendix 2 (page 42) of the Guide for Applicants 2017 for more information on setting SMART objectives.
- all objectives are clearly defined and achievable within the duration of the funding
- each objective has at least one key performance indicator (KPI)
- successful completion of tasks and activities (question 9) will lead to achievement of the project objectives
- you have a clear plan for measuring, evaluating and reporting whether your project objectives have been met.

Objective	Key performance Indicators (KPIs)	How will you monitor and evaluate the achievement of this objective?	Baseline information	Expected outcome
Describe the tangible results your project is trying to achieve.	KPIs are concise statements about key benefits of the project and how they will be achieved.	How will you measure your progress and demonstrate that the objective has been achieved?	Describe the current situation, using the data you have available	What is the expected benefit from this objective being met? How does this contribute to the purpose of your project?
Establish the building blocks / tools to enable 3F. These include Farm Plans / nutrient budgets - OVERSEER, etc.) that enable metrics to provide measures for on farm verification. Ensure consistency between farms and regions so verification template can be applied effectively. Having building blocks in place for 3F is a critical step.	Plans and budgets will be developed in year 1 where they are not already fit for 3F purpose (e.g. Industry led – Beef & Lamb NZ).  3F will ensure a minimum of 1 - 10 farm plans are developed / reviewed in each pilot catchment respectively (more than 20 in total).  1-10 nutrient budgets developed/ reviewed in each pilot catchment respectively (more than 20 in total).	Year One: Review existing farms and plans in pilot catchments, report state of existing farm plan and nutrient budgets. Test against audit framework. We will survey the level of farm plan adoption in catchment.  Year Two: Audit adoption of farm plan practice and nutrient management will be surveyed and tested against 3F verification system. We compare Year 1 survey data in catchment.	Farm Plan adoption and the provision of nutrient budgets across NZ is inconsistent, especially in the sheep and beef sector. 3F's aim is to increase the speed of the adoption of this farm planning tool. Farm plans are the implementation tool for the adoption of most GMP's and becoming a compliance measure for catchment limit setting.	Increased Farm Plan adoption and nutrient management in pilot catchments. Farm plans audited and managed in a verification framework. Adoption of GMP and farm mitigations tracked and audited and reports provided to farmers and Council. Key recommendations on gaps in performance (Response Plans) will be provided).

<p>Establish a verification system which achieves the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Applies to nutrient, sediment, phosphorous, and pathogen contaminant challenges;</li> <li>b) Applies to sheep, beef, dairy, deer, horticulture, and viticulture land uses;</li> <li>c) Can function in different regulatory regimes;</li> <li>d) Consistent with the 3F principles: outcome focussed, relevant, honest, fair, accessible, and integrative (see 3F principles in section 18 of this application for further details).</li> </ul>	<p>The 3F verification system is developed and tested on focus farms.</p> <p>3F will ensure a minimum of 1 to 10 farms reviewed per catchment (over 20 farms).</p>	<p>Each farm will be surveyed and metrics from farm plans and GMP adoption will be recorded. Each farm will be "scored" and provided a performance measure.</p> <p>Farm key areas for improvement /and factors within the verification system that are not performing or are clearly confusing will be amended.</p>	<p>No base data as this is new work. End of year two all farms in focus catchments will be audited and success of system reported.</p>	<p>We will evaluate the 3F implementation process at the farm, catchment and regional scales. Lessons learnt will be applied to further iterations of the 3F system, assisting with uptake throughout the country.</p>
<p>To assist farmers within the pilot catchments to improve their environmental performance and adopt GMP's relevant to the specific catchment's issues.</p>	<p>3F will hold regional meetings (4-5) with pilot catchment farmers in the first year and follow-up meetings / field days in the second year. These workshops will enable group learning as to the purpose of 3F, discuss GMP and regional council outcomes, and enable farmers to actively contribute to the 3F systems development. Year two will showcase farms and outcomes.</p> <p>3F will work with each Regional Council to ensure that GMP's specific to catchment water</p>	<p>Workshop attendees will be surveyed as to whether they found each workshop useful.</p> <p>Farms will be surveyed and visited by RC and 3F staff and because of the farm plan development, priority GMP's will be identified on farm.</p>	<p>3F audit will identify key recommendations that remain to be implemented. Each farm will be provided with an Audit report.</p>	<p>We will evaluate if 3F has influenced or advanced on farm GMP adoption in pilot catchments by reviewing against a base line survey data of farm plan adoption in catchment.</p> <p>GMP adoption tailored to key water quality issues at a farm and then catchment scale. Inclusion of other GMP initiatives relevant to farm business and the 3F model.</p>

	quality challenges are adopted on farms in pilot catchments.			
To establish a value chain to provide a 10% premium to farmers who meet 3F's standard (with a 20-30% premium at retail level).	3F intends to secure at least one significant red meat processor before the end of the second year of funding.	Progress will be monitored by the number of quality processors 3F is in discussions with, and then agreements to trial the 3F brand. This objective will be evaluated by the percentage premium ultimately offered to participating farmers.	Most farmers are not receiving a premium for their stock above market schedule.  Taupō Beef provides a useful baseline with an average 10% premium returned to participating farmers.	The realisation of a 10% premium will ensure farmers can reinvest in environmental stewardship activities and remain economically viable. This is at the core of the purpose of this project.
To assess whether the Mangatāre Stream Catchment pilot can be rolled out across the Ruamāhanga Whaitua.	The likely critical success factors to support further roll-out of the 3F verification system are identified.  The potential partners to support a roll-out of the model are identified, and willing to assist.	Progress will be measured by the extent to which the key partners for the assessment have been engaged, namely farmers, stakeholders, regional council, and retail or innovation partners. Whether this objective has been achieved can be evaluated by the quality of the final report.	N/A	The expected outcome is it will be clear whether the 3F system is likely to be successful if rolled out to the Ruamāhanga Whaitua, and if so what the factors are to support this process. This benefits the project as it provides a mechanism to achieve scale in the Wairarapa.

## 9. Project key tasks/activities

List the main tasks/activities in chronological order that will be undertaken in the delivery of your project. The achievement of these tasks and activities will be a primary measure for evaluating the project's success. See page 25 of the Guide for Applicants 2017 for information on how to complete this question.

YEAR 1 Project tasks/activities	YEAR 2 Project tasks/activities (if applicable)	YEAR 3 Project tasks/activities (if applicable)	YEAR 4 Project tasks/activities (if applicable)	YEAR 5 Project tasks/activities (if applicable)
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review policy and regulatory frameworks for each pilot catchment. Align framework for 3F verification system to each policy, compliance and rules across all key contaminants.</li> <li>• Work with pilot catchment groups to build understanding of how we can meld existing business and farm products to 3F system and value chain.</li> <li>• Work with individual farmers to set 3F scene.</li> <li>• Develop framework to report GMP progress / implementation on farm.</li> <li>• Six monthly progress reports to funding partners.</li> <li>• Six monthly steering group meetings (where applicable) for pilot catchments.</li> <li>• Develop framework for 3F verification system.</li> <li>• Provide building blocks for 3F for selected focus farms in pilot catchments.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide selected farms in pilot catchments or groups with follow up workshops/ meetings on GMP implementation.</li> <li>• Develop retail agreements for sales of 3F product or work with innovation partner to confirm acceptance of verification system and implementation of pilot catchment brand strategy.</li> <li>• Six monthly progress reports to funding partners.</li> <li>• Six monthly steering group meetings (where applicable) for pilot catchments.</li> <li>• Review roll out of GMP across the sub-catchment and focus farms using review framework.</li> <li>• Refine 3F verification system following field testing with farmers in pilot catchments.</li> <li>• Farmer/ sub catchment group meetings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For Greater Wellington Regional Council evaluate effectiveness and test if the Mangatarere Stream Catchment pilot can be rolled out across the Ruamāhanga Whaitua. This will involve the following tasks.</li> <li>• Assess the applicability of the 3F verification system to the environmental management challenges in the remainder of the Ruamāhanga.</li> <li>• Discuss with farmers in the wider Ruamāhanga about their interest or otherwise in applying the 3F system.</li> <li>• Discuss with existing retail or innovation partners about scale of market demand and capacity.</li> <li>• If not enough capacity to extend volumes then approach new retail or innovation partners.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roll out of GMP across the sub-catchment through workshops.</li> <li>• Consumer research, negotiations with processors, development of catchment brand strategy.</li> <li>• Six monthly progress reports to funding partners.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluate effectiveness of 3F integration on farm and within products.</li> <li>• Evaluate effectiveness (across all four wellbeings) to see if this model could be rolled out to other sub-catchments.</li> <li>• Six monthly progress reports to funding partners.</li> </ul>			
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## 10. Risk management

Provide a brief description of the major risks to the project achieving the intended outcomes. Include consideration of potential barriers that may pose a risk to the success of the project. Where possible give an indication of the likelihood and significance of the risk and any mitigation strategies to be included in the project.

See page 26 of the Guide for Applicants 2017 for information on how to complete this question.

Potential risk	Level of risk	Impact on project	Consequence on project	Strategy to mitigate
Identify the potential risk to your project (for example, project not completed on time, unpredictable events such as weather, lack of resource commitment, time and cost estimates too optimistic, unexpected budget cuts, stakeholders changing requirements after the project has started, risks to the industry or sector to which the organisation belongs).	Low, medium or high.	Describe the impact the risk would have on the project (for example, misunderstandings, duplication of work, incomplete work)	Minor, moderate or severe	Describe the process you will use to minimise and manage the risk (for example, project manager monitors functional roles to ensure enough time is allocated to complete each task/activity and the project as a whole).
Another entity develops an environmental verification system that is less robust and not grounded in catchment science which does not drive behaviour change and they turn the water quality challenge for New Zealand into a market access issue rather than a market premium issue.	Medium	This would mean 3F would face greater competition to secure processing and retail partners, and potentially confusion amongst farmers and consumers about the different systems.	Moderate	Treat risk if it arises by emphasising the outcome focus of the 3F verification system (swimmable and fishable water), that local catchment science underpins the system so it is more robust, and that the 3F system is framed as a tool to secure a market premium so will be more successful at driving environmental improvement.
We know there are few tools to allocate contaminants back to farm-scale (except for nitrogen) and so it is likely "good management practices" for key contaminants will be adopted. The risk is this is criticised as not being robust.	Low	This could mean some consumers in the future do not pay a premium for projects verified by 3F due to concern about 'green-washing'	Moderate	Avoid risk by involving likely critics in development of environmental verification system so it is robust.  Mitigate risk by providing for iterative development of environmental verification system as science about allocating

				contaminants and/or best management practices develops.
That 3F cannot find a willing and committed processor and retailer that is willing to provide a 10% wholesale premium above the market schedule (or other sufficient premium) for whole beef carcasses, or a sufficient premium for sheep and deer carcasses to farmers for meeting an environmental standard.	Medium	This would mean there will be no financial value in meeting 3F's environmental standards in markets, which is likely to affect uptake of farmers in the future.	Severe	<p>Taupō Beef has validated a 10% wholesale premium can be obtained. Manage risk by targeting a number of processors and retailers.</p> <p>Treat risk by undertaking toll processing option, and retailer selling meat on a 3F investor-risk basis which Farro Fresh has previously agreed to. This assumes 3F can locate an investor willing to accept this risk.</p>
That farmers are not willing to commit to one processor across the catchment groups in the project.	Medium	That farmers do not want to participate in the 3F project due to the choice of processor.	Moderate	<p>Manage the risk by either selecting a processor who has national coverage and covers sheep and beef and deer, and has integrity with farmers, or selecting a number of processors for farmers to choose.</p> <p>In addition, manage risk by enabling farmers to continue supplying some of their stock through existing processor to mitigate their risk.</p>
Consumers are not paying a retail premium for the environmental credentials of the products.	Medium	This would mean either that it would be easy for a competitor to displace a 3F verified brand in markets by replicating other attributes, or the 3F system would no longer be used by processors and farmers.	Severe	Mitigate risk by ensuring partner processors invest sufficient resource in brand development and marketing, so we can capture the superior red meat market quickly, and create ongoing customer loyalty.
Monitoring networks in catchment are not robust enough to measure improvements in water quality, through time.	Medium	This would mean short to long term improvements in water quality are unable to be evidenced through robust water quality monitoring (GW, SW).	Moderate	Mitigate risk by working with Council to upgrade monitoring where needed. Instigate a farmer led community monitoring regime

				where possible and use commensurate measures (stocking rate reduction, nutrient management etc.) to evidence tangible change. Use catchment modelling to examine predicted responses in water quality through whole of catchment adoption of GMP across pilot catchments (Regional Council modelling project).
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## SECTION C: Resources and capability

See pages 27-29 of the Guide for Applicants 2017 for information on how to complete this section.

### 11. Partnership and collaboration

You must be able to demonstrate that the project will involve the necessary partner organisations to ensure its success. Provide details of organisations that you will be partnering with in the delivery of this project. Please outline the nature of each of the partners involvement and what they will contribute to the successful delivery of the project. See page 27 of the Guide for Applicants 2017 for information on how to complete this question.

Organisation name	Contact details	Details of involvement or collaboration
<i>Name, phone number and email</i>	<i>For example, contribution of funding or resources, involvement in decision-making, responsibility for delivering a component of the project</i>	
Greater Wellington Regional Council	Matt Hickman Manager, Environmental Policy Greater Wellington Regional Council Te Pane Matua Taiao Matthew Hickman	Co-Funder (50K Pa), Council lead contact and Steering Group member for the Mangatarere Stream Catchment. Responsible for developing strategic plan with 3F for the roll out of the framework in the Ruamāhanga Whaitua.
Farmer		Farmer commitment to establish a collective funding project (48K pa) for the roll out of farm plans and nutrient budgets for 14 farms in the Lake Wanaka Catchment (7 Year one /7 year two). Discussions planned for May. Financial agreement though MOU with 3F by October 2017. Randall is an active member of the Upper Clutha Water Group (see Te Kākano Project below) and has already gained a LEPS and OVERSEER budget through the Beef & Lamb Challenging Environments Project. The Beef & Lamb project has established a significant level of awareness within the community for the need for farm plans and advanced nutrient management in catchment. See further details here:

		<a href="http://www.beeflambnz.com/news-events/News/2015/november/project-highlights-the-upside-of-environmental-compliance/">http://www.beeflambnz.com/news-events/News/2015/november/project-highlights-the-upside-of-environmental-compliance/</a>
Farmer	Grant Ruddenklau	Farmer commitment to establish a collective funding project (48K pa) for the roll out of farm plans and nutrient budgets for 14 farms in the Lake Wanaka Catchment (7 Year one /7 year two). Discussions planned for May 25 <sup>th</sup> . Financial agreement through MOU with 3F by October 2017. Grant (Manager at Mt Burke Station) has already gained a LEP3 and OVERSEER budget through the Beef & Lamb Challenging Environments Project. The beef & Lamb project has established a significant level of awareness within the community for the need for farm plans and advanced nutrient management in catchment. See further details here: <a href="http://www.beeflambnz.com/news-events/News/2015/november/project-highlights-the-upside-of-environmental-compliance/">http://www.beeflambnz.com/news-events/News/2015/november/project-highlights-the-upside-of-environmental-compliance/</a>
Environment Southland		Co-Funder (20K Pa), Council lead contact and Steering Group member for the Aparima River Catchment
Individual donor	Natasha Garvan	Organisational Funding (10K Pa), 3F project group member funded to assist funding for the Lake Wanaka Catchment
Waikato Regional Council	Alan Campbell Team Leader, Land Management Advisory Services Integrated Catchment Management Waikato Regional Council  Private Bag 3038, Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton 3240	Co-Funder (10K Pa), Council lead contact and Steering Group member for the Torepatutahi Stream Catchment.
DeerNZ	Lindsay Fung Environmental Policy Manager	Industry connection and supporter of the 3F project. Assist with farmer liaison in catchments, with a particular focus on Lake Wanaka.

<p><b>Beef &amp; Lamb NZ</b></p>	<p><b>Matt Harcombe</b>  <b>Environment Programme</b>  <b>Manager</b>  <b>Beef + Lamb New Zealand</b>  <b>level 2, Queens Gardens Court</b>  <b>3 Crawford street</b>  <b>Dunedin 9016</b></p>	<p>Industry connection and supporter of the 3F project. Assist with farmer liaison in catchments, with a particular focus on LEPS and GMP at a farm scale.</p>
<p><b>AgResearch</b></p>	<p><b>Dr. Ross Monaghan</b>  <b>Senior Scientist</b></p>	<p>Applied research partner, on farm Environmental mitigation. Project Steering Group member and contractor.</p>
<p><b>Te Kāhano (and Upper Clutha Water Group)</b></p>	<p><b>Megan Williams</b>  <b>Community Liaison and</b>  <b>Development Manager</b>  <b>Te Kāhano</b></p>	<p>Complementary initiative from Te Kāhano. A FIF bid to develop a Lake Wanaka and Upper Clutha Community Water Management Plan. 3F and an existing Community water quality project "Touchstone" <a href="http://www.touchstone.org.nz">www.touchstone.org.nz</a> are supporting partners to intention to develop a community led Lake Wanaka catchment wide management plan. Management outcomes are complementary to the community focus of the 3F Lake Wanaka Pilot and expected outcomes from the farmer led collective.</p>

## 12. Project team

You must be able to demonstrate that the project will engage personnel with the required technical, project management, and financial management skills to successfully deliver the project. Provide details of your proposed project team and confirmation of their availability for the duration of the project. Note that it is mandatory to provide details of your project manager.

See page 27 of the Guide for Applicants 2017 for information on how to complete this question.

Name	Organisation	Role in project	Confirmed	Phone	Email
Chris Arbuckle	Aspiring Environmental	<b>Project manager</b> <i>Note that you must provide a copy of the project manager's CV or job description of project manager as part of your application.</i>	Yes		
Mike Barton	Taupō Beef	Value chain facilitator	Yes		
Natasha Garvan	3F	Project co-ordinator	Yes		

### 13. Governance and management structure

See page 28 of the Guide for Applicants 2017 for information on how to complete this question.

#### Project governance

*Describe the governance structure/s that will be implemented to ensure monitoring and management of performance and effective decision-making occurs. Include information on members of the governance group and their skills.*

*(maximum 300 words)*

3F has applied to be registered as a charitable trust. 3F's trustees are **Alistair Mowat, Erica van Reenen, and Andrew Schollum**. Meetings will be held at least four times per year to assess key opportunities and risks. The trustees will foster a culture of "risk aware" decision making. The trustees will undertake adequate due diligence to ensure that mitigation of key risks is carefully factored into the decision process. Trustees will consider how risks can be avoided, transferred, or limited in their decision making.

Alistair is a Director of Thought Strategy and the End-user Lead for the Greater Value in Global Markets theme of the Our Land and Water National Science Challenge. Alistair was the Innovation Leader – Sustainability at Zespri and a principal advisor at Ministry for Primary Industries. He has skills in developing strategies and understanding a range of primary industry value chains including the management, measurement and reporting of credence attributes associated with who, how and where a product is produced.

Erica is a consultant for AgFirst and has extensive experience working at the interface of environmental management and production drivers on-farm, including the development of an online environmental planning tool. Erica was previously the environment extension manager for Beef + Lamb New Zealand and a policy analyst for the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. Erica has leadership and governance skills as trustee of the Waikato Te Araroa Trust, and various roles with the Young Farmers Club.

Andrew is the Lead for Natural Resources at Martin Jenkins and co-founder of Eiver with first-hand experience in all facets of the resource management system. Andrew was previously part of the secretariat for the Land and Water Forum and a policy analyst at the Ministry for the Environment. Andrew has skills in building consensus and delivering complex multi-party projects under demanding time pressures.

#### Managing funds

*Provide information about how you will manage the project funds if your application is successful. Include information about how you will procure goods and services, approve payments, and monitor and address budget overspend.*

*(maximum 250 words)*

The trustees will approve the procurement of goods and services, and the 3F project budget. Once the budget has been approved, it will be added to 3F's accounting system to ensure the treasurer can compare it against actual income and expenses. Any significant difference between actual figures and the budget will be reported and examined by the trustees.

3F will open a separate FIF project bank account by which all contributions and payments are made. The treasurer will prepare a list of future payments each month to be approved by the trustees by way of e-mail. There will be two authorising codes for internet banking, or two signatories for cheques.

### 14. Health and safety

*It is important that you have the necessary health and safety policies, resources and expertise to safely undertake and complete the project. You must comply at all times with the requirements and provisions of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (HSWA). You will be asked to submit a health and safety plan for your project if you are invited to proceed to Stage 2. See page 28 of the Guide for Applicants 2017 for information on how to complete this question.*

Does your organisation have a health and safety policy?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>If yes, state when this was last reviewed/updated.</i> Aspiring Environmental Hazard and Accident Management Procedures Manual and Aspiring Environmental Contractor Safety Management System will be the guide for 3F. Last reviewed: Chris Arbuckle Ver 5.022 February 2017
Has your organisation been issued with any notices under health and safety legislation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>If yes, please provide details.</i>
Who will be responsible for health and safety for the project?	Chris Arbuckle (Ref. Aspiring Environmental Hazard and Accident Management Procedures Manual and Aspiring Environmental Contractor Safety Management System will be the guide for 3F)

## 15. Environmental compliance

See page 29 of the Guide for Applicants 2017 for information on how to complete this question.

Do you require any statutory or non-statutory permissions to complete the project?  <i>For example, resource consents, planning consents, or landowner permissions?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>If yes, which permission(s) are required? Have you applied for these? If so, when is a decision expected (if known)?</i>  This is a voluntary project and landowners choose to participate. We have landowner commitment in the pilot catchments.
Has your organisation received any prosecutions under the Resource Management Act 1991 during the past 5 years?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>If yes, please provide details.</i>

## 16. Publicly-funded projects

Complete the table below for each publically-funded project you have received funding for in the past 5 years either from the Ministry for the Environment or from other agencies or organisations. (maximum 200 words per project)

Name of fund and organisation	Amount received	Details of project (including outcome, maximum 200 words per project)
N/A	\$ N/A	N/A

## SECTION D: Additional information

See pages 30-31 of the Guide to Applicants 2017 for information on how to complete this section.

### 17. Conflicts of interest

Describe any known conflicts of interest (actual or potential) and steps you will take to manage them. Before completing this section, see page 30 of the Guide for Applicants 2017.

There are no identifiable direct or indirect conflicts of interest for the Project team.

Mike Barton - One potential perceived conflict is Mike Barton is the co-owner of Taupō Beef and will be working with other farmers to establish a value chain. The Taupō Beef brand is based on products produced within the Taupō catchment which is not one of the pilot catchments so we do not consider there is a direct or indirect conflict of interest.

### 18. Is there anything else we need to consider about your application?

Provide any additional information you or your organisation considers important, but has not been covered in previous questions in this application form. (maximum 400 words)

#### Principles/objectives for the 3F verification system

Principle	What this means for the system	What we don't want
1. Outcome focussed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3F is a journey to somewhere: continuous improvement until environmental (swimmable and fishable water and improved biodiversity) and economic objectives are achieved over time, and at least within two generations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not a "tick the box" approach or a system for systems sake.</li> </ul>
2. Relevant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To the specific catchment's environmental issues. For example, if the primary issue in the catchment is sediment then the system focuses on that.</li> <li>- To the farmers because compliance with the system is recognised and valued by those in the value chain.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not a "gold plated" list of measures for all catchments everywhere that fails to reflect local circumstances.</li> <li>- Not a system/standard for market access but one that drives value.</li> </ul>

<b>3. Honest</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To consumers that system is delivering what it states it is delivering.</li> <li>- To farmers that the 3F system is not currently the solution in catchments where significant land use change required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not “green washing”.</li> <li>- Not a “silver bullet”.</li> </ul>
<b>4. Fair</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Catchments and farmers with similar issues are treated alike.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not requiring higher standards of some farmers over others if they have same catchment specific issues.</li> </ul>
<b>5. Accessible</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Farmers find the system easy to use.</li> <li>- The costs of the system can be embedded into a value chain.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not so complex it limits uptake.</li> <li>- Not so expensive that few people can afford to use it.</li> </ul>
<b>6. Integrative</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Builds on and integrates the best information already available.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not “reinventing the wheel”.</li> </ul>



## Declaration

*This declaration must be completed by a person with the organisation's signing authority. See page 31 of the Guide for Applicants 2017 for additional information on how to complete this question.*

**Important:** Please contact the Ministry if you have any queries about the terms and conditions of the deed of funding for the Freshwater Improvement Fund.

As a duly authorised representative of the organisation as per Section A of this Freshwater Improvement Fund application form:

- I declare that my project meets all of the eligibility criteria for the Freshwater Improvement Fund (see page 4 of this application form).
- I declare that to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in all sections of this application form, or supplied by us in support of our application, is complete, true and correct.
- I declare that I have the authority to sign this application form and to provide this information.
- I declare that the application is not being made by an organisation that is in receivership or liquidation, or by an undischarged bankrupt.
- I declare that I have provided information about any actual or potential conflicts of interest (in question 17) and that I will promptly inform the Ministry for the Environment of any such conflicts if they arise subsequent to the submission of this application.
- I understand that information presented to the Minister for the Environment and Ministry for the Environment is subject to disclosure under the Official Information Act 1982, other legislation, court orders, and in response to Parliamentary questions.
- I understand my rights in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993.
- I agree that the Ministry for the Environment can undertake, for the purpose of assessing eligibility and suitability for Freshwater Improvement Fund funding, a background check on the applicant(s), including but not limited to credit checks, criminal record checks, and reference checks from other parties, and may liaise with local and national organisations about this application.
- I understand that if I receive an invitation to proceed to Stage 2 of the funding process this is not a confirmation of funding, and that the final decision is subject to a successful completion of Stage 2.

**Name**

Christopher Arthur Henry Arbuckle

**Position**

Project Manager

**Signature**

*By typing your name in the space provided you are electronically signing this application form.*

Christopher Arthur Henry Arbuckle

Date 13/04/2017

## Checklist

Use the following checklist to confirm you have provided all the required information in your application.

**Do not include any attachments that the Ministry has not specifically requested. These will not be provided to the assessment panel.**

- All sections of this Application Form (Part 1) have been completed (using 'N/A' or 'none' if required).
- All sections of this Application Form (Part 2) have been completed (using a zero if required).
- All \$ figures provided in Application Form (Part 1) and (Part 2) add up and are consistent throughout the application.
- Declaration on the Application Form (Part 1) has been electronically signed and dated.
- A copy of the CV for the project manager listed in question 12 is attached (if confirmed).
- Letters confirming co-funding for your project from each organisation listed as 'external funding sources' in Application Form (Part 2).
- Optional – One additional document** in support of your application. This must be directly related to the project proposal, the issue you are trying to address, or the solution being proposed.
- Application form, project budget, and any supporting information will be submitted as **one email only**. (Documents submitted as multiple emails will **not** be accepted.)
- Application form, project budget, and any supporting information will be submitted no later than **mid-day 13 April 2017**

# Your feedback please...

Submissions close 12 May.

## Tell us whether you support the proposed changes to our work programme for 2017/2018.

Use this form to share your feedback or submit online at:  
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Name LLoyd McCall

Organisation  
 (if applicable)

POMAHIAKI WATER CARE GROUP

Email

Address

I would like to speak with Council about my submission:  
 This would be in the week starting 22 May.

Yes  No

If yes, please provide a contact phone number

### How do you think we should structure the rates for civil defence and emergency management?

Option 1: Uniform targeted rate (\$25.89 per property).  
 Everyone in Otago pays the same amount – regardless of the value of their property.

Option 2: 50% uniform targeted rate and 50% general rate. Half of the cost is in general rates, and half is an equal amount paid by everyone.

### When do you think we should open a new office in Queenstown?

Option 1: Establish an office in Queenstown in the 2017/2018 year

Option 2: Delay proposal until the next Long Term Plan process (2018/2019)

### Rural water quality

Do you support our water quality environmental risk-assessment programme?  Yes  No

Do you support a risk-based approach to dairy farm inspections for compliance monitoring?  Yes  No

### How should we structure the rates for the Lower Waitaki River scheme?

Option 1: Change the way the scheme is paid for, so that 10% of the scheme's costs are paid for as part of general rates, and 90% by the Lower Waitaki River scheme targeted rate

Option 2: Leave all costs as 100% Lower Waitaki River scheme targeted rate (status quo)

### Minimum flows and deemed water use permit replacement

Do you support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows?  Yes  No

Do you support funding the deemed water use permit transition work from the Water Management Reserve?  Yes  No

### Do you support the following activities?

Lake snow increased work-plan  Yes  No

Lake restoration scoping work  Yes  No

Wallaby control  Yes  No

Climate change adaption (Clutha delta)  Yes  No

### Public transport in the Wakatipu Basin

Do you support the increased subsidy of public transport in the Wakatipu Basin?  Yes  No

Do you support extending the Wakatipu targeted rating area for public transport to include Jack's Point?  Yes  No

### Do you support the change to our Significance and Engagement policy for strategic assets?

Yes  No

Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes?

Please add additional paper as required.

Want to refer to the full draft Annual Plan for additional context when you're considering your submission?  
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## SUBMISSION TO OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL ON THE LONG TERM PLAN 2017

10<sup>th</sup> May 2017

To Otago Regional Council [annual.plan@orc.govt.nz](mailto:annual.plan@orc.govt.nz)  
From The Pomahaka Water Care Group Incorporated  
Contact c/-

A representative of the group wishes to speak to this submission in person

### SUBMISSION

#### 1. Rural Water Quality Targeted Rate

The Pomahaka Water Care Group support a targeted rate for effects based activities however the proposed increase is almost double the current allocation. In an on farm environment where water quality improvement initiatives already are a significant cost to farmers, the fact that the general rate increase for ORC related activities is looming, it is unfair to propose such a significant increase.

#### 2. Rural Water Quality Risk Assessment Programme

- The Pomahaka Water Care Group considers that a support and advice based initiative such as is proposed is a good idea and welcome the positive outcomes which can result.

**We have some concerns however;**

- By making the risk assessment voluntary it is highly likely the only farmers to take advantage will be the farmers who are already proactively making changes to improve water quality. ***Preaching to the already converted!***
- Because of the voluntary nature of the engagement the currently disengaged farmers will continue to remain disengaged. ***Farmer apathy is slowly changing but still very real!***
- Farmers will be very wary of allowing the ORC onto their properties to itemise any possible compliance issues as part of the assessment. Small

rule breaches spotted by ORC staff are required to be forwarded to the compliance team. Farmers will be understandably suspicious of the visitor's intent. ***We propose a 2 week amnesty for minor non compliance issues.***

- We suggest a reward based plan or cash savings of some description for farmers to take up any initiative. ***No reward leads to low motivation for engagement.***
- There are currently many voluntary industry farm environmental plans which farmers can complete. We are cautious that there is unnecessary repetition with this proposal, especially for those who are already very engaged in the water quality 'space'.
- As an already established catchment group we feel that the ORC could better target resources in supporting our group to a greater extent than it currently does through further funding.

#### **Opportunities;**

- The development of any environmental initiatives should be done in conjunction with industry groups such as ours and proactive farmers. Please let's work together on the intent of the visits and the parameters around what can be achieved.
- Any planned outcomes of the assessment needs to be realistically achievable, measurable and time bound. This will require follow up and monitoring of any action points. Is the initiative going to have full geographic coverage or should the ORC's efforts be more defined to particular catchments such as ours? ***We propose a catchment approach.***
- The completion of an accredited plan needs to be either made compulsory or be of significant benefit to the farmer. This could be in the form of a rates rebate or recognition in some way. (ie. say noted on an ORC database) The ORC could then recognise these farmers as reduced risk come 2020 compliance time allowing ORC staff to concentrate on the small percentage of farmers who remain disengaged.
- It needs to be made clear to farmers what the likely costs of obtaining consents will be if compliance thresholds are not met by 2020. (It is highly

likely a functioning, monitored environmental farm management plan would form part of any consent)

- Discharge testing should be a pillar of any plan. Farmers need to know what their farm is contributing to the environmental footprint before they will take ownership and commit to making improvements...

#### **Risk Based Dairy Farm Inspections**

- We agree with the concept of risk based assessment. Where risks are real and tangible further assessments should be complemented with a risk based payment system. User pays.
- We do not think it unreasonable for all farmers to pay a set rate based on one assessment per year. Additional visits should be fully charged to the individual farm owner. This is one way that infrastructure issues can be targeted. Currently the effects based approach monitors the outcomes. Often the outcomes are determined by the infrastructure.

Thank You

The Pomahaka Water Care Group

**From:** [Liz Angleo](#)  
**To:** [Gemma Wilson](#); Annual Plan  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 - Liz Angleo  
**Date:** Friday, 12 May 2017 12:07:08 p.m.

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**Draft Annual Plan 2017/18**

Name Liz Angleo

E-mail

Address

I would like to speak with Council about my submission (week starting 22 May) Yes

If yes, please provide a contact number

How do you think we should structure the rates for civil defence and emergency management? Option 2: 50% uniform targeted rate and 50% general rate. Half of the cost is in general rates, and half is an equal amount paid by everyone.

Any comments? No

Do you support our water quality environmental risk-assessment programme? Yes

Do you support a risk-based approach to dairy farm inspections for compliance monitoring? Yes

Any comments? I do not understand this jargon. In simple terms- too much water is used for irrigation and rivers are suffering. This should be limited as should water for dairy farms.

Do you support the increased subsidy of public transport in the Wakatipu Basin? Yes

Do you support extending the Wakatipu targeted rating area for public transport to include Jack's Point? Yes

Any comments? I support any increase in public transport. In fact the subsidy idea was mine which I submitted for the Dunedin bus service in 2014.

Pity it was not , implemented here- but good luck to Queenstown. I like the local council input to public transport.

When do you think we should open a new office in Queenstown?

Option 2: Delay proposal until the next Long Term Plan process (2018/2019)

Any comments?

No more offices. Less travelling. Use Skype ++

Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes?

Reinstatement of the Canongate, Russell St part of the Bellknowes No 19 bus route in Dunedin

Immediate reinstatement of half hourly frequency during off peak hours on the City to Belleknowes end of Route 19

An Airport bus to be introduced (to be in line with most airports around the world).

Pass over management of Dunedin buses to the Dunedin City Council ASAP. The ORC's efforts have been a failure.

Stop the selling and burning of coal in Otago. This is long overdue. Overseas visitors must be shocked to see it in our 'clean, green NZ'.

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**From:** [Chloe Searle](#)  
**To:** [Gemma Wilson; Annual Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 - Chloe Searle  
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**📧 Draft Annual Plan 2017/18**

Name Chloe Searle  
Organisation Forest and Bird Waitaki Branch  
E-mail  
Address

I would like to speak with Council about my submission (week starting 22 May) **No**

Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes? Our branch would like to encourage the Otago Regional Council to provide more funding for protecting and enhancing biodiversity. We would also support increased funding to ensure monitoring and compliance when it comes to environmental standards. Finally we would also support more funding to deal with weed issues. We believe the ORC plays an important role in looking after our environment and must keep focused on ensuring our environment is not degraded and is in fact enhanced.

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Name Joanna Kidston  
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How do you think we should structure the rates for civil defence and emergency management? Option 1: Uniform targeted rate (\$25.89 per property). Everyone in Otago pays the same amount – regardless of the value of their property.

Do you support our water quality environmental risk-assessment programme? Yes

Do you support a risk-based approach to dairy farm inspections for compliance monitoring? Yes

Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes? Very disappointed to see an absolute minimum spent on Dunedin's greatest asset- the Otago Harbour. I support the submissions of the Aramoana League Inc and the Aramoana Wharf Restoration trust.

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**From:** [John Roberts](#)  
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Hi there – please find submission as above.  
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Thanks  
John Roberts  
Statutory Manager, Southern South Island  
Department of Conservation

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## **SUBMISSION ON THE OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN**

**2017-18**

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**To:** Otago Regional Council

**Name of Submitter:** Harry Maher, Acting Director, Operations, Southern South Island Region - acting upon delegation from the Director-General of the Department of Conservation

**Submission on:** Otago Regional Council Draft Annual Plan 2017-18

**Date:** 11 May 2017

I do not wish to be heard at the hearing scheduled for the week of 22 May 2017

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### **1. Rural Water Quality**

Land development and intensification have the potential to cause declines in water quality in rural areas.

The Department is actively working with landowners, catchment groups and through the RMA process for the protection and enhancement of many threatened freshwater fish species and overall freshwater values within Otago's waterways.

The Department **supports** the Otago Regional Council (ORC) in undertaking catchment studies in five catchments every year, a landholder environmental risk-assessment programme and risk-based dairy farm inspections.

### **2. Minimum Flows and Deemed Water Permit Replacement**

The Department has a mandate to be involved in the management of waterways supporting populations of threatened indigenous fish and invertebrates. The Department seeks to have ongoing input into management decisions regarding these waterways, including the establishment of minimum flows and residual flows.

The Department **supports** the ORC accelerating the current minimum flow setting programme.

### **3. Lake Snow**

The Department **supports** the ORC increasing the resourcing required to deliver lake snow research work.

### **4. Lake Restoration**

The Department **supports** the ORC's proposed funding for scoping work, including working with local communities to develop a vision and action plan, to restore Lake Hayes, Lake Tuakitoto and Tomahawk lagoon.

### **5. Wallaby Control**

The Department **supports** the ORC's ongoing wallaby control programme and funding.

### **6. Climate Change Adaption**

The Department **supports** the ORC's proposed climate adaptation projects and ongoing work on climate adaptation and preparedness.


When undertaking Climate adaptation planning the Department advocates that the ORC keeps in mind the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement. In particular Policy 3 (2) (b), that natural adjustment of coastal process, natural defences, ecosystems, habitat and species are allowed to occur;

### **7. Wilding Tree Control**

The Department, in collaboration with other stakeholders and Crown entities, has contributed to the effective community entities that are currently undertaking wilding conifer control within Otago.

The Department **supports** the continuation of ORC's funding for these community groups.

However, \$100,000 is not seen as a significant investment and it is the Departments expectation that this figure will increase significantly each year. This is to better reflect ORC's role relative to the threat and contributions being made by other local and government agencies, community funding bodies, local businesses and private individuals.



Harry Maher  
Acting Director, Operations  
Southern South Island Region

Pursuant to delegated authority on behalf of Lou Sanson, Director-General of Conservation

Note: A copy of the Instrument of Delegation may be inspected at the Director-General's office at Conservation House Whare Kaupapa Atawhai, 18 - 32 Manners Street, Wellington 6011

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## **Rural Water Quality**

I understand that ERA (Environmental Risk Assessments) will be conducted not using warrants to allow access to properties. It will be by invitation only from property owners. The consultation documents fail to mention that any breaches of the plan would be referred to the compliance arm. This is because ORC rules say staff are obligated to do this.

As soon as the farming community hear of one farm or farmer being referred to compliance, the whole ERA will be compromised, resulting in a waste of money, and leave trained resourced staff with nothing to do. ORC staff are often in the difficult situation of suspicion and misunderstanding when dealing with the farming community. This project will not help if farmers risk aversion is multiplied up by enforcement action.

### **Solutions-**

- Use third party provides who are seen as non-threatening and neutral
- Use ORC staff but make it a kitchen table exercise, using topographic maps and farm data to establish potential risk. Educate farmers on what the water plan rules mean and how at risk they are on their properties. This mean farmers will not feel threatened and ORC staff are not in the position of having to be police people. The result of not going past the farm house will be-
  - Greater farmer uptake
  - More educated farmers
  - Savings in time and costs
  - Less risk of ERA project failure from lack of farmer participation following enforcement action on one or a number of properties

The ORC Water Plan has the potential to be the best in the county, provided farmers buy into it and do the best they can.

### **Risk Based Dairy Farm Assessments**

Raising the charge for dairy farm inspections for \$325 to \$478 is 'inequitable'. This charge rate means a property of low risk with an inspection every 2 years will pay \$956 per visit, where as a high risk property which needs 6 visits over 2 years will pay \$159 per visit. The costs should be based on a per visit basis with those requiring more visits paying more.



As I have mentioned in previous submissions, the risk should be based on operator risk, not soil type or topography, but allowing for infrastructure risk. You could have the best operator on the worst soils and topography and the worst operator on the best soils and topography. What is suggested at the moment amounts to low risk operator subsidising high risk operators.

**Hamish Anderson**

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Name B.D. Armstrong Organisation (if applicable) Mōrihi Trust  
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I would like to speak with Council about my submission:  Yes  No  
 This would be in the week starting 22 May.

If yes, please provide a contact phone number \_\_\_\_\_

**How do you think we should structure the rates for civil defence and emergency management?**

Option 1: Uniform targeted rate (\$25.89 per property). Everyone in Otago pays the same amount – (regardless of the value of their property)

Option 2: 50% uniform targeted rate and 50% general rate. Half of the cost is in general rates, and half is an equal amount paid by everyone.

**When do you think we should open a new office in Queenstown?**

Option 1: Establish an office in Queenstown in the 2017/2018 year

Option 2: Delay proposal until the next Long Term Plan process (2018/2019) Not necessary as there is an office in Cromwell

**Rural water quality**

Do you support our water quality environmental risk-assessment programme?  Yes  No

Do you support a risk-based approach to dairy farm inspections for compliance monitoring?  Yes  No

**How should we structure the rates for the Lower Waitaki River scheme?**

Option 1: Change the way the scheme is paid for, so that 10% of the scheme's costs are paid for as part of general rates, and 90% by the Lower Waitaki River scheme targeted rate

Option 2: Leave all costs as 100% Lower Waitaki River scheme targeted rate (status quo)

**Minimum flows and deemed water use permit replacement**

Do you support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows?  Yes  No

Do you support funding the deemed water use permit transition work from the Water Management Reserve?  Yes  No

**Do you support the following activities?**

Lake show: increased workplan  Yes  No

Lake restoration scoping work  Yes  No

Wetland control  Yes  No

Climate change adaption (Clutha delta)  Yes  No

*Not sure what this all means*

**Public transport in the Wakatipu Basin**

Do you support the increased subsidy of public transport in the Wakatipu Basin?  Yes  No

Do you support extending the Wakatipu targeted rating area for public transport to include Jack's Point?  Yes  No

**Do you support the change to our Significance and Engagement policy for strategic assets?**

Yes  No

Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes?  
 Mōrihi Trust promotes the planting of native flora especially that endemic to the areas in central Otago. We want more money spent on invasive weeds (including pine) and more support given to environmental groups involved in the planting and care of native plants.  
*Continued on 2nd page*

Please add additional paper as required.

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Mōkīhi Trust sees the amount of money spent on wilding pine removal as far too small.

The accumulated funds allocated for excessively expensive buildings must be reallocated to the environment - polluted waterways, invasive weeds on land and in water, plant and animal near-extinctions, pollution from dairying, poor river flows due to excessive irrigation while the unique Central Otago tussocklands are virtually gone because of rabbit invasions, invasive weeds and a multitude of other reasons.

Please think about what is happening to the region on your watch.

Sure, spend \$500,000 on new carpet, a couple of heat pumps, a new paint job - Queenstown doesn't need a building <sup>in Dunedin</sup>.  
- Dunedin doesn't need a TAJMATTAL equivalent for an office and put the rest of the money into what is happening in the region.

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Every valley/<sup>catchment</sup> could have a paid-for  
rabbiter whose job was to move around  
the district with full entry rights. Farmers  
could be told in advance - the rabbiter  
will be on your property for a week.  
That would probably cost less than a million  
per year.

You could really push pest destruction  
and give the region their land back.  
I can't think of anyone else with  
such accumulated funds.

Bob Armstrong  
Committee Member Mokihū Trust

**From:** [Ray Henderson](#)  
**To:** [Gemma Wilson](#); [Annual Plan](#)  
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I would like to speak with Council about my submission (week starting 22 May) No

How do you think we should structure the rates for civil defence and emergency management? Option 2: 50% uniform targeted rate and 50% general rate. Half of the cost is in general rates, and half is an equal amount paid by everyone.

Any comments? There is NO Option 3 - "Don't have this exorbitant Charge"  
see final Comments below

Any comments? n/c - not able to investigate thoroughly enough to make a reasoned decision.

Any comments? n/c - not able to investigate thoroughly enough to make a reasoned decision.

Any comments? not applicable

Any comments? not applicable

How should we structure the rates for the Lower Waitaki River scheme? Option 2: Leave all costs as 100% Lower Waitaki River scheme targeted rate (status quo)

Any comments? Don't 'fix' what's not broken

Any comments? n/c

Any comments? n/c

Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes? Emergency Management:  
Central Government often 'proudly' boasts that Inflation is running between 0 & 2%.  
My Local Council, WaitakiDC, is embarrassed that the target Rates increase for 2017 may creep out from 1% to 1.5%.  
My 2016 ORC Rates were \$35, 2017 is projected to be \$65. How DARE you foist an almost 100% increase on me!!

I have only recently recovered from paying the extortionate Forsyth Barr Stadium Levy. I have never used or visited it, will never use or visit it, but I was made to pay for it.

Was just getting used to a more rational Annual charge then wham ..

So where does this new exorbitant increase come from? A \$26 Emergency Management charge. Whaaaa..t !?

How many Bodies think they can demand payment to 'look after us' in a time of Disaster (when we're most vulnerable)?

Every Insurance Policy I have has an EQC levy. My Local Rates have a CD/EM levy. Regional Council (sticking to your knitting) is meant to be about Air, Water, Land, Regional Transport.

Well, there's no Passenger service by Rail, no Air Service in Oamaru, & Bus Companies are stand-alone self-sufficient businesses so strike out that last one.

My Local Council is currently sorting out the Erosion prone Beach Road, the Flood disaster at Otematata Boat Harbour, and now is providing more Erosion protection North of Oamaru Creek.

Where is the Regional Council?

Sitting in the Dunedin Offices, which apparently aren't grand enough.

I see this latest money-grab as another mechanism to build-up your slush-fund for the new & completely unnecessary Offices upgrade.

I will be making a sincere effort to stage a Rates revolt and have as many Ratepayers as possible to withhold payment in protest.

From a VERY, VERY ANGRY Ratepayer

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**Subject:** Re: Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 - Billee Marsh  
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Name Billee Marsh

E-mail

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How do you think we should structure the rates for civil defence and emergency management? Option 1: Uniform targeted rate (\$25.89 per property). Everyone in Otago pays the same amount – regardless of the value of their property.

Do you support our water quality environmental risk-assessment programme? Yes

Do you support a risk-based approach to dairy farm inspections for compliance monitoring? Yes

Any comments? Inspections need to be regular and your compliance rigorous.

Do you support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows? Yes

Do you support funding the deemed water use permit transition work for the Water Management Reserve? No

Any comments? 2021 is not far away, and it's been a long process to get to this stage, I find it hard to believe you will be able to accelerate the process now. I would like to say yes but our local farmers have engaged the ORC in an obstructive and hostile dialogue at every consultation, and that stance will never change. Funding to encourage and enable water users to manage their water allocation is a good idea, in theory. However, I am not

	convinced all water user groups could work together in the way ORC would hope! Some permit holders have not accepted the changes needed to move forward, and will battle ORC to the bitter end.
Any comments?	As I don't live in Wakatipu Basin I don't use the public transport. However my daughter lives there and often comments about how expensive it is.
When do you think we should open a new office in Queenstown?	Option 1: Establish an office in Queenstown in the 2017/2018 year
Any comments?	It's definitely needed in Queenstown. The growth is phenomenal
Lake snow increased workplan	Yes
Lake restoration scoping work	Yes
Wallaby control	Yes
Climate change adaption (Clutha delta)	Yes
Any comments?	Yes they're all part of ORC business. And don't forget to keep eradicating wilding pines
Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes?	Finally public opinion has woken up to the fact that our water quality is under severe threat and needs to be protected. ORC will be harshly criticized if rivers are allowed to be pumped dry for irrigation and our water quality is degraded.

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If yes, please provide a contact phone number: [redacted]

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### When do you think we should open a new office in Queenstown?

- This is empire-building.*
- Option 1: Establish an office in Queenstown in the 2017/2018 year. *There is one in Cromwell that is adequate.*
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### Rural water quality

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### Do you support the following activities?

- Lake snow increased workplan  Yes  No
- Lake restoration scoping work  Yes  No
- Wakabury control  Yes  No
- Climate change adaption (Clutha delta)  Yes  No

### Do you support the change to our Significance and Engagement policy for strategic assets?

Yes  No

Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes?

*Rabbit extermination – no excuses*  
*Wilding pine removal*  
*Clean up waterways*  
*Nurture the wilderness – prevent extinctions*

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No empire building. One office in  
Dunedin, one in Cromwell and  
maybe one in Balclutha is sufficient.

It is a gross waste of money to  
spend \$35 million on a fancy building  
in Dunedin, and another in  
Queenstown.

When you think how dismal is the  
effort that has gone into rabbit  
extinction - how much money was  
spent on this - and how much  
money you have allocated for  
a new building YOU HAVE TRULY  
LOST YOUR WAY!

Barbara Armstrong



**From:** Reuben Morison  
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I would like to speak with Council about my submission (week starting 22 May) Yes

If yes, please provide a contact number

How do you think we should structure the rates for civil defence and emergency management? Option 2: 50% uniform targeted rate and 50% general rate. Half of the cost is in general rates, and half is an equal amount paid by everyone.

Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes? Darwins Barberry is a significant issue throughout coastal Otago, including Signal hill in Dunedin. You had it in your last 10 year plan to remove Darwins Barberry and Gorse from Signal Hill in the short term, and NO work has even been started, apart from what MTB Otago have done to keep their tracks clear. Even this is a large struggle for them. This needs to be put on the ORC invasive weed list, and proactively removed from public and private land. If it is not dealt with soon, it will invade deep into our native bush, and any farmland and private land within the range of birds from Barberry. This will create an even larger problem, which will take far more council resources and money to eradicate. If it is dealt with sooner, the problem and cost will be smaller, which means that more money can be spent on other important projects. If it is left until later, there will be less money for these other projects. So don't just put it in your plan, do something about it.

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## Submission to Otago Regional Council (ORC) Annual plan from the Upper Clutha Water Group

### Who we are:

The Upper Clutha Water Group is a collaboration of various agencies and groups concerned about our waterways. By working together over the past 9 months we have formulated a strategic plan with the following vision:

Water in a quality ecosystem has functional diversity. All Upper Clutha lakes and rivers are improved or maintained at pristine levels for the long term.

### UCWG Strategic Plan objectives:

1. *Deliver leadership and direction of water quality management*
2. *Confirm and support whole community values*
3. *A process for the development of water quality management in the Upper Clutha*
4. *Assist with developing a comprehensive understanding of the ecosystem in the lakes and waterways*
5. *Define and engage with key stakeholders*
6. *An inclusive and collaborative communications strategy*

### We are planning to:

1. Deliver on the agreed strategic plan as above.
2. Review and update the stormwater management catchment plans in response to the needs of new and existing growth areas with support from an application to the Ministry of Environment in conjunction with Te Kakano Aotearoa Trust.
3. Lead a Community led Lake Wanaka Management Plan.

### ORC activity:

From the 2017-2018 ORC draft annual plan:

“In recent years, an algae that produces a sticky substance called lake snow has been found in Lakes Wanaka, Wakatipu and Hawea. Although it is non-toxic, it is creating problems for water users. If it gets into the residential water supply, it causes blockages, and clogs filters and household appliances connected to the system. We are working with other stakeholders and researchers to find out more about what it is, where it comes from, what influences it and how it could be managed. We’d like to increase our work in this area to increase the rate of progress, and so we are proposing to allocate staff time and \$100,000 of general rates towards research on this problem.”

This small scale commitment merely to ‘research the problem’ is very concerning to the Upper Clutha Water Group. QLDC and the community have been investing hundreds of thousands of dollars to manage this issue in domestic water supplies over almost a decade. The scale of ORC’s investment is unacceptable. This is not a remote science problem, but an issue that carries with it major reputational, economic and environmental implications.

The lakes and rivers are an essential environmental and economical asset, locally, nationally and globally. ***We submit that the ORC work with the QLDC and the community to produce a solution-based plan.***

Given the significantly wider implication of this environmental matter we submit that the ORC offset an increase and solution-based fund for this work from its considerable reserves (\$13m) as outlined. We note specifically that the ORC holds two river management reserves for Wakatipu and Wanaka (total value \$1.2m on page 80 Annual Plan). This may be a wholly appropriate fund to utilise on this occasion.

We do acknowledge your proposed investment in urban water quality in accordance with the national policy statement on urban development targets.

**What we are asking:**

**That Otago Regional Council support the community led and collaborative (regulatory, science, community) implementation of a Lake Wanaka and Upper Clutha Community Water Management Plan.** The group is also collaborating with the Lake Hayes group and anticipates doing so with any Lake Wakatipu group that is set up with the aim to have a district wide focus group delivering on a district wide water quality vision. The water management plan is based on science and data, works across disciplines and encompasses all groups that have impact on water.

Water quality and health are vulnerable in Lake Wanaka and the Upper Clutha catchment, with significant growth in farming, urban population, and tourism beginning to show some impact. By the time impacts become obvious, the actions required to return a lake to a “healthier” state are expensive and will have negative impacts on the community, and NZ socially and economically.

**Successful management is facilitated with stakeholder engagement, working alongside regulators and scientists. The community has indicated strongly a wish to be proactive and help develop and implement a collaborative water management plan.**

**We request funding from council of \$150,000 per annum for the UCWG to facilitate the community response alongside science and regulatory bodies. The Upper Clutha Water Group has been through a process that has developed an agreed strategic plan of action – the funds would support the ongoing management of this alongside development of any similar plans for Lake Hayes and Lake Wakatipu – costs include facilitation, management and disbursements such as venue hire for meetings and community meetings.**

**An oversight group could be set up to manage activities and the funds alongside ORC and QLDC.**

**Communication between the various groups and community is critical to deliver consistency of message to enable stakeholder engagement. Understanding of challenges and implementation of any required mitigations.**

We wish to speak at the hearing, thank-you.

Attached:

Upper Clutha Water Group Strategic Plan & List of Upper Clutha Water Group members

## Upper Clutha Water Group Contacts

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Phill Hunt			Federated Farmers, Fork Farm
Don Robertson			Guardians
Alan Cone			Guardians
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Cynthia Lawrence			University of Otago, Catchments Otago <a href="http://www.catchmentsotago.com">www.catchmentsotago.com</a>
Gerry Closs			University of Otago, director Catchments Otago
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Mike Tubbs			Department of Conservation, Operations Manager, Central Otago
Ella Lawton			QLDC councillor
Calum MacLeod			QLDC deputy mayor
Megan Williams			Upper Clutha Conservation taskforce –SoF, Te Kakano
Mandy Bell			Criffel Station, Criffel Irrigation Ltd, Rongoa Wai
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Vision		Water in a quality ecosystem has functional diversity. All Upper Clutha lakes and rivers are improved or maintained at pristine levels for the long term.					
Scope		30 year planning; immediate monitoring; collaborative stakeholders					
Our Values							
Robust science		Respect		Action		Community	
Key 12 month Objectives							
1. Deliver leadership and direction of water quality management in the Upper Clutha	2. Confirm and support whole community values	3. A process for the development of water quality management in the Upper Clutha	4. Assist with developing a comprehensive understanding of the ecosystem in the lakes and waterways	5. Define and engage with key stakeholders	6. An inclusive and collaborative communications strategy	7. Work with stakeholders on funding streams	0
Target:	Target:	Target:	Target:	Target:	Target:	Target:	Target:
Lead:	Lead:	Lead:	Lead:	Lead:	Lead:	Lead:	Lead:
ORC appointed Central Otago lakes and catchment Operations Manager to bridge proactive science and implementation	Collate existing values	Engage a Central Otago lakes and catchment Operations Manager to develop and implement a process	Support the convening of Water and Land Technical Advisory Groups	Work with all stakeholders to achieve strategic objectives	Develop and document a collaborative comms strategy to enable consistent messaging	Identify required funding streams relative to economic and environmental impact	
Support the convening of Water and Land Technical Advisory Groups	Circulate and create draft values		Appointment of Chair in Freshwater Management at Otago University		Appoint a Communication Manager		
Support an Upper Clutha stakeholder advisory group	Work with ORC to engage community on value set		Develop and implement a Whole catchment science strategy - what do we know, what don't we know, what should we know				#REF!
	Review on an ongoing basis		Revise the understanding of water quality to include more than water nutrients				

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# Federated Farmers of New Zealand

## Submission on Otago Regional Council's Draft Annual Plan 2017-2018

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## Summary of Submissions

### 1. General submissions

Introduction: We have appreciated Council's increased focus on engagement and communications over the past year. We ask that these efforts continue. We encourage Council to consider our submissions both in relation to the 2017 Annual Plan and in the development process of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

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*Rural Water Quality Targeted Rate* – Federated Farmers supports a targeted rate for the new activities proposed in the DAP, but we consider a greater General Rate contribution to rural water quality expenditure is warranted.

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Queenstown office: Federated Farmers can find no information on the potential costs of an additional office in Queenstown. However, given the current distribution of offices and the fast growing nature of the Queenstown Lakes District, we support leasing an office and assessing the required level of service after a short term period.

Lower Waitaki River Control scheme: Federated Farmers agrees that Council should amend the funding policy for the Lower Waitaki River Control scheme as per Option 1, with 10 percent of the scheme's costs paid for through general rates, and the remaining 90 percent through a specific targeted rate.

Other new activities: Federated Farmers supports Council's proposals in respect to:

- a. Lake Snow
- b. Lake restoration
- c. Wallaby control
- d. Wilding tree control

We cautiously support Council's proposed work in relation to Climate change adaptation, although we consider longer term costs should be funded by the respective TLA or through a specific targeted rate. We welcome the opportunity to provide feedback to the forthcoming Special Consultative procedure on the proposed new building.

Proposed changes to the Significance and Engagement policy: Federated Farmers recognises the overall drivers for the proposed changes. However, we expect that any landowners affected by decisions made under the revised policy should be treated fairly and equitably irrespective of these changes.

## **Section 1: Submissions on general matters**

### **1.1 Introduction**

- 1.2 Federated Farmers welcomes the opportunity to submit to Otago Regional Council's 2017 - 2018 draft Annual Plan (DAP).
- 1.3 We have appreciated Council's willingness to increase engagement and communications with us, other regional stakeholders and the wider region over the past year. We consider this approach has facilitated a greater awareness of Council's strategic intentions, and that as a result we can better work towards mutual goals. We ask that these engagement efforts continue.
- 1.4 Federated Farmers recognises that preparation for the 2018 Long Term Plan (LTP) will commence in 2017, and that the 2018 LTP will form the primary basis for Council's investment and cost allocation decisions for the three years beyond that date.
- 1.5 Therefore, we ask Council to consider our submission points in relation to both the 2017 Draft Annual Plan, and in the processes informing the 2018 LTP, as appropriate.

### **Summary of submissions:**

**We have appreciated Council's increased focus on engagement and communications over the past year. We ask that these efforts continue.**

**We encourage Council to consider our submissions both in relation to the 2017 Annual Plan and in the development process of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.**

### **2.1 Proposed rates increase**

- 2.2 Council is proposing an overall rates increase of 31 percent. This overall increase is driven by increased General rates, UAGC & rate penalties (increasing by 14.3 percent between 2016/17 and 2017/18), and Targeted Rates (increasing by 41 percent over the same period). Operating Funding overall is increasing from \$40.2 million in 2016/17 to \$53.9 million in 2017/18, a 34 percent increase.
- 2.3 While Council proposes to use an increase Port dividend to smooth the overall rating impact of this expenditure (discussed below), the DAP clearly signals a significant increase in expenditure, and a significant increase in rating impact.
- 2.4 Overall, the DAP heralds a new approach for ORC. In our view ORC has until now been relatively conservative in terms of both roles and expenditure, particularly relative to other regional councils. This has included both limiting additional spending, and ensuring Council's roles in relation to emerging issues were clearly defined.

- 2.5 Despite differences of opinion on the specifics of ORC's regulations and methods for funding costs, Federated Farmers has traditionally supported this overall, more conservative approach, given the significant costs of rates to farmers.
- 2.6 The DAP proposes a shift to an increased workplan, and as a result additional expenditure and additional costs for ratepayers. While again we may disagree on specifics, overall Federated Farmers considers this additional spending is warranted.
- 2.7 For some activities, additional spending is required to meet looming regulatory deadlines (examples include deemed permit transfers, or water quality initiatives). In other activities, there is a strong argument that appropriate investment now will forestall the need for additional spending in the future (pest control, and again water quality initiatives).
- 2.8 However, Council must continue to be mindful of the rating impact as a result of the increased spending proposed through the DAP. While the increased workplan as currently proposed is identifying and delivering on key priorities, there is a concern that this may be taken as an indication that Council will move away from careful consideration of its key priorities and indicate a willingness to 'be all things to all people'.
- 2.9 On the contrary, the increased workplan proposed through the DAP makes further prioritisation of additional spending leading up to the 2018-28 LTP all the more important. The additional spending proposed in the DAP is justified. Further expectations for increases in spending may not be. A clear distinction should be made between the need to haves and the want to haves.
- 2.10 In some of the activities where spending is proposed to increase, we consider there is a sound economic argument for spending more now so as to curtail additional costs in the future, or due to looming regulatory deadlines. In others it is arguably more driven by a desire to improve the level of service. The latter should be considered distinct, and should require an additional level of consultation or consideration.
- 2.11 Federated Farmers this is likely to be subjective. As a general view, we have considered the increased workplan with the following in mind:
- a. Whether it is a priority *natural resource management* issue for Council;
  - b. Whether there is a need for timely expenditure (i.e., a looming regulatory deadline, or instances where deferral of expenditure would mean further, costlier intervention is required in the future);
  - c. Is the proposed expenditure likely to be as efficient as possible, or would deferral allow for a better informed decision;
  - d. Whether there are additional, significant considerations which need to be worked through (i.e. method of funding, potential for partnerships, concerns of specific ratepayers).
- 2.12 Federated Farmers supports the intention to use a special dividend from Port Otago (\$1.5 million) to smooth the overall rating impact of the proposed additional workplan in 2017/18 and 2018/19. We note that Council is already breaching its financial benchmarks for increases in the General Rate, and we note the impacts of the

proposed additional workplan will be significant on farming ratepayers in particular, if the special dividend is not used to offset the impacts of the additional spending.

- 2.13 We provide specific feedback on the key consultation matters below, informed by these considerations.

**Summary of submissions:**

**Federated Farmers notes the DAP proposes additional expenditure by Council for 2017/18 compared to 2016/17, with Operating Funding increasing by 34 percent and Overall Rates increasing overall by 31 percent.**

**Federated Farmers agrees that overall the additional spending proposed in the DAP is warranted as it is either required to meet looming regulatory deadlines or there is a requirement for appropriate investment now to forestall additional spending in the future.**

**We support the intention to use a special dividend from Port Otago (\$1.5 million) to smooth the overall rating impact of the proposed additional workplan in 2017/18 and 2018/19.**

**3.1 Funding policy – the Uniform Annual General Charge**

- 3.2 Federated Farmers takes a keen interest in ORC's funding policies, rates and charges given the significant impacts these can have on farmers, and the ongoing viability of farming. We provide feedback on specific matters outlined in the DAP consultation document below.

- 3.3 As a general view, we are broadly supportive of ORC's current, targeted funding policies. Where we disagree is the extent or recognition of general public benefit, and how this is (or is not) reflected in Council's current funding policies. As Council will be aware, 2018 is a Long Term Plan year, and this provides Council with the opportunity to assess its current funding policies and ensure these remain an equitable allocation of costs.

- 3.4 Federated Farmers would appreciate the opportunity to provide input into this process. As a general view, and given ORC's current funding policies are heavily targeted in nature, we consider the priority focus for Council should be how the 'general public costs' are allocated, and whether the current approach remains a reasonable allocation, when considered against the relative benefit of council's work programme, and the costs specific ratepayers already contribute through user charges, resource management charges, and targeted rates (including the Rural Water Quality targeted rate).

- 3.5 One key area is use of the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC). Council's current policy is to allocate 25 percent of the *General Rate* through the UAGC. This year, the UAGC is increasing 12.6% (from \$17.05 in 16/17 to \$19.20 in 17/18), aligned with the

overall increase of the General Rate. In value terms, this means an increase in the UAGC from \$1,823,000 in 2016/17 to \$2,084,000 in 2017/18.

- 3.6 Using the information provided through the DAP consultation document, Council receives 12 percent of its revenue from the General Rate (including the UAGC). Of this, the UAGC accounts for 25% of the General Rate allocation (or specifically, 3 percent of Council's revenue). Council also receives a further 23 percent of its revenue through targeted rates. Cumulatively, this means 35 percent of revenue is derived from (Targeted and General) Rates, and the UAGC accounts for just under 9 percent of the overall rating allocation.
- 3.7 Under the Local Government, Council has the ability to recover up to 30 percent of total rates revenue (including Targeted Rates) through the UAGC. There is significant scope to increase the UAGC and still remain within the legislative cap for use of the UAGC as an overall proportion of rates taken. Using the broad information provided above, Council has scope to effectively treble the UAGC and remain within the 30 percent legislative cap.
- 3.8 This does not mean that Council should treble the UAGC; for many activities Council's targeted approach is the most equitable approach, given S101 (3) of the Local Government Act, which sets out the criteria Council is to consider in relation to the funding of each activity.
- 3.9 However, Federated Farmers considers greater use of uniform charges is particularly appropriate given the Council is targeting rural 'exacerbators' through Targeted Rates for water quality monitoring and dairy farm monitoring. This is further enforced by Council's stated intent to increase the proportion of costs recovered through user charges. Our members are of the view that Council is targeting the rural community enough, and that it is time to consider whether the allocation of the General Rate could be more equitably allocated. We ask that Council consider this as a component of the development of the draft LTP 2018-28.

**Summary of submissions:**

**Federated Farmers asks Council to review its policy of recovering 25 percent of the General Rate through the UAGC, in the process of developing the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.**

**We consider there is significant scope for the UAGC to be increased to recover a greater proportion of General Rate associated revenue, given Council's increased workplan, the relative benefit of this expenditure, and the targeted rates and user charges allocated to the rural sector.**

## **Section 2: Submissions on specific key consultation matters**

### **4.1 Civil Defence and Emergency Management (CDEM) funding**

- 4.2 Council will now directly employ CDEM officers for the region, rather than having these employed by Otago's individual TLAs. The DAP seeks feedback on whether these costs should be funded wholly through:
- a. a uniform targeted rate (Option 1), or
  - b. 50% from a uniform targeted rate and 50% from the general rate (Option 2).
- 4.3 Federated Farmers is of the strong view that the CDEM should be funded through Option 1; a uniform targeted rate. The criteria for Council's decisions around how to fund activities through rates are outlined at S101 (3) of the Local Government Act. Applying these criteria, we consider a uniform targeted rate the most equitable method given the regional CDEM work will provide relatively equal benefit to all residents in the district, in terms of implementing the national CDEM framework.
- 4.4 As Council will be aware, the national CDEM recovery framework is aimed at addressing threats to both people and property, guided primarily by the '4Rs': *Reduction, Readiness, Response and Recovery*. It has been Federated Farmers' experience that the operational implementation of these principles has focused largely on inhabited areas.
- 4.5 In our experience, efforts focussed on reduction are generally greater weighted towards urban areas. Information provided around how individuals, groups and communities may become more ready is also largely urban/residential focussed (a simple glance at the Otago CDEM website will confirm this). Response and recovery also tend to focus heavily on urban or residential areas, simply as a result of the relative need in those areas.
- 4.6 This does not mean that rural residents and farmers do not benefit from the CDEM structure. However, from a funding perspective, this means the benefit of expenditure is at least equal between individuals, if not relatively weighted towards the urban areas. Using a property value based rate to fund a proportion of the CDEM costs would indicate that a higher value property would receive relatively more benefit. For the reasons above we do not consider this to be the case.

#### **Summary of Submissions:**

**Federated Farmers strongly supports option 1: a uniform targeted rate, for the funding of Otago's CDEM.**

### **5.2 Rural Water Quality**

- 5.3 From Federated Farmers perspective, there are three key aspects to Council's consultation on Rural Water Quality through this DAP:



- a. The cost of implementation of the Otago Water Plan, how much this is and how this is allocated (the targeted rate);
  - b. The shape of the proposed environmental risk-assessment (ERA) programme;
  - c. Council's in-kind and direct support for specific catchment groups (not directly consulted upon).
- 5.4 Rural Water Quality Targeted Rate – Federated Farmers has provided specific feedback on the Rural Water Quality Targeted Rate in previous years. Our general view remains the same; that it is inequitable and inconsistent for Council to allocate costs to the rural areas solely and specifically.
- 5.5 Federated Farmers is supportive of targeted rating where the underlying activity provides relatively greater benefit to some ratepayers over others. However, the Otago Water Plan is currently focussed solely on the impacts of the rural areas of Otago. This means that while rural land users are obliged to meet the costs of achieving (diffuse and point source) water quality regulations, others are not similarly obliged.
- 5.6 As discussed earlier in this submission, the General Rate contribution to the Rural Water Quality programme is largely based on capital value. Cumulatively this means farmers (as a land reliant industry) are paying;
- a. The capital value based Rural Water Quality Targeted Rate;
  - b. The primarily capital value based General Rate contribution;
  - c. Specific costs associated with consents, point source discharges and mitigation;
  - d. The costs of meeting regulation around diffuse impacts from what is currently a solely rural focussed approach to water quality in Otago;
- 5.7 Council is proposing that the Rural Water Quality Targeted Rate increase from \$639,000 to \$1,190,000, year on year. This is a significant (86 percent) increase in this rate. Further, as above, it does not account for the additional costs farmers will be facing as a result of the increased General Rate.
- 5.8 This additional spending includes:
- a. Environmental risk assessments (ERA - discussed further in this submission);
  - b. Catchment studies in five catchments every year, with a view to helping both council and the community understand catchment specific pressures and potential for improving water quality.
- 5.9 Aside from our existing concerns around rural land uses being targeted solely and specifically, Federated Farmers is more supportive of the *additional costs* being proposed through the DAP (ERA and catchment studies) as these are more focussed on assisting rural land uses with meeting the obligations of the Otago Water Plan.
- 5.10 Therefore, we broadly support the additional areas of focus for Council's workplan in respect to rural water quality, and notwithstanding our general concerns around the Water Quality Targeted Rate, we support the ERA and catchment studies being funded through targeted rates.

- 5.11 We consider the key issue in relation to Council's approach to funding is the composition of the residual, General Rate contribution to the Rural Water Quality expenditure. As outlined in section 3 of this submission, we consider the UAGC should be increased to fund a greater component of this expenditure, to recognise the 'general benefit' component of the water plan.
- 5.12 As a result, while we support a targeted rate for the new activities being proposed this year, we consider both a greater General Rate contribution to rural water quality expenditure, combined with a greater contribution through the UAGC to the General Rate overall, is warranted.
- 5.13 The proposed environmental risk-assessment (ERA) programme – Federated Farmers considers a farm based advice and risk assessment programme has been a key gap in the implementation of the Otago Water Plan. We broadly support the intent of the ERA programme as an attempt to address this gap.
- 5.14 However, we have some concerns with the design of the programme and we consider these concerns may act as a barrier to farmer uptake. As the ERA programme is a voluntary programme, and as the success of this critical limb of the Water Plan implementation programme is contingent on voluntary uptake, we consider a slightly amended approach is warranted in the short term.
- 5.15 Our concerns with the ERA plan (as we understand it based on the information provided to us, to date) are as follows:
- a. There are questions around how minor risks and issues may be treated as a component of the assessment. If minor risks or minor non-compliance are treated as a compliance issue, rather than an opportunity to educate, this will adversely impact farmer uptake;
  - b. There is (as yet) little clarity around the follow up or support that each farmer will receive for identified areas for improvement;
  - c. There is no clarity around how any data or information gathered on a farm will be stored, retained or used for future compliance purposes;
  - d. Any failure to engage farmers and/or refine the ERA approach simply means another year of potentially useful on-farm actions being lost;
  - e. Federated Farmers remains of the firm view that ORC's priority should be to appropriately resource and engage with farmer catchment groups as a key mechanism for good on-farm behaviour and progression, prioritising key catchment groups.
- 5.16 From our perspective the intention should be to engage, inform, educate and offer support to farmers around how they may best meet or ideally exceed their water quality obligations. We consider these concerns would be a material barrier to uptake and as a result a potentially significant impediment to an otherwise necessary programme.
- 5.17 As a consequence of these concerns, we consider an alternative, trial approach would be useful;

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5.18 Federated Farmers considers that by engaging with catchment groups as a first and primary point of contact, ORC will provide support within the context of catchment specific issues and engage with existing and understood approaches, and processes, rather than simply on an individual farmer basis, which may deter uptake.

5.19 We consider a catchment focussed approach provides economies of scale for Council and other stakeholders to provide the necessary support, and that catchment groups will be better informed and more able to provide ongoing support for individual farmers as needed.

5.20 Following a targeted ERA approach of this nature, Council could then review and amend the programme in early 2018, with a view to expanding the ERA programme as necessary in 2018/19.

5.21 Federated Farmers is very conscious that a revised ERA approach along the lines proposed above may exclude farmers outside of the 'trial catchments', particularly if the ERA is considered the key farmer facing implementation mechanism of the Water Plan, leading up to 2020. It should also be recognised that irrespective of any changes the ERA approach, as a voluntary approach, will not reach all farmers for a number of reasons. In the meantime, 2020 looms.

5.22 As a consequence, we consider there remains a need for a concerted, ongoing effort from Council (and other parties) to develop additional farmer facing information and extension programmes to assist farmers in meeting the requirements of the Otago Water, beyond the ERA approach.

5.23 Council's support for catchment groups – Federated Farmers strongly supports Council's direct and in-kind support for established catchment groups in Otago. As we noted in our submission to the DAP 2016/17, it is Federated Farmers' experience that successful implementation programmes focusing on maintaining or improving water quality require good, informed and engaged catchment based land user groups.

- 5.24 A catchment based focus recognises that land use within a catchment will ultimately impact on the water quality within that catchment, and that as a result impact the environmental sustainability of other land uses in the same catchment. Catchment groups also appear the best mechanism for driving on-farm change, including providing for a better understanding of the catchment and farm specific issues and risk factors, and the required measures for addressing these at the farm level.
- 5.25 Consequently, catchment focussed processes are the best way for creating ownership of good water quality outcomes and thereby driving behavioural change, as well as changes to farming systems and investment.
- 5.26 Council's support for established catchment groups provides opportunity for more efficient/effective 'on the ground' implementation, offers opportunities to establish new relationships or build upon current relationships, and offers a comprehensive and integrated framework to attract funding or in-kind resourcing from other interested parties.

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**assist farmers in meeting the requirements of the Otago Water, beyond the ERA approach.**

**Council's support for catchment groups – Federated Farmers strongly supports Council's direct and in-kind support for established catchment groups in Otago.**

#### **6.1 Minimum Flows programme**

- 6.2 The transfer from Deemed permits to resource consents under the RMA is a critical process for many Otago farmers. To ensure water allocated through the consenting process is environmentally sustainable, consented water takes need to be subject to reasonable minimum flows which are environmentally and culturally sustainable while reflecting the importance of water takes to primary production.
- 6.3 These minimum flow processes in turn need to be fully informed, front loaded and aimed at engaging affected communities and key stakeholders. The minimum flow processes need to be clearly understood and objectively informed, well before the 2021 deadline. This requires appropriate and timely resourcing.
- 6.4 Federated Farmers therefore supports the proposal to accelerate the minimum flow setting programme with a view to establishing the minimum flows needed to inform replacing deemed permits with resource consents by 2019.
- 6.5 We further support the intention to use the water management reserve to fund this accelerated programme. While it is important that Council continue to demonstrate reasonable constraint in the use of reserves, the need for an accelerated minimum flow process is to address a critical water management issue. As such it is an issue that justifies use of reserves. This is particularly the case given Council is already proposing to increase the General Rate significantly in 2017/18.

#### **Summary of submissions:**

**Federated Farmers supports the proposal to accelerate the minimum flow setting programme, and to fund the associated costs through the water management reserve.**

#### **7.1 Public transport in Wakatipu**

- 7.2 Federated Farmers has no opinion on the proposal to increase the subsidy for public transport in the Wakatipu Basin. However, we acknowledge the specific and particular housing affordability issues in the area, and we acknowledge the impacts of these issues are of sufficient scale that the affected community should be consulted on this issue (and the proposal to expand the Wakatipu targeted rating area for public transport to include Jack's Point).

- 7.3 Federated Farmers does support the specific targeted rate for this subsidy, however. In our view a targeted rate for the public transport subsidy recognises that this is an item of expenditure that benefits a defined area. The targeted rate also ensures there is a direct alignment between the affected community's expectations, and how much of a subsidy they are willing to fund.

**Summary of submissions:**

**Federated Farmers has no opinion on the proposal to increase the subsidy for public transport in the Wakatipu Basin or the proposal to expand the Wakatipu targeted rating area for public transport to include Jack's Point. However, we support the use of a targeted rate for this activity.**

**8.1 Queenstown office**

- 8.2 Considering the current distribution of offices (as outlined in the DAP consultation document), Queenstown Lakes appears under-serviced. However, Council has not provided any cost estimates for the proposed new office, and so it is difficult to provide a fully informed response to the overall question 'is this additional level of service reasonable?'.  
8.3 However, on the basis of the information provided, Federated Farmers agrees that leasing an office, and assessing the need for the service in the short term is a reasonable approach.

**Summary of submissions:**

**Federated Farmers can find no information on the potential costs of an additional office in Queenstown. However, given the current distribution of offices and the fast growing nature of the Queenstown Lakes District, we support leasing an office and assessing the required level of service after a short term period.**

**9.1 Lower Waitaki River control scheme**

- 9.2 Federated Farmers has no issues with the Castalia Report's assessment of the benefits from the Lower Waitaki River Control scheme. It is therefore welcome to see greater recognition of the benefit the general public derives from flood protection, through the control scheme.  
9.3 Consequently, we agree with the proposal that a proportion of costs for the Lower Waitaki River Control scheme should be met by the general ratepayer, as outlined at Option 1.

**Summary of submissions:**

**Federated Farmers agrees that Council should amend the funding policy for the Lower Waitaki River Control scheme as per Option 1, with 10 percent of the scheme's costs paid for through general rates, and the remaining 90 percent through a specific targeted rate.**

#### **10.1 Other new activities**

- 10.2 Lake snow – Federated Farmers supports the proposal to allocate staff time and \$100,000 of general rates towards research aimed at addressing Lake snow. Should there be a need for ongoing contributions, we consider there is a strong argument for a targeted rate.
- 10.3 Lake restoration – Federated Farmers is aware that, relative to flowing water bodies, lakes require a combined management approach which engages local communities and integrates restoration efforts with mitigation work and management. Ideally, these approaches engage the breadth of interest from local communities. We support Council's proposal to work with communities to develop a vision and action plan to restore lakes, and the proposed level of funding.
- 10.4 Wallaby control – Federated Farmers considers the threat of wallaby incursion is a significant one for Otago, and we support Council addressing the issue before wallabies become properly established in the region. We consider that appropriate expenditure at this time will ultimately save significant amounts of money for the Council and residents, if this spending is successful.
- 10.5 We therefore support Council's proposal fund Wallaby control work (\$274,000 in year 1) from general rates, with a view to keeping wallabies from becoming established in Otago.
- 10.6 Climate change adaption – we support the work being undertaken as a forward looking, proactive approach to climate change issues and adaptation. However, given the geographically specific nature of the work, we consider there is a strong argument for the associated costs to be funded from specific targeted rates, or to be funded by the TLAs (Clutha and Dunedin) specifically.
- 10.7 Wilding tree control – Wilding trees pose a significant threat to the region, and run the risk of imposing significant direct and indirect costs if they are further allowed to establish and promulgate. We support the continued funding of this programme, noting the benefits of continuing to contribute to the control programme mean an ongoing grant through MPI.
- 10.8 Dunedin building review – Federated Farmers welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to the forthcoming Special Consultative procedure on the proposed new building.

#### **Summary of submissions:**

**Federated Farmers supports Council's proposals in respect to:**

- e. Lake Snow**
- f. Lake restoration**
- g. Wallaby control**
- h. Wilding tree control**

**We cautiously support Council's proposed work in relation to Climate change adaptation, although we consider longer term costs should be funded by the respective TLA or through a specific targeted rate.**

**We welcome the opportunity to provide feedback to the forthcoming Special Consultative procedure on the proposed new building.**

### **11.1 Proposed amendments to the Significance and Engagement Policy**

11.2 Federated Farmers can see the reasoning for the proposed changes to this policy. These changes aim to provide some greater flexibility for the sale and purchase of components of the flood protection scheme, for example bridges. Under the existing policy, these components of the overall schemes would otherwise trigger significance and engagement criteria, requiring a special consultative procedure.

11.3 However, while we can see the overall wisdom behind the proposed policy changes, it should be very clear to Council that the sale of components of flood protection schemes, particularly bridges which have traditionally been serviced as a component of those schemes, should only eventuate where absolutely required, and that any landowners affected should be treated fairly and equitably.

#### **Summary of submissions:**

**Federated Farmers recognises the overall drivers for the proposed changes to the Significance and Engagement policy. However, we expect that any landowners affected by decisions made under the revised policy should be treated fairly and equitably irrespective of these changes.**

### **12.1 About Federated Farmers**

12.2 Federated Farmers welcomes the opportunity to comment Otago Regional Council's Draft Annual Plan 2017-2018.

12.3 Federated Farmers of New Zealand is a voluntary, member-based organisation that represents farming and other rural businesses. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the needs and interests of New Zealand farmers.

12.4 The Federation aims to add value to its members' farming businesses. Our key strategic outcomes include the need for New Zealand to provide an economic and social environment within which:



- Our members may operate their business in a fair and flexible commercial environment;
- Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community; and
- Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices.

**From:** [Graeme Wall](#)  
**To:** [Gemma Wilson](#); [Annual Plan](#)  
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I would like to speak with Council about my submission (week starting 22 May) Yes

If yes, please provide a contact number

Any comments? Not part of this submission.  
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Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes? Yes we would, or more correctly on the lack of proposed changes in some areas. Firstly: We would encourage the Otago Regional Council to investigate and instigate a dredging programme in the following areas; Back Beach, Port Chalmers and Careys Bay. Both of these areas are of of high aquatic recreational importance and both serve a public ramp along with public pontoons. The depths in both areas has become extremely compromised over a number of years resulting in their recreational value becoming diminished and their long-term viability being threatened. In the case of the Back Beach area this was identified as a likely outcome of the last reclamation. At the time Judge Scanlon placed the responsibility for maintaining Back Beach

with Port Otago Ltd, which ORC is the sole share holder.

We believe that with some minimal dredging so as to provide good all tide access to the ramps in these locations would go a long way to ensuring their long-term viability for all recreational and aquatic rescue services into the future.

Secondly: Moorings and Consented Structures fees by ORC. We would like to see a more clear and logical charging regime for fees for these licences, especially when undertaking changes to their conditions when we are being charged for doing the actual work ourselves. We would like a clear understanding from the ORC as to the obligations surrounding the 5 yearly inspections of of consented structures such as jetties wharves. We are happy to organise and pay for an inspection by a registered Engineer and have this report furnished to the ORC; but we fail to understand why the ORC would replicate this inspection process with a 'non-engineer' and then invoice us for this service.

We suggest a review of how moorings and consented structures and managed in a manner that suits the users within the Otago Harbour.

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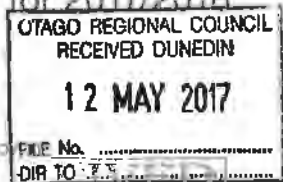
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Yes  No

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Do you support our water quality environmental risk-assessment programme? Yes  No

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Do you support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows? Yes  No

Do you support funding the deemed water use permit transition work from the Water Management Reserve? Yes  No

### Do you support the following activities?

Lake snow increased workplan Yes  No

Lake restoration scoping work Yes  No

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Climate change adaption (Clutha delta) Yes  No

### Public transport in the Wakatipu Basin

Do you support the increased subsidy of public transport in the Wakatipu Basin? Yes  No

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### Do you support the change to our Significance and Engagement policy for strategic assets?

Yes  No

Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes?

1. Re-use of the Water Management Reserve: This should be only in part as there will be significant private benefit when new permits are issued. There will be other issues to address alongside this one.
2. Strategic assets must be extended to include reserves, natural areas and some non-built environments that are nevertheless vital to water conservation and maintenance of biological diversity.

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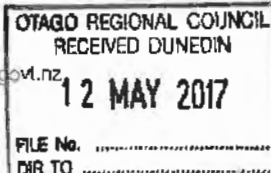
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| Lake restoration scoping work          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Wallaby control                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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### Do you support the change to our Significance and Engagement policy for strategic assets?

Yes  No

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Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes?

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I would like to speak with Council about my submission (week starting 22 May) No

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Do you support our water quality environmental risk-assessment programme? Yes

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Lake restoration scoping work	Yes
Wallaby control	No
Climate change adaption (Clutha delta)	Yes
Do you support the change to our Significance and Engagement policy for strategic assets?	Yes
Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes?	Extremely disappointed there is nothing in this Annual Plan Draft on Otago Harbour, it's maintenance or it's assets. Come on ORC, you're responsible for this hugely valuable asset!

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12 May 2017

The Chairman  
Otago Regional Council  
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Dear Sir

### **KD McGraw - Submission – 2017/2018 Draft Annual Plan**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback and thoughts on changes proposed to the Long-Term Plan via the proposals outlined in the Draft Annual Plan 2017/2018 feedback document and Community Info Session presented by Otago Regional Council Chairman Mr Stephen Woodhead in Cromwell on Monday 10 April 2017.

#### **Introduction**

I think it necessary to say at this point that this is the first time in many years I have taken the decision to again become involved as a submitter to the Otago Regional Council Annual Plan. My reluctance to again engage was a direct result of disillusionment to the integrity of the process previously experienced though out the Dunedin Stadium Roof consultative exercise to which I was involved as a concerned Cromwell and Central Otago ratepayer.

Although that process is now way behind us as is the UAC and targeted rate to fund a \$37.5 m major non-core activity, I am disturbed to note in the Draft Annual Plan, capital value based funding mechanisms that echo those previously used to apply special targeted rates on non-Dunedin communities to fund the Dunedin Stadium roof activity.

That capital value difference issue comparing Lakes District and Central Otago against Dunedin and Coastal Otago is now even greater than at the timing of the Dunedin Stadium roof activity potentially again providing a climate for a significant distortion in the fairness of rates values to individual properties based on capital value funding mechanisms.

I am concerned that a considerable level of dissatisfaction is directed at the Otago Regional Council for its historic lack of presence and poor performance in Central Otago and Lakes District. Combined with a perceived absence in delivery of any wider community valued services where the cost of democracy at Regional Council level is already considered too high is a very significant hurdle for council to overcome.

A recent example of confusing performance relates to the setting of scientifically supported minimum flow and water quality programmes for the Lindis River. Right from the outset this long overdue programme appears to be failing at the very outset with Council appearing to giving in to irrigator pressure for the status quo disgraceful environmental destruction of the Lindis River aquatic needs and values.

At this early stage, it appears the same fate will be the outcome for the Manuhirakia River minimum flow negotiations in the face of irrigator demands.

This is one very significant issue that does not give the wider community a great deal of confidence in the Regional Council delivering programmes that will result in quality environmental outcomes affecting our fragile river systems.

Further to that, I am deeply concerned that benchmarks set out in the community agreed financial strategy specifically regarding general rate levels against the total rate are now looking like a train wreck.

The upper limit of rate increases previously set at 6.9% to me was a big enough pill to swallow. To consider exceeding that bench mark through the proposed work plan for 2017/18 year indicating a massive 14% increase simply strengthens the already existing community lack of trust in council's ability to manage costs, especially for those living with limited financial resources.

I believe rate increases of this magnitude are completely irresponsible and combined with the very significant cumulative impact of increases in rating levels applied by other local government organisations is very concerning.

Unfortunately, these ever-increasing cost impositions are not just limited to rates and special charges imposed by central and local government organisations.

I refer to the added financial stress faced by many local sports clubs facing the burden of rising rates, permit, water and compliance costs that can only be

passed onto members leading to the inevitable unfortunate outcome of membership resignation as a necessary choice in balancing financial obligations.

Through past neglect to genuine community engagement throughout Central Otago and Lakes District, the Otago Regional Council, it's community vision, roles and responsibilities are not understood. Additionally, it's programmes are considered as not particularly relevant, not local, ineffective and expensive to residents of communities isolated from Dunedin.

The Dunedin Stadium roof involvement I suggest was the major catalyst in galvanising community opinion of an organisation seriously failing in its duties and obligations to deliver core responsibilities and fiduciary responsibility.

A strong view exists of an organisation that continually makes bad choices and decisions, and does not achieve much of any community or regional value.

It appears another very bad decision is well on its way via the proposal to embark on a new headquarters and administration building without genuine input of district ratepayers and communities.

The matter of Lagarosiphon management for Lake Dunstan is an obvious issue for the Cromwell community and continuing frustration with involvement of the Otago Regional being completely absent from the 2017/2018 Work Plan.

Quite frankly the Cromwell community is tired of hearing the words "not lead agency" when clearly that attitude is not consistently or equally applied across the region with work being undertaken on Lake Wanaka and Lake Wakatipu.

Note: This is a matter I will discuss further in my submission.

Regarding the fair distribution and equitable sharing of rates values supporting Otago Regional Council programmes, the comparison of mid-range capital values in each of the Otago Regional Council Districts shown on page 5 and throughout the Feedback document clearly demonstrates the unfairness of capital value rating as a mechanism to fund programmes of equal value and benefit to every resident of the districts.

With respect to current values of residential property in Cromwell and neighbouring Wanaka and Queenstown, my knowledge of the recent sale price of unimproved sections is now close to or exceeding that of the total capital value of an average Dunedin residence.

Using the estimated general rates map and online calculator detailed on page 5 of the Feedback Document, I estimate my General Rate value under the proposed workplan will be in the order of \$116. That cost added to all other components of the Otago Regional Council Proposed Work Plan indicates that my combined rates bill obligations will be of significant concern.

That situation I suggest is one affecting many ratepayers whose income sources are limited in respect of having nil or minimum flexibility to accommodate increases in rates based costs of this magnitude.

I am one ratepayer demanding that councils adhere to the financial management principals and core services obligations laid out in the Local Government Act 2002.

I also demand that councils apply significant regard to responsible fiscal responsibility to all activities throughout their organisation, especially when considering new projects and services that set rates at levels above official inflation forecasts.

Unfortunately, the devil is in the detail when comparing an inflation restricted mentality against community desire, organisational and or regional need for identified new services or work programmes. Balancing those costs against ratepayer financial limitations is what the community expects and demands the Council to be very good at.

Disappointingly, what is proposed in the Feedback Document clearly confirms rate increases way above current inflation levels.

I ask that during the Councillor decision making and implementation process regarding the Proposed Work Plan detailed in the Draft Annual Plan 2017/2018 you be very mindful of affordability and the need, value and benefit communities derive from such activities.

I am more than concerned Council lacks the required focus expected by now and future generations to provide strong inclusive leadership to effectively deal with a significant range of environmental tasks associated with water quality, quantity and setting of environmental minimum flows for our waterways.

Over at least the next five years, this task represents an enormous work load requiring a fully committed Council and staff to communicate, manage and resolve.

A Council determination and focus directed towards progressing the construction of a new headquarters and administration building proposed for Central Dunedin I believe places that challenge at risk to financial hardship and failure.

The new headquarters proposal represents an expenditure of “significant investment”. As a rate payer, I am anticipating an invitation to participate in a special consultation process before this proposal even gets to committing substantial funding to design and costing commissions.

### **Council Profile**

For some time, I have held the view that the Council internally and externally, represents an organisation lacking strong leadership, cohesion and community connection.

That leaves me concerned of the significant number and level of challenging environmental matters facing our communities going forward. These matters will require strong effective and decisive leadership by our Regional Council.

To assist in raising the profile of the Otago Regional Council through Lakes District and Central Otago, I suggest that Council urgently needs to consider how it may again build and enjoy community confidence and faith as a valued organisation.

One step towards working on that, may I suggest consideration to the option of occasionally holding Council and sub-committee meetings in centres away from its Dunedin headquarters.

In doing that I suggest would provide a means of improving community connection, awareness and ownership of the organisation, provide a face to who our Councillors and key field staff are and experience democracy working.

We need an effective, inclusive and dynamic community valued Regional Council.

That organisation must demonstrate a commitment to delivery of its vision and core tasks, motivating and leading our region to a highly productive and sustainable future while embracing and working with a strong successful community negotiated environmental ethic the envy of other regions.

## **My Feedback - Draft 2017/2018 Work Plan and Other Matters**

### **Civil Defence and Emergency Management**

This is one element of Otago Regional Council co-ordinated activity I am fully in support of.

I am however confused at the statement that “until recently CDEM officers were employed separately by each local authority”. Now those officers are employed by the Regional Council” hence the \$2,421,000 price tag.

My confusion is around where these officers will be located.

Assuming they continue to remain at their respective local authority, no detail exists on how their employment now a Regional Council role provides the claimed improved efficiency result.

Clearly in the event of a major natural disaster impacting the entire region each of the local communities are likely to become totally isolated from the major centre re-supply networks and re-connection of lifelines over a considerable number of days, possibly weeks if the shambolic Kaikoura earthquake response is a typical example.

Should a major event occur, vital co-ordination of initial support, assistance and resilience for those communities isolated will require groups of well trained and resourced locally based CDEM officers working to a response plan.

The only reference to this community resilience within the Feedback document is that you are proposing to, appoint new staff in training and community education roles, working with both council staff and the community to increase our readiness and resilience.

Readiness and resilience is a vital community component in the face of a disaster, but I am lacking any indication of who leads a response at community council/board level and provide vital feedback to the CEDM headquarters in Dunedin.

My concerns and questions regarding those elements are:

- 1) Will these the same officers now employed by Otago Regional Council continue to be local authority based.
- 2) If yes, are the costs of manning needs for the Dunedin CDEM headquarters part of the proposed \$2,421,000 CDEM operations cost.
- 3) Will local authorities be required to maintain a locally based CDEM response plan and implementation team. If yes how will this be funded.
- 4) Does the \$2,421,000 CDEM operations costs detailed in the draft Annual Plan cover the cost and training of indicated employment of new staff and the community based education programmes.
- 5) When are the community education and resilience programmes to be implemented.
- 6) Over what time frame will communities be considered as fully self-reliant in the event of a major natural disaster.
- 7) Considering we are part of a major tourist destination, what response plans at regional and community level will be in place that prepares communities in their response to accommodating the needs of the many visitors trapped by a major event.
- 8) Have you communicated with tourism operators such as hotels, transport to understand their levels of preparedness? What about complying camp grounds, they may be critical in providing short term accommodation. Freedom campers, where do they fit into any response other than being an expected cost on ratepayers.
- 9) Who will develop, prepare and co-ordinate Community Response Plans that link with a Regional Response Plan.

### **What do I Want**

- Clarification of the items listed 1-8 above.

- A total equal sharing of costs associated in funding all activities involving Civil Defence and Emergency Management.
- Adopt Option 1 – Uniform targeted rate per property.
- A very urgent connection with the tourism industry leaders regarding development of a clear understanding regarding preparedness by the tourism industry in responding to a major natural disaster entrapping large numbers of tourists and visitors.

### **Rural Water Quality**

This is a matter of significant importance to all residents within our region. I am concerned that the Draft Annual Plan only refers to this matter as a rural based issue via the Rural Water Quality and Minimum Flow topics.

Both topics have a strong affinity as existing singularly, water quality would cease to exist.

Controlling *E.coli*, *nitrogen* and *phosphorus* is a part of on farm management. Dairy farmers must accept responsibility for prevention of these elements entering waterways and adversely impacting water quality and aquatic ecosystems.

The risk assessment planned by Council will provide landowners with valuable tools to identify and put in place management programmes to address risk associated with nutrient impacting water quality.

I support the proposal to move to a risk-based dairy farm inspection regime. That in some ways rewards high performing landowners, puts on notice poor performance, identifies and helps with the most at risk operations.

As an urban resident demanding quality water for many activities I feel a level of responsibility in sharing some of the costs associated with ensuring we and future generations continue to enjoy quality water in all facets of their lives.

Unfortunately, the way the Water Quality Key Consultation Topic reads I am not able to agree to general rate contributions to what is essentially an on-farm responsibility. Too often communities become the victims through funding responses to the negative outcomes of poor decisions directly attributed to rural land use and development.



## **What do I Want**

- Adoption of risk-based dairy farm inspections.

### **Minimum Flows and Deemed Water Use Permit Replacement**

How this topic is managed to the benefit of long lost and on-going damage to environmental needs will in many ways decide our future regarding water use as we know it.

Dry land that has never seen water is now being targeted by landowners as ripe for development and conversion to dairy and intensified grazing. We are being told if these landowners do not have reliable and unlimited access to water during dry periods they will go broke.

If that is the case then I consider the development should not have even occurred in the first instance as there simply is insufficient water to meet such demands while at the same time provide full year sustainable flows that meet the needs of aquatic ecosystems, landscape values and recreation.

Environmental “bottom line” is an expression I detest. For me it only represents an imagined requirement that is continually challenged and re-set, generally at a lower level.

The replacement of Deemed Water Use Permits with Resource Consents will at long last provide an opportunity for the Council to correctly and sustainably manage water use for agricultural benefit. Other industry using water have been bound by responsible use of this valuable commodity via consent conditions for many years.

I concur with the view that irrigators need certainty on how much water is available for use. I do however anticipate that some will be disappointed with the realisation that some major change in the way that certainty is allocated. I have for a long time viewed flood irrigation as wasteful and in some instances a major but un-intentional contributor of on-farm nutrients being flushed in waterways.

Change to how a limited supply of water may be used during dry periods I imagine will meet with a degree of resistance by those who have no wish to adapt to change in the way future use of water is managed and applied for maximum benefit.

## **What do I Want**

- I Support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows as an absolute priority.
- I support funding the deemed water use permit transition work from the Water Management Reserve.

## **Queenstown Office**

Why Queenstown simply because they want better access to you. All other communities in Central Otago are experiencing major growth especially Cromwell that is now recognised as a central location for delivery of services and we in Cromwell would like better access to you as well.

But this is not a perfect world which means someone must travel to receive better levels of service.

The range of services indicated for this office suggests a major staff presence and supporting administration complex attracting a significant cost.

Before I can support such a proposal I would need to be convinced that the demand level is so great in Queenstown that it absolutely warrants the considerable cost to all ratepayers, establishment of a Queenstown based full staff and office facility.

High office space costs, huge traffic congestion and parking issues represent big negatives to this proposal.

To avoid unnecessary duplication and misunderstanding of access, types of service and location I believe the Queenstown proposal should become an option forming part of a full assessment of the shared customer service arrangement with the Central Otago District Council in Alexandra.

Such an assessment, costs aside should include what services need to be provided, and for who.

Clearly Queenstown and Wanaka jointly represent the largest customer base individually and jointly. Cromwell is now also significant in terms of development.

It may be determined that Alexandra for the foreseeable future, to be not the best choice for access and delivery of needed services for Central Otago and Lakes District.

I am suggesting Cromwell appears a better location for all communities due to its clear centralised location.

#### **What do I Want**

- Delay the proposal until the next Long Term Plan Process (2018/2019).
- Undertake an assessment of the existing shared customer arrangement with Central Otago District Council in Alexandra against Queenstown and Cromwell as potentially better located options.

#### **Lower Waitaki River Control Scheme**

I can understand and agree with the argument for a general rated contribution in response to identified public vs private benefit associated with flood and drainage schemes.

Reference is made to the existence of six flood and drainage schemes in Otago yet eight are listed in the Feedback document.

The funding options offered only relate to the Lower Waitaki River Control scheme that is primarily located in Canterbury.

As I cannot identify from the Feedback document any similar transfer to general rates as a contribution based on public vs private benefit to the other seven schemes totally located in Otago, I am confused why such a concession funded by Otago ratepayers should be considered.

The relevance of the public vs private benefit I note has been assessed via the external review as including state highways, railway lines and a transmission line. I am confused that ratepayers are being asked to fund via general rates, benefit and protection of assets belonging to SOE's, transmission companies and privately owned enterprises.

Until I better understand this funding request I cannot support the preferred option.

#### **What Do I Want**

- Adoption of Option 2 – 100% of Lower Waitaki River Control Scheme targeted rate.
- Leave all costs as targeted rate (status quo)

## **Lake Snow**

Undoubtly this is of major concern to those affected. I do however have an opinion that this is another undesirable aquatic pest not unlike diddymo.

Despite the enormous amount of funds provided for research into this pest (diddymo) when it was first identified, nothing has changed, we still have it and have learnt to operate with it adopting measures to prevent further spread, just the same as lagarasiphon.

I am very concerned that another aquatic pest incursion has occurred and with Lake Dustan being downstream of Lakes Wakatipu, Wanaka and Hawea it is possibly inevitable that we will also be infected.

I am in support of research that provides a direct benefit to our lake users, not just for the sake of never ending research.

I would like to see a focus of research effort maximising use of limited funding through all research being centred on Lake Hawea. The rational for that focus relates to Lake Hawea being the most concentrated location but having Lake Snow impacts identical to Queenstown and Wanaka.

As this is all about research possibly leading to management options, I consider faster results would be achieved by concentrating effort to one location.

### **What do I Want**

- Support the allocation of staff time and a one off \$100,000 allocation of general rates towards research on Lake Snow.
- That research contributed to by Otago Regional Council be tagged to a concentrated research effort limited to Lake Hawea.

### **Lake Restoration**

I support the proposed scoping work programme associated in working with communities in responding to historic issues resulting from historic land-use negatively impacting several our lakes.

### **What do I want**

- Allocation of \$90,000 for scoping work.

## **Dunedin Building Review**

Having been in Otago Regional Council's current headquarters some 15 years ago I have no argument with the fact that it is probably not fit for purpose.

I am however concerned that there appears to be an on-going attitude that involves Council thinking stuck on an entirely new build costing millions more than the \$14 million currently held in a building reserve.

I am aware of the Southland Regional Council recently being faced with the same issue of inadequate head office facilities hindering current and future delivery of functions and services not to mention the stress on staff working in unsuitable conditions.

Their new build option was seriously investigated and dismissed as being a cost unacceptable to the Southland community. Instead the existing building was modified and extended to meet present and future demands for a cost of less than \$2 million.

The questions I have on this matter relate to ownership vs leasing vs re-modelling existing.

I am looking forward to the consultation process associated with this very large expenditure item although with some trepidation as I expect consultation will be limited to a new build, not a range of options.

### **What do I Want**

- The Dunedin building review consultation process to include a range of alternate headquarter and administration options for consideration.

## **Lake Dunstan Lagarosiphon Management**

Throughout the Feedback document much is talked about and funding via general rates regarding responding to lake restoration and water quality.

I have also read an article via the Otago Daily Times dated 5 April 2017 a statement by Otago Regional Council Chairman Stephen Woodhead an update to councillors on his efforts to gain more resources to help counter the invasive weed lagarosiphon in Lake Dunstan.

Mr Woodhead's approach to seek advice from MP Jacqui Dean is applauded.

I fully understand that Otago Regional Council are not the "lead agency" on this matter, LINZ are.

This position is also seen as the reason funding is not being committed to control of this weed in Lake Dunstan, yet I understand that such a restriction does not extend to assisting lagarosiphon control in Lake Wanaka.

We in Cromwell are not happy with our lake being treated like a “dunny” through which upstream communities’ issues flow without concern.

We want genuine leadership from Otago Regional Council regarding responsibilities to water quality in Lake Dunstan that is not a deep natural lake therefore very susceptible to silt and weed build up rapidly impacting water quality.

I agree control of the lagarosiphon to be a joint responsibility matter, but as a community we very feel much fobbed off by the agencies responsible.

I note not the slightest mention of Lake Dunstan in any form within the Feedback document. That is disappointing as at this stage I was as a minimum expecting a level of support via leadership and community connection on the matter.

#### **What do I Want**

- Lake Dunstan Lagarosiphon issues to be included in the 2017/18 Annual Plan via a support and possible funding plan.

#### **Conclusion**

The above comments to the 2017/2018 Draft Annual Plan are offered based on genuinely assisting the Otago Regional Council be the best I want it to be and possibly can in meeting and delivering on its vision and core obligations to the communities of the Otago region.

I trust Councillors accept my comments and recommendations in that light.

Thank you.

Ken McGraw

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I would like to speak with Council about my submission:  Yes  No  
This would be in the week starting 22 May.

If yes, please provide a contact phone number

### How do you think we should structure the rates for civil defence and emergency management?

Option 1: Uniform targeted rate (\$25.89 per property). Everyone in Otago pays the same amount – regardless of the value of their property.

Option 2: 50% uniform targeted rate and 50% general rate. Half of the cost is in general rates, and half is an equal amount paid by everyone.

### When do you think we should open a new office in Queenstown?

Option 1: Establish an office in Queenstown in the 2017/2018 year

Option 2: Delay proposal until the next Long Term Plan process (2018/2019)

### Rural water quality

Do you support our water quality environmental risk-assessment programme?  Yes  No

Do you support a risk-based approach to dairy farm inspections for compliance monitoring?  Yes  No

### How should we structure the rates for the Lower Waitaki River scheme?

Option 1: Change the way the scheme is paid for, so that 10% of the scheme's costs are paid for as part of general rates, and 90% by the Lower Waitaki River scheme targeted rate

Option 2: Leave all costs as 100% Lower Waitaki River scheme targeted rate (status quo)

### Minimum flows and deemed water use permit replacement

Do you support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows?  Yes  No

Do you support funding the deemed water use permit transition work from the Water Management Reserve?  Yes  No

### Do you support the following activities?

Lake snow increased workplan  Yes  No

Lake restoration scoping work  Yes  No

Wallaby control  Yes  No

Climate change adaption (Clutha delta)  Yes  No

### Public transport in the Wakatipu Basin

Do you support the increased subsidy of public transport in the Wakatipu Basin?  Yes  No

Do you support extending the Wakatipu targeted rating area for public transport to include Jack's Point?  Yes  No

### Do you support the change to our Significance and Engagement policy for strategic assets?

Yes  No

Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes?

Executive summary & visual attached

Please add additional paper as required.

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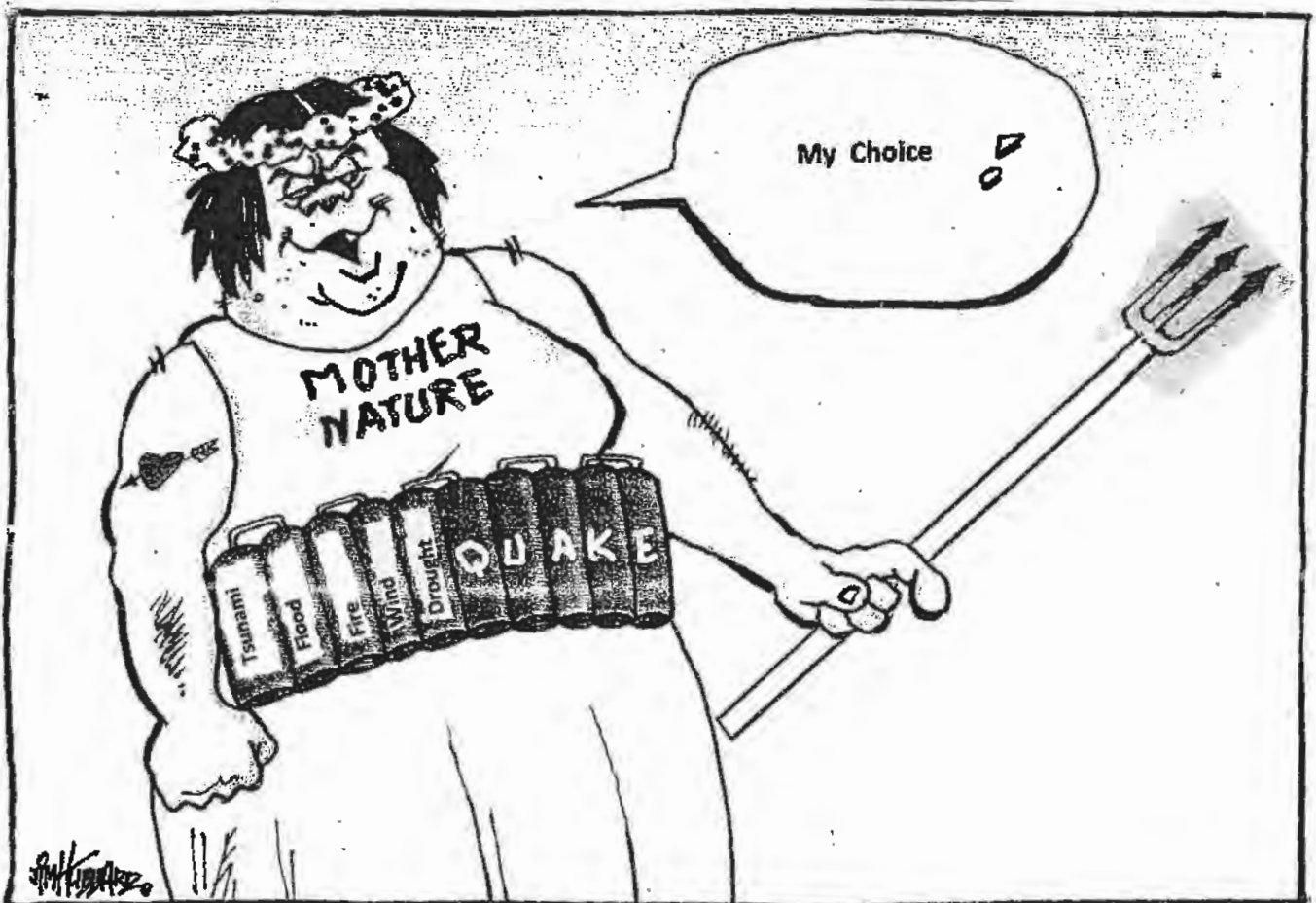
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## Another Wooman Wades In

### Executive Summary

They say that if you do not look after Mother Nature she will come back with a pitch fork. Well, isn't that what is happening to our Southern lakes and lands? All it takes for the devil to succeed is for a good person to do nothing. So here I go again trying to save The Environment from degradation and the mighty dollar. Surely we all know that we have to live with Mother Nature and not invade her home. She deserves respect, so that she does not reach into her arsenal. Recent events have shown that she has plenty of ammo and I have one or two hand grenades of my own that I wish to throw. Namely at The Ministry of The Environment and The University of Otago. Others will get lesser, lead shot.

My worry is across the board concerning water, weed, wilding pines, wine, wallabies and winter roads. The double u's concern you and you and you and you, say the powers that be but the bottom line is that education and the current paradigm of shared care does not seem to be working. I know that perfection is not required but while the talk feast continues the water disappears, the weed grows inch by inch, the wilders seed and the wallabies breed like the rabbits. Devolution and the diffusion of responsibility are not stopping the creeping degradation of Otago compared with the past.





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Please find attached a submission by Remarkables Park Limited, Shotover Park limited and Queenstown Park Limited. RPL would like to be heard in support of its submissions. Please contact me if any clarification is required.

Regards

Brian

**Brian Fitzpatrick**  
GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT



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## **Submission by Remarkables Park Limited (RPL) on the proposed Otago Regional Council 2017/18 Annual Plan**

**Remarkables Park Limited (RPL)** is a property development company that has developed, and continues to develop, the 150-hectare Remarkables Park Zone as a master-planned, mixed-use, commercial, retail, residential, visitor accommodation, education, health, recreation and community development at Remarkables Park, Queenstown. Its associate company Shotover Park Limited (SPL) has developed commercial and industrial land at Shotover Park and the Glenda Drive industrial area. A second associate company, Queenstown Park Limited (QPL) owns a 2,000-hectare high country station on the south bank of the Kawarau River along the northern face of the Remarkables, which it is developing for farming purposes and a site for new tourism infrastructure.

RPL thanks the Council for the opportunity to comment on its Draft Annual Plan and proposed changes to the long term plan and makes the following submissions on behalf of RPL, SPL and QPL.

### **Civil Defence and Emergency Management (CDEM)**

Council has sought submissions specifically on funding CDEM but RPL believes that Council should also be addressing the issue of an Emergency Management Centre (EMC) for the Queenstown Lakes District. In RPL's view this would ideally be a dual use facility that would serve other community functions when not required to manage an emergency.

RPL has in the past voiced its concern about locating any such facility within the Queenstown CBD/Queenstown Bay area. Council will be aware that hazard maps have identified the Queenstown Bay area as susceptible to flooding, alluvial fan hazard, liquefaction and Tsunami risk. But, in addition, Queenstown town centre is also at risk of being isolated in the event of a major earthquake that generates slips or subsidence on Frankton Road and Gorge Road/Arthurs Point Road. There are clear advantages in siting an emergency management facility on high, flat, stable land away from hills and with ready access to alternative transport routes and modes and easy access for personnel who would man the EMC. A location at Remarkables Park, on the Eastern Arterial Road (links to the State Highway in either direction) and adjacent to the airport (with helicopter access in the event of an emergency that disrupts use of the runway) meets all of the criteria for a suitable emergency management centre.

In relation to the issue of a suitable community building with which to share use, RPL notes that QLDC has in the recent past called for submissions on siting a hub library at Frankton. RPL supports this proposal and considers that a well-designed library building would share the key attributes of an Emergency Management Centre: A strong resilient building that can house permanent storage of important documents (emergency plans etc) and would contain state of the art technology and communications facilities and safe, suitable meeting rooms.

There are compelling, though different, reasons to site a Frankton hub library at Remarkables Park. A library in this location would be close to the new Wakatipu High School (opening January 2018 and replacing the existing Gorge Road site, which will close at the end of this year) and the existing Southern Institute of Technology (SIT) campus. Such siting would be convenient for users (including high school students, teachers, lecturers and parents) but would also provide a great opportunity for sharing resources, including staff. A site close to the Remarkables Park Town Centre, with ample shared parking, would be ideal for those wanting to combine a library visit with a shopping trip or a trip to collect students from the high school. Being sited on the Eastern Arterial Road it would also be central and readily accessible for the expanding communities in Lake Hayes Estate, Shotover Country, Bridesdale, Quail Rise, Five Mile/Queenstown Central, Frankton, Kelvin Heights, Jacks Point and Hanley's Farm.

RPL submits that ORC should work with QLDC on designing a hub library at Remarkables Park, Frankton that would have a dual use as an Emergency Management Centre for CDEM.

#### **Queenstown Office**

RPL agrees with ORC's proposal to re-establish a Queenstown office and notes that the reason given by ORC for this proposal is: "*to meet the request of the local community who wish to have better access to us*". In this regard RPL submits that Council should give careful consideration to where within the Queenstown Lakes district it should site its office. It is submitted that, if Council wants the Queenstown Lakes community to have better access to it, then it should locate its new Queenstown office where it would be central to, and easily accessed by, that community by way of less congested roading and using the ample free parking that is available. Frankton/ Remarkables Park is far more central (than Queenstown CBD) to the residential population of the Wakatipu Basin and is surrounded by the fastest growing residential areas. For some years the Wakatipu's major sporting facilities have been at Frankton. After a serious debate about alternative Queenstown locations, the community's aquatic centre was established at Frankton. From the beginning of 2018 the Wakatipu's only high school will be based in Frankton. The great preponderance of industrial activity is at Frankton and it is undoubtedly the case that the shops and services used most often by Queenstown and Wakatipu residents are at Frankton.

The resident community of the Wakatipu does not live in Queenstown Bay, but in a number of pods (Arrowtown, Lake Hayes Estate, Shotover Country, Jacks Point, Quail Rise, Dalefield, Arthurs Point, Frankton Arm, Remarkables Park, Queenstown itself and soon Bridesdale, Hanley Farm, Five Mile, Kawarau Falls and Queenstown Country Club) that adjoin or surround Frankton. It needs to be remembered that for these communities it is not just a matter of avoiding a 7-8 km longer road trip. It can mean a saving of what is frequently 40 minutes travelling time to get from the Shotover River or the Kawarau River to Queenstown CBD. A Frankton/Remarkables Park office

location would also be much more convenient for residents of Wanaka, Hawea, Gibbston and Kingston, which are all part of the Queenstown Lakes district.

Through its current work on public transport in Queenstown and through its role as a Regional Land Transport Committee, ORC will be well aware of the traffic and transport problems that currently beset Queenstown. RPL submits that, because of its role in public transport, ORC should lead public thinking on reducing private vehicle trips and should establish its office in a location that reduces, rather than compounds, vehicle congestion on Frankton Road and reduces demand for Queenstown CBD parking. RPL would further point out that suitable office space is immediately available for lease at Remarkables Park/Frankton and, if requested, RPL would be willing to lease a suitable office to ORC for immediate occupation as ORC's Queenstown Lakes office. This would also allow ORC to move its Queenstown staff to a combined library/EMC/ORC sub-office at Remarkables Park at a future date.

### **Public Transport in Wakatipu**

RPL fully supports the proposal to offer new routes, more regular services and much reduced fares to encourage use of public transport in the Wakatipu. RPL has made a separate submission on the public transport proposals.

RPL's primary concern with the consultation material was that ORC had made an incorrect assumption about the proportion of Wakatipu jobs that are based in the Queenstown CBD. QLDC's figures indicate that as at 2012 approximately 55% of jobs were in the Queenstown CBD. But since then there has been massive (and disproportionate) growth in jobs at Frankton. The Five Mile shopping centre has opened; development at the nearby Shotover Park commercial/industrial area has burgeoned (including the opening of a new Mitre 10 Mega store and a new Pak N Save supermarket with 120 and 150 staff respectively); a new hotel and new indoor commercial recreation facilities have opened at Remarkables Park; Queenstown Airport has experienced phenomenal growth (with the airport now employing over 500 people); the new Wakatipu High School is due to open at Remarkables Park in January 2018 (replacing the existing Gorge Road facility); and also due to open in 2018 are two additional new hotels that are currently under construction. We estimate that over half the Wakatipu jobs are already at Frankton and QLDC's predictions show this proportion to be growing rapidly. Remarkables Park Town Centre is already Queenstown's second largest commercial centre and is itself zoned to double in size.

RPL's submission was that this significant change should be taken into account when designing the bus routes so that sufficient services were provided to allow Frankton workers to commute to their jobs without reliance on private motor vehicles.

RPL submitted that, in order to cater for workers at Shotover Park and the businesses along Glenda Drive, some of the Route 2 services at early morning and late afternoon should travel to the Frankton depot via Glenda

Drive and the EAR. It is submitted that it is particularly important to implement this alteration to Route 2 at the outset as, with the opening of the Eastern Arterial Road, QLDC proposes to stop all parking on Glenda Drive. The removal of this parking is likely to be perceived as a considerable inconvenience to Glenda Drive workers and so represents a great opportunity to change their behaviour and their perceptions of bus transport by offering a new service at a time when their normal parking habits are being temporarily forced to change.

RPL also submitted that a shorter turning route at Remarkables Park would better serve the new Wakatipu High School, three new hotels and users and workers at the Remarkables Park Town Centre (including the SIT campus). This amendment to Route 1 would save on both establishment and operating costs and would bring the bus route much closer to its users. It would also allow people who do not have convenient access to one of the proposed bus routes to utilise a new parking area at Hawthorne Drive, adjacent to the Remarkables Park Town Centre, as a Park and Ride and catch a bus to Queenstown CBD (or other destinations covered by the new routes).

These two suggested route changes are shown on the attached plans.

Although the current focus is on a subsidised bus service, RPL submits that ORC should also commence investigation into subsidising a public transport ferry service on Lake Wakatipu and the Kawarau River. There is an existing water taxi service between Queenstown Bay and the Hilton Hotel complex near the Kawarau Falls Bridge but this needs to be expanded into a ferry service that will encourage use by residents of Kelvin Heights, the Frankton Arm and, in time, Remarkables Park and the settlements on the Kawarau River; Lake Hayes Estate, Shotover Country and Bridesdale. To facilitate such a service has acquired ownership of a portion of O'Regans Wharf (the former Ngai Tahu wharf) in downtown Queenstown and has an area zoned for a ferry terminal on the Kawarau River at Remarkables Park. These facilities will enable a full-scale ferry service with intermediate stops along Frankton Arm, including at the Hilton Hotel complex.

### **General Rates**

RPL notes that general rates for a typical Queenstown residential property are 46% higher than for a typical Dunedin residential property, 56% higher than a Central Otago property and more than twice as high as properties in Waitaki District and Clutha District. We understand that the proposal to subsidise a public bus service in Queenstown will increase rates in this district but we have been unable to find any justification for the rest of the disparity between general rates charged for Queenstown properties and those charged in any other part of the region. RPL submits that the disparity between Queenstown general rates and the general rates proposed to be charged in other parts of the region needs to be eliminated or considerably reduced (or reflected in other increased services to the Queenstown Lakes district).

## **Rural Water Quality**

RPL (through an associated company, Queenstown Park Limited) owns a large, 2,000ha high country station in which it has been investing considerably and working hard to improve farming returns. QPL is also seeking to develop new long-term tourist activities on the site. QPL accepts the concept of a targeted rate for rural properties to cover water quality issues. However QPL notes that the proposed rates for a Queenstown rural property are 37% higher than the average rates for the same valued rural properties in the four other districts that make up the region. QPL submits that insufficient justification is provided for this disparity and the rates for Queenstown Lakes rural properties should be brought into line with the rates charged for other rural properties in the region. RPL also notes that the current disparity is further compounded by the huge differences in values of properties in the Queenstown Lakes district to those in other parts of the region. The services provided to rural landowners by ORC are not related to the value of the land (which in the case of the Queenstown Lakes district generally bears no relationship to the productive value of the land). So it is quite inequitable to relate rates or charges for service-based functions to rural land values.

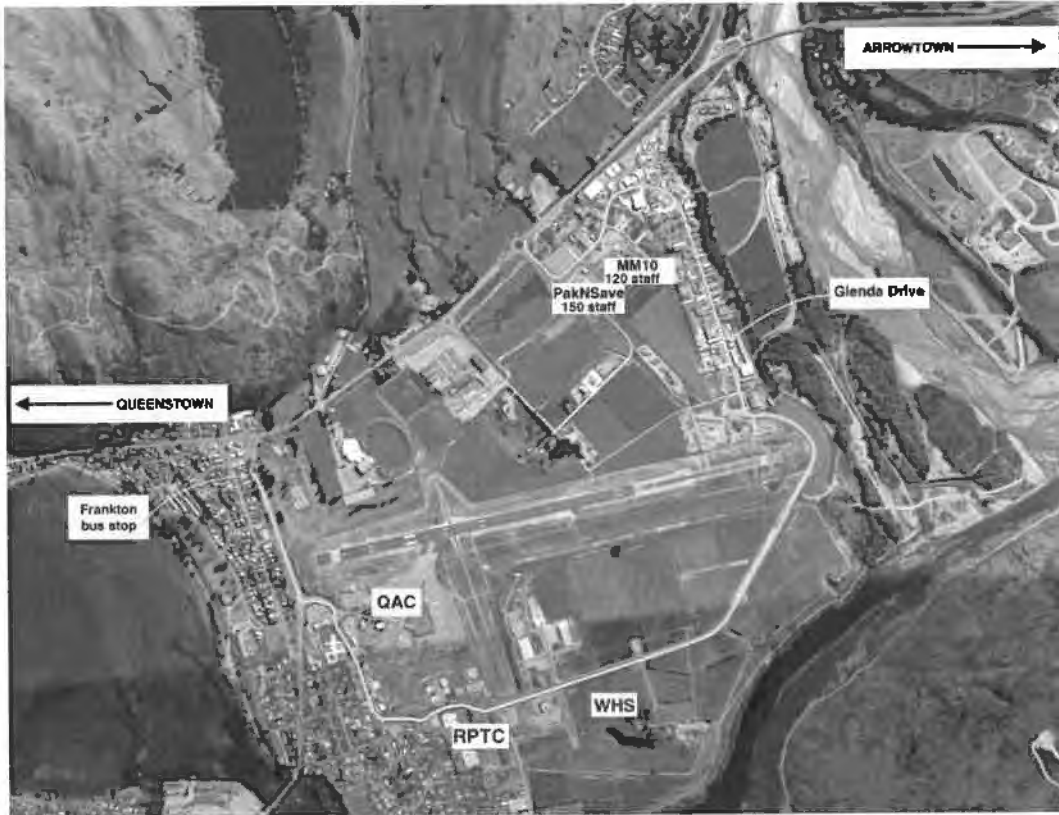
## **Deemed Water Use Permit Replacement**

RPL and QPSL are not opposed to the proposal to use part of the water management reserve to assist permit holders make the transition to new resource consents over the next four years. However, the same level of assistance needs to be provided to other landowners seeking resource consents to irrigate rural properties during this period. It would be unfair to provide an advantage to those who have for years had the historical benefit of not needing a resource consent unless the equivalent level of support was also to be provided to farmers who have not had that historical advantage.

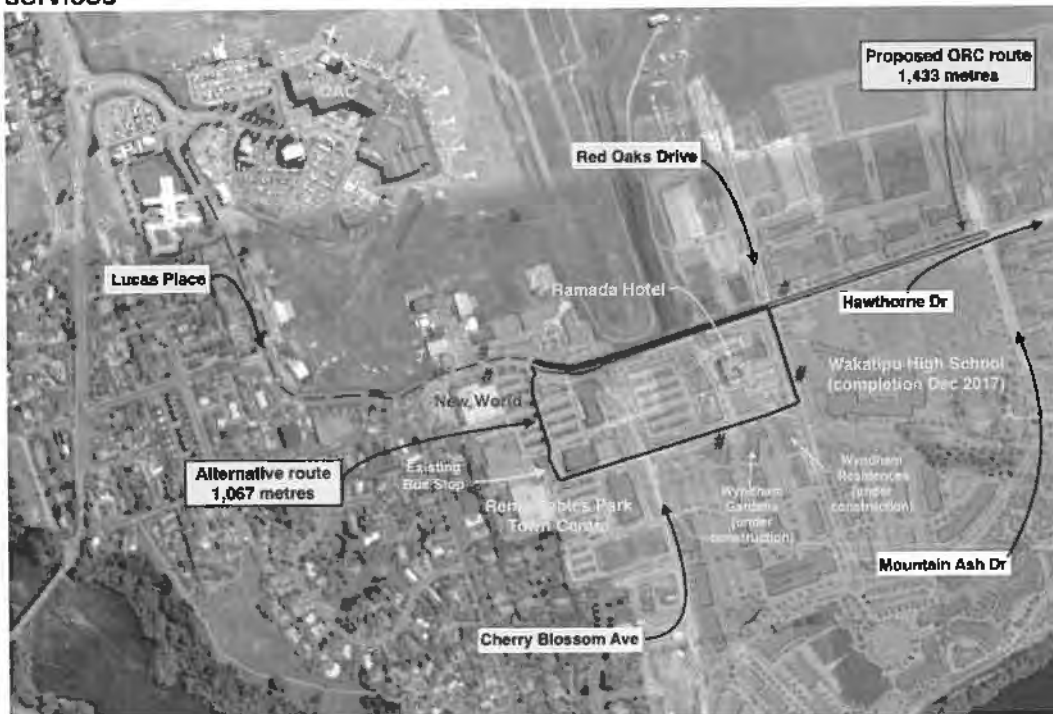
## **Lake Snow, Lake Restoration And Wilding tree control**

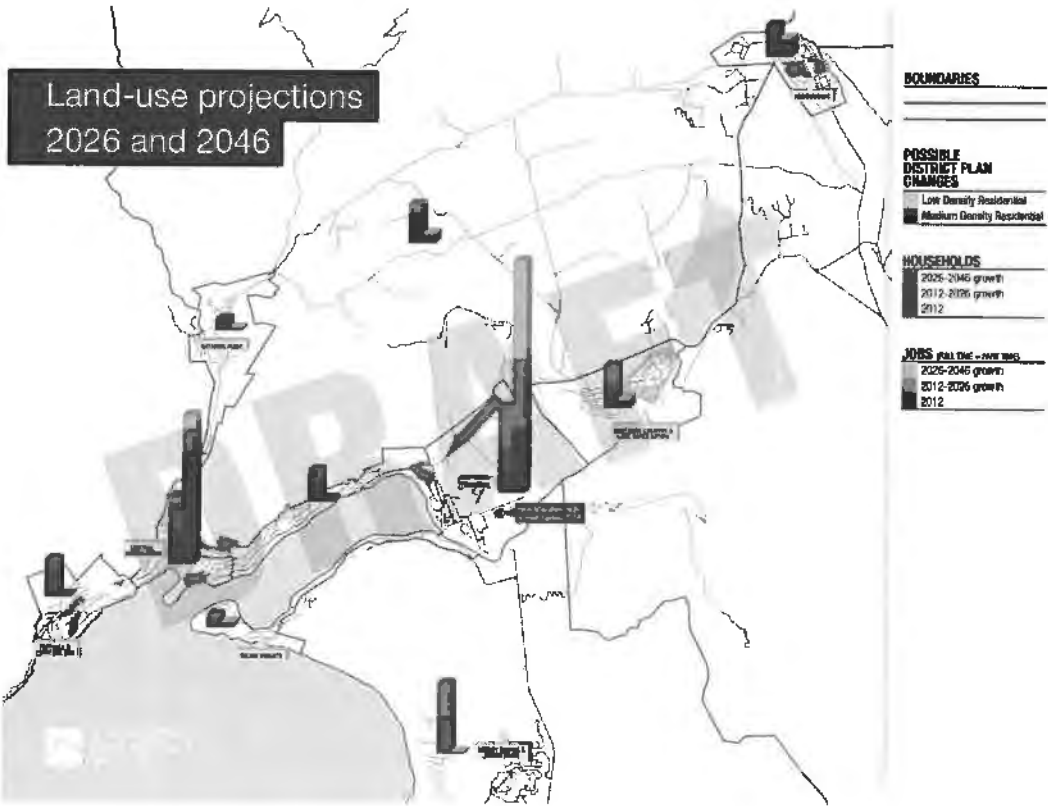
RPL supports the proposals at page 11 of the Council's consultation document to fund investigation into lake snow, fund lake restoration – particularly for Lake Hayes – and to contribute to those groups working on the wilding tree problem in Central Otago.

**RPL would like to be heard in support of its submissions.**



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I would like to speak with Council about my submission (week starting 22 May) No

How do you think we should structure the rates for civil defence and emergency management? Option 1: Uniform targeted rate (\$25.89 per property). Everyone in Otago pays the same amount – regardless of the value of their property.

Do you support our water quality environmental risk-assessment programme? Yes

Do you support a risk-based approach to dairy farm inspections for compliance monitoring? Yes

Do you support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows? Yes

Do you support funding the deemed water use permit transition work for the Water Management Reserve? Yes

Do you support the increased subsidy of public transport in the Wakatipu Basin? No

Do you support extending the Wakatipu targeted rating area for public transport to include Jack's Point? No

When do you think we should open a new office in Queenstown?	Option 1: Establish an office in Queenstown in the 2017/2018 year
How should we structure the rates for the Lower Waitaki River scheme?	Option 1: Change the way the scheme is paid for, so that 10% of the scheme's costs are paid for as part of general rates, and 90% by the Lower Waitaki River scheme targeted rate
Lake snow increased workplan	Yes
Lake restoration scoping work	Yes
Wallaby control	Yes
Climate change adaption (Clutha delta)	No
Do you support the change to our Significance and Engagement policy for strategic assets?	No
Any comments?	We do not agree with the change as we do not support the idea of not consulting on items that may or may not be significant to that scheme.
Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes?	<p>The Aramoana League Inc believe the Otago Regional Council, ORC, has neglected their duty to maintain the greater areas of the Otago harbour. For example,</p> <p>Dredging the mouth of the Leith River, Maintaining tidal training rock walls in the harbour, eg: Long Mac groyne. Maintenance help scower the channel and smaller cross channels used by recreational boat users. The Otago Yacht Club have spent many hours to raise money to pay for dredging the boat harbour yet the ORC have not maintained the silting up of the mouth of the Leith.</p> <p>Aramoana League Inc is concerned that the silt will eventually end up filling up the boat harbour again. Boat launching ramps and jetties at Port Chalmers, Carey's Bay and Otago Peninsula are silting up, especially in Back Beach. There is not the natural scower since the reclaimed area for Port Otago warehousing was built.</p> <p>The ORC mission statement objectives include:</p>

Maintaining and enhancing Otago's coastal river and lake environment having regard to regional, social, cultural needs

To provide appropriate services to fulfill all the statutory responsibilities of the Council.

Aramoana League believes in respect to the Otago harbour that this has not been achieved.

The ORC draft annual plan states in 10.2 (Level of service)

Safe recreational use and navigation for all users of the Otago harbour

The ORC have not delivered this at all. The recreational areas mentioned above are in a poor state of repair.

The erosion of beaches and sea walls in the lower harbour are of great concern. The suggestion from ORC that the community seek grants and fundraise to pay for erosion mitigation, as with erosion at Te Raurone, is unacceptable. It is clearly ORC's responsibility to carry out these duties.

The local community on the west side of the harbour at Aramoana have been forced into fundraising to restore and rebuild a wharf. It has been neglected with total lack of maintenance both from the Port Otago Ltd and then later Dunedin City Council. The defiant and deliberate lack of maintenance on harbour assets to direct money to other areas eg: the questionable use of \$14 million for new ORC premises, without looking at existing premises in Dunedin.

Since the creation of the ORC in 1989, they have received approximately \$150 million in dividends from Port Otago Ltd. If they had put a small amount of this aside for harbour maintenance annually, such as \$200,000, the ORC would have accumulated \$6 million to spend to date.

ORC states in the draft annual plan, community outcomes:

Community participation in planning and managing the use and enhancement of Otago's resources.

The Otago harbour is an important Otago resource and it must be maintained to a better standard.

In the Estimated Regulatory Expenditure, the graph shows \$273,000 spent on harbour management with no explanation of what it was spent on. This amount of money is set to increase to \$404,000 in the 2017/18 draft annual plan.

The Aramoana League questions what this money is to cover, as there is no harbour master in place yet. Is \$200,000 of this expenditure going to cover the salary of the harbour master? If so, the expenditure needs to be greatly increased.

The most positive aspect in the draft annual plan is the Coastal Strategy for Otago involving liaising with agencies and others who hold a wealth of information on our coastal resource. Finally this will allow coastal projects to move forward maintaining and enhancing Otago's coastal environment and resources.

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Hi there,

Please find attached the Dunedin City Council's submission on the ORC draft Annual Plan 2017/18. As discussed, this submission may be subject to any changes made by Council early next week and if this is the case, a revised submission will be sent as soon as possible.

Many thanks,

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Dear Regional Councillors

### **SUBMISSION ON THE OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL'S DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2017/18**

The Dunedin City Council (DCC) welcomes the opportunity to submit on the Otago Regional Council's Annual Plan 2017/18. The DCC has a number of areas of responsibility that overlap with the Otago Regional Council (ORC) and values the positive relationship that enables the two councils to work together in the interests of Dunedin residents and ratepayers. The following submission provides the DCC's response to areas of mutual interest, and notes other areas of interest that the DCC wishes to address.

#### **Lake restoration**

The DCC supports the proposals concerning work on lake restoration, particularly on Tomahawk Lagoon. We recommend the ORC should support the Tomahawk community with proactive management of the lagoons, and undertake a management plan process that manages the lagoon for conservation, biodiversity, community safety and recreational values. We ask that this is seen as a priority and the DCC will engage on this work to ensure any future flood events are mitigated and damage to DCC assets, such as the Domain Hall, is minimised.

#### **Civil Defence and Emergency Management**

The DCC notes the change to a regional approach for civil defence and emergency management and supports the need to resource this change.

#### **Pest and plant Control**

The DCC supports the proposals to continue funding the work on wallaby and wilding tree control, and hopes that relevant community groups will continue to access some of this funding for their contributions to this work. The DCC would also welcome an integrated approach to pest and plant control and would support greater coordination and cooperation between agencies and communities.

The Dunedin community also has broader concerns around the scope of invasive flora and fauna that need managing, from sycamore trees to mustelids. The DCC has objectives under Te Ao Tūroa – Dunedin's Environment Strategy to protect ecosystems and increase

biodiversity and recommends that the ORC should provide policy and resourcing support to help achieve these environmental management ambitions.

### **Harbour management and climate change adaptation**

The DCC welcomes the continuation of ORC's support and commitment to work collaboratively on South Dunedin and coastal erosion issues. The DCC looks forward to working with the ORC to develop and deliver a response plan for South Dunedin.

The DCC has set a goal of Dunedin being resilient and carbon zero through Te Ao Tūroa - Dunedin's Environment Strategy. Results from the city-wide greenhouse gas emissions inventory, produced for the purposes of Compact of Mayors compliance, show the biggest challenges to emissions reduction are around agriculture and transport. The DCC will be progressing the planning and implementation of actions to achieve the strategy goal in 2017/18 and would welcome the ORC's support and involvement in this.

The DCC wishes to see joint planning for the harbour and harbour access and would welcome ORC's agreement in resourcing a Harbour and Harbour Edge Management Plan, for instance the dredging of Careys Bay, Otago Yacht Club and the Eastern Channel, and improve navigational aids to make the harbour safer. The DCC also supports the appointment of a dedicated and suitably qualified Harbour Master for Otago Harbour and encourages the ORC to use its ownership of Port Otago and associated companies to further enhance Dunedin's waterfront and harbour surrounds.

The DCC wishes to note the project to restore and protect Te Rauone beach and requests the ORC continue providing support and commitment to see stage one of this project completed by winter 2018.

### **Water quality**

The DCC requests that the ORC identify the Middlemarch groundwater system and include it as a Groundwater Protection Zone in the Regional Plan: Water, and manage activities to ensure the water quality is suitable as a potable water supply for Middlemarch.

### **Waste minimisation**

The DCC is keen to support the participation of the ORC at the Regional Waste Network meetings to help plan and address waste disposal issues and opportunities and promote waste minimisation and resource recovery. One of the key issues to address is the upcoming expiration of Green Island landfill's resource consent. Options will need to be considered as to whether the consent is reapplied for or another new landfill is created. Collaborative thinking and partnership between the affected territorial authorities will be required to create an outcome that will be sensible for all.

The DCC also wishes to see the ORC appropriately fund a review of its Regional Plan: Waste for Otago. There is an urgent need to update this plan to reflect changes in legislation and best practices guidelines for waste facilities including current non-levied fills. Other territorial local authorities such as the DCC are supportive of a collaborative approach to planning which addresses regional waste issues. If the review could happen soon, the plan can then be incorporated into the planning and decision making around Green Island Landfill, which we have identified above as a significant issue to address. The DCC also recommends updating the plan with a view to capturing more information and data on waste activities in Otago at monofills, cleanfills, hardfills, green waste fills and farm fills, expand resource recovery, and allow the burden of the Waste Levy to be more widely and equitably spread.

## Transport

The DCC wishes to note that under the Regional Land Transport Plan there needs to be some strategic multi-mode analysis work as too many key freight routes have no alternative for other modes. Provision and priority for cycle routes should be driven by benefits to other modes yet no funding is currently provided for that analysis.

The ORC's proactive approach in giving effect to the request for more transport investment in Queenstown has been noted by the DCC. The DCC however also notes the lack of real time information at bus stops and strongly supports a new ticketing system and WiFi on buses, which will boost Dunedin's status of being a GigCity. It is also the view of the DCC that bus services would, in principle, and for the purposes of integrated transport planning, sit better with the Territorial Local Authority. The DCC would support working with the ORC to advance a decision on the transfer of this service as soon as it is practicable.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit on the Draft Annual Plan 2017/18. Should the ORC wish to clarify any of the issues raised in the submission, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Maria Ioannou, Corporate Policy Manager ([maria.ioannou@dcc.govt.nz](mailto:maria.ioannou@dcc.govt.nz) or 03 474 3742). The DCC would welcome hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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Dave Cull  
**Mayor of Dunedin**



**Disabled Persons Assembly NZ**



May 2017

**Disabled Persons Assembly NZ Inc.**

**Dunedin and Districts**

**Submission on the Otago Regional Council Draft  
Annual Plan 2017-18**

DPA Dunedin request an opportunity to speak to this submission.

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## **Introducing DPA New Zealand Inc.**

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The Disabled Persons Assembly NZ Inc. (DPA) is the national assembly and collective voice of disabled New Zealanders.

DPA is a Disabled Person's Organisation (DPO) meaning it is a national Organisation governed by disabled people, and the organisation's main purpose is to articulate the aspirations of its members who are mostly disabled people.

DPA has some approximately 500 individual members (20 locally) who have disabilities themselves or are the parent, or guardian of a disabled person, and corporate members who represent or deliver services to disabled people. DPA members form a network of regional assemblies to debate local and national issues.

DPA is not only the voice of our members but ultimately for the 1.1 million New Zealanders who identify as disabled according to Statistics New Zealand. In the Otago Regional Council local authority area, 60,687 people identified as living with some form of impairment according to the 2013 Statistics New Zealand Disability Survey.<sup>1</sup>

DPA's functions include:

- ➡ to promote the interests and wellbeing of all disabled people regardless of age, for our whole lives
- ➡ to engage with disabled people, DPOs and our valued allies
- ➡ to progress the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in Aotearoa New Zealand.

## **Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

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### **Government accountability**

The CRPD provides the mandate for disabled people to hold the Government to account on ensuring the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights by disabled people.

### **CRPD is the minimum standard**

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<sup>1</sup> "Disability estimates for small areas 2013", Statistics New Zealand, accessed April 28, 2017, [http://www.stats.govt.nz/browse\\_for\\_stats/health/disabilities/disability-small-areas-2013.aspx](http://www.stats.govt.nz/browse_for_stats/health/disabilities/disability-small-areas-2013.aspx)

DPA uphold the CRPD as the minimum standard for our participation in society.

## **Partnership with DPOs**

The implementation of the CRPD depends on a partnership between DPOs and the Government. This is highlighted in Article 4.3 which says governments shall consult closely with and actively involve disabled people, including disabled children, through their representative organisations.<sup>2</sup> This partnership goes beyond just consulting with disabled people.

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<sup>2</sup> United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Article 4.3

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Aspects of the CRPD that are particularly relevant to this submission:

1 The CRPD's General Principles<sup>3</sup>:

- Respect for inherent dignity, individual autonomy including the freedom to make one's own choices, and independence of persons
- Non-discrimination
- Full and effective participation and inclusion in society
- Respect for difference and acceptance of disabled people as part of human diversity and humanity
- Equality of opportunity
- Accessibility
- Equality between men and women

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<sup>3</sup> United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Article 3

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## **ORC Long Term Plan - Key Issues**

DPA Dunedin wishes to acknowledge at the outset our ongoing working relationship with the Otago Regional Council. This has led to discernible improvements, particularly in terms of bus transport access and operational changes to Total Mobility (of which more will be said within this submission). However, there still needs to be an improvement in terms of democracy and community engagement between Council and the public it serves as we will point out as well. Having said that we acknowledge the improvements made in community engagement by the ORC over the last five years - but things can always be improved. We will provide feedback as well on Civil Defence and emergency management; climate change mitigation; and the proposed new ORC Chambers.

## **Transport and Total Mobility**

In relation to the Wakatipu transport proposal, DPA Dunedin commends the ORC for including accessibility requirements as part of any future service specs for contractors. We believe that any bus services should be super low floor and wheelchair/mobility aid user friendly and should ensure that there is sufficient internal lighting and audio announcements for blind/vision impaired people and other users. There are a growing number of visitors and residents (including disabled people) living in the area and it would be great to see the service retain similar specs to those used in Dunedin. Planned routes should also acknowledge the equal importance of servicing both residential and tourist areas in the Queenstown/Lakes region.

While not specifically covered in the document, DPA Dunedin fully commends the ORC for beginning the recent roll out of more modern, accessible buses in our city and for changes to the Total Mobility Scheme which will see new cards replacing the current paper voucher based system beginning in May 2017. However, the ORC still needs to strongly listen to the voices of bus users and communities when setting future service routes and enforcing standards. DPA Dunedin does acknowledge, though, that the Council is now reviewing, thanks to the work of Bus Go Dunedin and public pressure, adverse service route changes which were made during the last two years.

DPA also hopes to be involved in work around the introduction of electronic ticketing as well to make sure that is accessible, inclusive and user friendly for all people. Similarly, DPA Dunedin hopes that fewer mistakes, if any, will be made in the roll out of Wakatipu bus services and that can best be achieved through listening to the voices of residents and service users.

### **Civil Defence and emergency management**

DPA Dunedin commends the Otago Regional Council on its appointment of new regional Civil Defence personnel. We are still to meet with the new Civil Defence Regional Controller but we hope to do so when he is able to make time for us.

DPA Dunedin is pleased to hear that a Public Information Manager is being appointed to support the work of the regional Civil Defence team as well and we support the Council's proposed spend on this position. We note that the appointee's role will be to improve communication across all communities and that includes to disabled people both in terms of disaster preparedness and emergency situations. We would welcome the opportunity to meet the new appointee after they take up the role to discuss how to make civil defence information and emergency communications more accessible and inclusive for all people across the region – but we do acknowledge and support the purchase of screen reading technology for the CDEM website (see below).

### **Climate change mitigation**

DPA Dunedin strongly commends the ORC on its climate change mitigation work based around flood prevention and coastal erosion caused by sea level rise. We are taking a particular interest (given we are part of the DCC-led South Dunedin Stakeholder Group) in the future of South Dunedin which has a high proportion of disabled and older people within its resident population. DPA Dunedin also commends the ORC for its engagement with the DCC on this issue in terms of developing a South Dunedin response plan. We hope that this response plan will include the voices of ordinary South Dunedin residents themselves who want a better, more resilient and sustainable future for their suburb going forward.

### **Clean air**

DPA Dunedin acknowledges and commends the Council's assistance in providing financial assistance towards the installation of clean heating devices in areas of high smog activity. This is beneficial for the health of all people who reside in high smog areas,

especially during the Winter months. We would seek to ask, though, as to why this programme is not more widely publicised or is information only targeted at home owners/property owners in high smog areas?

### **New ORC chambers**

DPA Dunedin supports the construction or purchase of new ORC chambers. We would prefer any new chambers to be based at a fully accessible, central and flat level site and the building should fully incorporate universal design principles. We look forward to participating in the special consultative process that will follow later this year/early next regarding this proposal.

### **Accessible information – Democracy and Engagement**

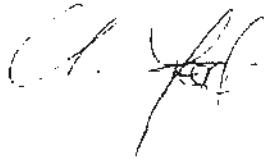
DPA Dunedin is pleased to hear that Civil Defence and Emergency Management have recently purchased Speak Reader for their website. DPA Dunedin would like to ask whether the Regional Council has any similar plans to do so for its own website given that Speak Reader is currently used on the DCC website. Could some funding be set aside in the information technology budget for this to occur?

DPA Dunedin would also ask that Council review its consultation processes to make them more fully inclusive and meaningful. While the ORC's processes have witnessed a good degree of improvement over the last 3-4 years, they could still do with further refinement to enable issues to be more extensively engaged with by the public and stakeholder groups before Council takes final decisions.

As an example, while DPA understood the necessity for tight timeframes around the bus hub consultation (given that planning consents had to be applied for to meet construction targets) some people felt (according to media reports) not well informed about the process as a result. While DPA and other organisations were invited to be part of the process – which is something we welcomed – too tighter timeframes and holding consultations before Christmas/New Year should be avoided wherever and whenever possible. The DCC Annual Plan process for 2017/18 serves as a very good model in that this year they used a consultation process where they engaged with more people than ever before to gain feedback after they opted not to hold formal hearings. As one example, the DCC held a very well attended public/stakeholder forum where up to 60 people fed back on priorities and issues to both Councillors and staff. We would urge the ORC to fully follow their example if you want more public feedback and involvement in

consultation processes so as to obtain better value for the ratepayer dollars spent on this budget line.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Ford', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Chris Ford**

**Kaitiuiti**

**DPA Dunedin and Districts**

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**Submission to Otago Regional Council on Draft Annual Plan 2017/18**

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I would like to speak with Council about my submission.

**Minimum flows and deemed water use permit replacement**

Do you support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows? **Yes**

Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes? **Yes**

**1.2 Water Quantity**

The Annual Plan, under the heading "Water Quantity" refers to only two performance targets: "Publish science work for setting minimum flows/environmental levels..." and "Monitor compliance with set minimum flows/environmental levels."

We suggest an additional performance target:

"Work with water users to undertake water security and economic impact analysis."

This work is fundamental to any robust minimum flow setting work, but is not mentioned anywhere in the proposed work programme.

Currently, there is a lack of information about the impacts of proposed minimum flow options in the Manuherikia catchment. This information is crucial, both for informed democratic planning processes, and for Council to assess the issues it is required to consider as part of the Resource Management process. Members of the community need this information in order to understand the impacts of minimum flow proposals for themselves and their communities.

In this way, it will be possible for those most directly affected, and their communities, to assess and provide informed feedback on what the proposals mean for them.

The draft Annual Plan stated that "Council has identified the following community outcomes that it aims to achieve for the intermediate and long term future of Otago, and they are:

- Sustainable development of the region's resources through the *shoring of knowledge and information*.

- Community *participation* in planning and managing the use and enhancement of Otago's resources.
- The *environmental, economic, social and cultural needs* of Otago people are met."

These outcomes can only be achieved on such a crucial issue as minimum flow setting if the water users who use and manage the resource, and who have invested extensively in efficient use infrastructure, are involved in the water security and intrinsically related economic impact assessments.

Adequate resourcing is required for this.

The Annual Plan states that the following assumption has been made:

"Unless known, no appeals on plan changes will be provided for."

If Council wishes to reduce the risk of appeals on minimum flow plan changes, then it will be essential to:

- (i) Provide adequate resourcing for high quality water security analysis and economic and social impact assessments; and
- (ii) Invite water users to participate in the process.

Water users are able to contribute considerable knowledge and can collate and explain data, to ensure that the water security analysis, and the economic and social impact assessments it underpins, are robust.

Water users should also be involved in setting the terms of reference for this work, to ensure that the outputs are sound, and meaningful to those most affected by the proposed changes.

Without sound economic and social analysis, the risk of appeals will be far higher, as will the costs to Council and stakeholders.

### **Existing Minimum Flows and the orderly transition**

The Consultation Document states that "we're proposing to accelerate our minimum flow setting programme to get all flows needed to inform replacing the permits set by 2019."

We note that when Council set the existing minimum flows for the Manuherikia and elsewhere, it was with the stated intention of providing certainty for users so that they could transition to the new regime prior to 2021. This intention is reflected in Policy 6.6.3 and Methods 15.7.1 and 15.9.1 of the Water Plan.

Several of these flow determinations, such as the Manuherikia minimum flow at Ophir, were subject to a careful balancing of water use and instream values by the Environment Court.

Considerable land use and infrastructure changes and investment have been made on the basis of these minimum flow determinations over recent years.

It is therefore surprising, and at odds with this approach, that Council is now proposing to significantly alter these flows.

We submit that minimum flows which have already been set and determined by the Environment Court should not be changed. To revise them at the eleventh hour of deemed permits expiring is an unnecessary use of ratepayers' money, and completely undermines the certainty which these minimum flows were designed to provide.

We therefore submit that section 1.2 Water Quantity include a statement that:

"Council has already set some minimum flows in the Water Plan to provide for the orderly transition to the expiry of deemed permits in 2021. Some of these were determined by the Environment Court. Council will not expend resources on changing these minimum flows."

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached a Submission from the Waitaki Irrigators Collective Limited in relation to the 2017-18 Annual Plan.

Representatives of the Collective wish to present this Submission to the Council in person.

Kind regards,

Elizabeth Soal

Elizabeth Soal

Policy Manager

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2017/18 Annual Plan

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Date: 12 May 2017

## About the Waitaki Irrigators Collective

The Waitaki Irrigators Collective Limited (WIC) is a company whose shareholders are five irrigation schemes and a society of individual irrigators that take water from Lake Waitaki, the Waitaki River (or its tributaries or connected groundwater) and use that water to irrigate land downstream of the Waitaki Dam, on both the north and south sides of the Lower Waitaki River.

WIC was formed in 2010 as a response to a number of shared issues which the schemes were facing at the time. In mid-2011, WIC expanded to include the incorporated society of independent farmer-irrigators.

WIC represents over 580 irrigators, with an irrigated area of approximately 80,000 hectares across North Otago and South Canterbury. The irrigators within the Collective contribute approximately \$550 million per annum in gross income to the local and national economies, and represent a capital value of land (with infrastructure) in excess of \$2.5 billion.

The overarching goal of WIC is to ensure the ongoing surety of water for its members. There are various dimensions to water surety, including surety of supply, reliability of supply, resource consent conditions relating to water take and usage, and community support for irrigation. WIC seeks to gain surety of supply within an approach which recognises the need for continuous improvement and environmental protection.

The shareholders of WIC are:

- the Kurow-Duntroon Irrigation Company Limited;
- the North Otago Irrigation Company Limited (NOIC);
- the Morven, Glenavy, Ikawai Irrigation Company Limited;
- the Maerewhenua District Water Resource Company Limited;
- the Lower Waitaki Irrigation Company Limited (LWIC); and
- the Waitaki Independent Irrigators Incorporated (including the Haka Valley Irrigation Company Limited).

These schemes and individuals use irrigation water for production across the primary sector, including the agriculture, horticulture, dairying and viticulture industries. Some of the schemes also provide water to other industries, town supplies and sports clubs. WIC represents a large number of farmers, farming companies and irrigators who create significant wealth for their communities, well beyond the farm gate.

The vast majority of irrigators within WIC have water take consents within the Environment Canterbury region. However, LWIC and NOIC use their water within the Otago Region, and therefore are subject to Otago Regional Council land and water use planning and regulations.

## **Narrative submission**

### **The proposed Rural Water Quality Risk-Assessment Programme**

WIC acknowledges the pro-active position of the Council in relation to the setting of water quality limits and associated rules through Change 6A to the Water Plan for Otago. There has been ongoing dialogue and engagement by the Council with the primary sector through the environmental extension group it facilitates, of which WIC and NOIC are members.

Our members LWIC and NOIC have also been working alongside the council in relation to the focused work programmes investigating water quality in both the Waitaki Plains aquifer and the Waiareka/Kakanui catchment.

However, the sector (and other stakeholders) has been requesting the Council actively turn its attention to implementation issues relating to consenting, compliance, monitoring, and enforcement that have arisen due to the Water Plan changes. These requests began during the Plan Change 6A Environment Court mediation process. The Council had assured parties to the proceedings that it would establish both an implementation group involving a cross-section of interests and an implementation protocol.

Although we are still yet to see these, the primary sector groups are generally heartened that the Council is turning its mind towards implementation.

Specifically, the Council is proposing the development of a Rural Water Quality Risk-Assessment Programme which seeks to: increase landholders' understanding of what they need to do under the Water Plan; what risks might be present on their property; how to take steps to improve water quality; and 'monitor progress towards [the] goal' of landholders meeting the permitted activity rule discharge thresholds.

We support the Council actively planning for the implementation of the new water quality rules, is committing resources to assisting landholders to reduce negative environmental effects, and wishes to actively engage with the community. WIC is also supportive of the Council developing a consenting pathway work-stream for those who cannot yet meet, or might not be able to meet, permitted activity thresholds.

However, we do have some concerns around the framing and proposed delivery of the Risk Assessment Programme, which we wish to bring to the attention of the Council. WIC submits that some changes to the Programme's design and structure will result in better outcomes for farmers and for the environment, as well as providing a more joined-up approach to addressing risks by the Council and primary sector working together.

### **WIC's concerns**

The Council's proposed approach to undertaking environmental risk assessments is somewhat "scattergun" and may not result in significant improvements in water

quality where it is most needed. As we understand the proposal, farmers from anywhere across the region can volunteer to have an assessment undertaken. This could mean that only one, or a handful, or even no farmers in certain areas or catchments might volunteer to participate.

The Programme is also based on one-off visits, where the farm will be visited, the assessment undertaken and then a report and grade provided to the farmer. In other words, with little to no follow-up. There is a real risk here, then, that the resources put into the assessment will be somewhat wasted if there is no further engagement to determine whether actions have been taken to address the identified risks, or if no practical advice is provided to improve environmental outcomes, or actions undertaken to ensure compliance with the rules.

The consultation document states that the environmental risk assessments will assist the Council in monitoring progress to reaching water quality goals. However, it is unclear how this will occur. The proposed Programme is based around one-off site visits assessing risks - there is no clear link between the Programme and the Council's water quality monitoring and catchment study programmes.

Council staff have repeatedly advised that they do not consider it their role to provide advice to landholders on actions they could take to ensure compliance with permitted activity thresholds. Instead, the Council considers that this advice should be provided by external industry advisors. Whilst we agree that there is a role for external advice and support, we do not think that the Council should absolve itself of this role. By way of comparison, the police provide advice to the public on how to avoid breaking the law, not just on the content of the law. The Council has itself been unable to articulate what its own approach will be in addressing or responding to (for example, singular) breaches of limits, so it is therefore very difficult for industry bodies to be able to provide advice on such matters.

We feel that the Programme will be inherently constrained if there is a lack of trust between landholders and the Council staff undertaking the assessments. Effective trusting relationships take time to develop, and will not happen through a one-time farm visit. Farmers are much more likely to participate effectively with, and accept advice from, someone they know and trust - a person the Council is expecting the farmer to voluntarily invite onto his or her property and into their home.

WIC is also concerned about the proposal to provide a subject grading to each farm assessed. Although this is designed (presumably) to be an easy-to-understand and simple method to convey information around risk to the farmer, the grade itself does not have a purpose. In contrast, an audit grade given to a farm in relation to meeting objectives under a farm environment plan affects the timing of the next audit. For example, a farmer receiving a low grade in the risk assessment (with little follow-up) could be put off undertaking improvements to improve the grade, as the issues may seem too overwhelming or complex to easily and affordably address.

Due to the framing of the Water Plan rules, there are farms that will not be captured by the Schedule 16 discharge rules, as they do not have measurable discharges. It is, as yet, unclear how the risk assessments will meet their needs, or the needs of



those who may not be meeting the leaching thresholds modelled by OVERSEER. This is particularly so given that complex responses, which will require significant investment, will be required over time to meet the permitted activity leaching thresholds.

In relation to the proposed year-long catchment water quality studies, WIC would question whether one year is a long enough time period? It is submitted that it may be more effective to study fewer catchments but for a longer time period for each (e.g. two years). If a catchment is only studied for one year, the data collected may be of limited use or value if that year is climatically or even economically exceptional.

WIC understands that the staff undertaking the assessments will be split between the community liaison and compliance teams. We do not think that this will be effective or efficient. The split would seem to make a 'team approach' more difficult and may undermine the trust needed to make such a programme effective. We are also concerned that newly hired staff giving a one-off assessment on complex farming and environmental systems will do little to improve both farmer understanding and environmental outcomes.

We are also concerned at the level of proposed rates increase required to fund the programme. There are less staff now "on the ground" supporting farmers than the Council used to have. WIC questions why a rates increase is needed to fill roles that once already existed under much lower rates?

### **A modified proposal**

WIC submits that the Council considers modifying the proposed Rural Water Quality Risk-Assessment Programme to better align it with the catchment studies the Council is undertaking. We consider that our suggested improvements would address the concerns we have set out above, whilst retaining the core focus of the programme - which is assessing and improving the effects of the activities on the environment.

We recommend that the Council takes the proposed resources and focuses them to undertake more intensive assessment, extension, outreach and education in specific catchments where water quality outcomes are not being met. This will ensure there is a focus on specific environmental effects. We know that, in general, water quality in Otago is good and there are only a few 'hot spots.' We think that targeting resources at those hot spot catchments is a better investment which will result in better outcomes than undertaking one-off assessments at random across the region.

Rather than undertaking one-off assessments, WIC considers that the assessment should instead be one step in an ongoing change process owned by the Council. This way, on-farm changes can be monitored over time and linked to changes in water quality. While it is the community's job to meet the limits, the Council should take responsibility for helping to achieve them.

We suggest that the Council staff undertaking the assessments and ongoing extension work should not be warranted, and should work to develop long-term

relationships with the farming community in the focus catchments. The extension work can be undertaken together with the relevant industry body or group for that farm or catchment, and this means that (for example) the assessment process can be aligned with farm environment plans, sustainable dairying programmes, or land and environment plans.

This approach is underway and working well in the Dairy Working Groups in North and South Otago whereby environmental concerns for particular properties are discussed. Industry partners agree to address these concerns based on which industry group can help the farmer achieve the best outcome for the environment.

WIC therefore **supports in part** the proposed Risk Assessment Programme, but requests the proposal be amended to address our concerns.

### **Lower Waitaki River Control Scheme**

The hydrological functioning of the Lower Waitaki River is of critical importance to irrigation schemes within WIC, as well as their farmers shareholders. Braided rivers, by their very nature, shift and change course over time. The Lower Waitaki River, however, is unique among the east coast rivers of the South Island, as its flow is entirely controlled by the upstream hydro-generators.

Although this can reduce the frequency of very high and low flow events (which provides positive outcomes in terms of in-stream flows and reliability of supply for irrigation and industrial and domestic water supplies), it can also cause unnaturally stabilised flows over periods of time. Severe bank erosion can occur over periods of sustained medium-to-high flows. Artificially stable flows can also result in pest vegetation becoming well-established on river islands, causing the islands to fix in place. This in turn can push the river channels outwards, resulting in further erosion and land instability.

It is therefore appropriate that Meridian Energy continues to fund a substantial portion of the river management scheme. It is also critically important that the River Management Scheme continues to be funded to a sufficient level to ensure that the benefits (of both the River itself and the Management Scheme specifically) can continue to be enjoyed by the whole community.

WIC acknowledges that the Council has undertaken a review which confirms that the benefits of the River Management Scheme accrue to the wider community, and not just adjacent landholders. It is therefore appropriate that a contribution for Otago's portion of the Scheme comes from the general rate (as is proposed), and not only the targeted landholder rate (as is currently the case).

WIC therefore **supports** a change to the current rating split for the Lower Waitaki River Management Scheme, so that it is part-funded through the general rate, in recognition of the wider community benefits of the Scheme.

## **Trade Competition**

Pursuant to Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, a person who could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission may make a submission only if directly affected by an effect of the proposed policy statement or plan that:

- a) adversely affects the environment; and
- b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

WIC could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

## **Appearance before the Council**

WIC would like to present its submission to the Council in person.

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**2** Draft Annual Plan 2017/18

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I would like to speak with Council about my submission (week starting 22 May) Yes

If yes, please provide a contact number

How do you think we should structure the rates for civil defence and emergency management? Option 1: Uniform targeted rate (\$25.89 per property). Everyone in Otago pays the same amount – regardless of the value of their property.

Any comments?

My observation is that in light of the disasters in NZ over the last 10 years more communication and awareness needs to be provided to the general population. Especially in regards to CD centres and assembly points I believe the CRC and CODC need to actively communicate the details of what facilities and support are at the Civil Defence Centres . An example of my concern was when the Community Response Plan booklet came out. Several members of the leadership of the Presbyterian Church did not know the church was a CD centre.

As of to date what steps are being taken to support these centres with supplies or access to such things as Generators, Provision of Roof water Tanks with water purification systems, emergency bedding , heating, food plus storage etc.

ORC and CODC need to get out here with well highlighted meetings , as i bet most people have shelved their booklets and not read them.

Do you support our water quality environmental risk-assessment No

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programme?

Do you support a risk-based approach to dairy farm inspections for compliance monitoring?

No

Any comments?

I cant support the programme in general because all that has happened is that the Govt has allowed a problem to develop with land use and in addition to the multi national investment pressures ,it will bow down to putting a price on Water. The commissioner for the Environment plus others already have voiced their preference for this. Their ignorance in this is that the premise used is Water is free. IT is NOT free as its of no value unless you can CAPTURE it and RETICLULATE it . All of which are not free but can be VERY costly. Even the old Gold mining race water systems are costly to maintain. Which also makes residual flows in some streams a joke when a very dry summer, can see some dry up completely. Putting a price water is where i see this is all going with the use of GPS Water metre remote monitoring, and with the massive extra cost imposed on the whole of the economic infrastructure, is setting us up for perfect storm.!!!

Do you support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows?

No

Do you support funding the deemed water use permit transition work for the Water Management Reserve?

No

Any comments?

My advice is to go back to Govt and start again. As i previous intimated this whole scenario is not about water but Land Use intensification.  
Over allocation of water would not happen if we had a regime of identifying Land Use maximums, and using technology to identify these areas and provide potential rural businesses with what is not and what is possible with what are limited resources. LAND and WATER are are a limited sustainable resource.  
SO land is the starting point. There is plenty of history around the Globe to show what

happens when intensification is not controlled, and it has already been shown its a fallacy the Markets will work this out.

This Govt has allowed massive immigration, massive Bank lending pushing up all land values,promoted increasing overseas ( minimal if not zero taxable) investment, Deforestation due to the dubious carbon market etc. All this is placing pressure on our natural resources and infrastructure and now we are on an over 10 year overdue catchup, with a Govt agenda of market led ideology , but in a desparate election year it has provided a small bribe to Regional and District Councils

My view is, you as Regional Councils have been dupped with policies that are ill conceived and are ambulance at the bottom of the cliff solutions.

An extra comment in regard to the water permit renewals is the issue of imposed better but MORE COSTLY efficient use of water and the pressure to more intensify the landuse, seems to be another unforeseen implication.

Do you support the increased subsidy of public transport in the Wakatipu Basin?

No

Do you support extending the Wakatipu targeted rating area for public transport to include Jack's Point?

No

Any comments?

I dont support these piece meal minor solutions to the massive problem in Queenstown.  
This again is QLDC s own making with allowing development to outpace its long term infrastructure planning.  
The only options are to look to create other transport corridors ie Fast Ferry service from Airport end of lake into Queenstown wharf, and or Light Rail from Frankton into Queenstown (either on pylons on Frankton Rd or along the edge of the lake  
In addition the road via Arrowtown to gorge

road could be developed further by passing arrowtown and a new bridge built over the shotover.

These are all expensive but there are alternative Funding solutions using Reserve Bank Credit at nil interest, just like in 1930s under Savage the State housing estate was built, This perfectly feasible and was advocated last year by 35 Economists around the World to the UK govt. ( i am able to provide much more detail if interested)

When do you think we should open a new office in Queenstown?

Option 1: Establish an office in Queenstown in the 2017/2018 year

Any comments?

I am not sure but as in all these issues the cost get passed on one way or another, as the farmers need to recoup their irrigation costs in their product prices.

Lake snow increased workplan

Yes

Lake restoration scoping work

Yes

Wallaby control

Yes

Climate change adaption (Clutha delta)

Yes

Do you support the change to our Significance and Engagement policy for strategic assets?

Yes

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**2** Draft Annual Plan 2017/18

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I would like to speak with Council about my submission (week starting 22 May) No

How do you think we should structure the rates for civil defence and emergency management? Option 1: Uniform targeted rate (\$25.89 per property). Everyone in Otago pays the same amount – regardless of the value of their property.

Do you support our water quality environmental risk-assessment programme? Yes

Do you support a risk-based approach to dairy farm inspections for compliance monitoring? Yes

Do you support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows? Yes

Do you support the increased subsidy of public transport in the Wakatipu Basin? No

Do you support extending the Wakatipu targeted rating area for public transport to include Jack's Point? No

Any comments? I cannot understand why the Otago Regional Council has an involvement in public bus services. It would make so much more sense to pass that responsibility to local councils.

When do you think we should open a new office Option 2: Delay proposal until the next Long Term Plan process (2018/2019)



in Queenstown?

Lake snow increased  
workplan Yes

Lake restoration scoping  
work Yes

Wallaby control Yes

Climate change adaption  
(Clutha delta) Yes

Do you support the  
change to our  
Significance and  
Engagement policy for  
strategic assets? Yes

Would you like to make  
comments or provide  
feedback on any of the  
other proposed changes? Having regard for previous debate about the  
location of a new Headquarters, it is timely to  
remind those who make this decision that the  
ORC is a service organization that does not  
need a high profile building in any expensive  
part of town. The ORC needs to focus on a  
head office that is functional and relevant to its  
role and not to want to occupy a valuable bit  
of real estate in the centre of Dunedin that  
could be put to better use.


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Tell us whether you support the proposed changes to our work programme for 2017/2018. 798

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I would like to speak with Council about my submission: Yes No  
This would be in the week starting 22 May.

If yes, please provide a contact phone number

### How do you think we should structure the rates for civil defence and emergency management?

- Option 1: Uniform targeted rate (\$25.89 per property). Everyone in Otago pays the same amount – regardless of the value of their property.
- Option 2: 50% uniform targeted rate and 50% general rate. Half of the cost is in general rates, and half is an equal amount paid by everyone.

### When do you think we should open a new office in Queenstown?

- Option 1: Establish an office in Queenstown in the 2017/2018 year
- Option 2: Delay proposal until the next Long Term Plan process (2018/2019)

### Rural water quality

- Do you support our water quality environmental risk-assessment programme? Yes No
- Do you support a risk-based approach to dairy farm inspections for compliance monitoring? Yes No

### How should we structure the rates for the Lower Waitaki River scheme?

- Option 1: Change the way the scheme is paid for, so that 10% of the scheme's costs are paid for as part of general rates, and 90% by the Lower Waitaki River scheme targeted rate
- Option 2: Leave all costs as 100% Lower Waitaki River scheme targeted rate (status quo)

### Minimum flows and deemed water use permit replacement

- Do you support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows?  Yes No
- Do you support funding the deemed water use permit transition work from the Water Management Reserve? Yes No

### Do you support the following activities?

- Lake snow increased workplan Yes  No
- Lake restoration scoping work Yes  No
- Wallaby control Yes  No
- Climate change adaption (Clutha delta) Yes No

### Public transport in the Wakatipu Basin

- Do you support the increased subsidy of public transport in the Wakatipu Basin? Yes  No
- Do you support extending the Wakatipu targeted rating area for public transport to include Jack's Point? Yes  No

### Do you support the change to our Significance and Engagement policy for strategic assets?

Yes No

Would you like to make comments or provide feedback on any of the other proposed changes?

**ALL RIVERS NEED TO HAVE MINIMUM FLOWS CAPABLE OF MAINTAINING THE HEALTH OF THE RIVER & ALL FORMS OF LIFE. THE ORC MUST SET THE MINIMUM FLOWS AS THE GUARDIANS OF OUR RIVERS. AS OUR RIVERS WERE HERE WELL BEFORE PEOPLE, RIVERS MUST BE ALLOWED TO BE RIVERS, NOT POLLUTED DRAINS CAUSED BY TAKING WATER OUT FOR IRRIGATION ETC & DAIRY FARMING.**

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**SUBMISSION TO OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL ON THE LONG TERM PLAN 2017**

12<sup>th</sup> May 2017

To Otago Regional Council [annual\\_plan@orc.govt.nz](mailto:annual_plan@orc.govt.nz)

From Craig Simpson  
NZ Landcare Trust

Contact

I would like to speak to this submission in person

**SUBMISSION****Rural Water Quality Risk Assessment Programme**

I support the initiative and think it is a positive step to enhancing our water resources.

However, I would like to make the following suggestions for amendment of the Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA) programme:

- Having a voluntary ERA is unlikely to get uptake from land owners, there needs to be some sort of impetus e.g. financial, that will encourage a higher degree of uptake.
- There is little clarity around how the proposed ERA will operate and the degree of follow-up support offered.
- There is little information about how data will be gathered, and what will happen to that data.

**Alternative suggestion:**

- Continue with ERAs as a desktop exercise, with various tares of risk, and inform landowners of the outcome of their land use. Do this by charging a fee, or alternatively rates relief i.e. make it compelling to landowners to reduce their environmental risk. Risk to be measured on various attributes including soil type, area farmed etc. which is consistent throughout the Region. Monetary relief or additional charge to be based on:
  - Whether landowners have joined a catchment group.
  - Whether landowners have developed a farm environment plan.

- Whether landowners have done water quality testing.

This will encourage landowners to join catchment groups, develop FEPs, and undertake water testing.

- This would encourage farmers to use current industry tools e.g. SMPs, and LEPs, rather than replicating those already in place, which is a risk with the current proposal.
- Part of the proposed rates increase could therefore go towards supporting catchment groups, and the increase may not need to be so high.
- Follow-up to the ERAs to be undertaken by ORC in conjunction with industry bodies and catchment groups.

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Manuherikia water catchment.

We support an accelerated programme to determine minimum flows.

Also,

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL and the Manuherikia catchment WATER  
USERS work TOGETHER to establish minimum flows.

Part of this work - undertake a water security and economic analysis.

And there is also;

The need to understand the significance of the 820 LPS Environment Court  
minimum flow ruling at Ophir.

Since notification of the Deemed Permits expiry and the then following Ophir  
Environment Court ruling, decisions around all Manuherikia catchment water  
use have been made.

The permit expiry and the environment court ruling are the cornerstones of  
water use in the Manuherikia catchment.

The Ophir court ruling is part of the transition of deemed permit expiry in  
2021.

The two are permanently linked.

To consider any idea that the Ophir minimum flow should change is wrong.

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### Introduction

CCS Disability Action supports around 3,500 disabled people across New Zealand and has been operating for over 80 years. We have a good knowledge of the lived experience of disability. This along with the advocacy and research that we carry out puts CCS Disability Action in an excellent position to work with Local Authorities to improve access across New Zealand.

We fully support the \$2 bus fare proposal for the Wakatipu Basin and believe that the whole community will benefit from cheaper public transport. However to ensure that the greatest benefit is gained from improvements to public transport it is important that the Council works closely with the Queenstown Lakes District Council to ensure that the associated infrastructure (bus stops, footpaths etc.) are accessible. A fully accessible public transport system could be used by some of the current Mobility Taxi users who are excluded from using the buses due to poor access. Failure to do this will mean that a significant and growing section of the community will be excluded from using public transport and making a contribution to the community. We also support the provision of public transport service to Jacks Point.

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**There is already a considerable demand for accessible transport in Queenstown and the demand will increase.**

- The 2013 New Zealand Disability Survey showed 26% of the Otago Population has a disability<sup>i</sup> compared with 24% of New Zealand's Population.
- As the population ages the demand for accessible services and transport will increase, disability increases with age, 59%<sup>i</sup> of the New Zealand Population over the age of 65 has a disability. In addition to this Statistics New Zealand<sup>ii</sup> predicts that the largest growth in the 65+ age group will occur between now and the early 2030's as the baby boomers enter this age group.
- Additionally, it is likely that people over retirement age may wish to remain in the workforce. The national workforce participation rate<sup>iii</sup> for people over the age of 65 has grown from 25,000 or more in the late 1980's to an estimated 150,000 or more in 2015.
- The increased local demand for accessible transport will be compounded by both national and international tourists with access needs. Many tourists with access needs are baby boomers and have the resources and time to travel. Disabled tourists contribution to the Australian Tourism GDP ranged between 11% and 18% of total tourism market in 2003/2004<sup>iv</sup>.

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- In our submission on the Councils 2015 – 2025 long term plan we reported that a Total Mobility Taxi was the only method of transport for many disabled people living the Wakatipu Basin and that the cost was prohibitive. Currently a return journey from Central Arrowtown to the shopping centre in Frankton using a Mobility Taxi is around \$105.00 (this includes the deduction of the Total Mobility subsidy) and the return bus fare from Arrowtown to Frankton is around \$15.00. The current price of travel is a significant barrier to many people travelling within their own community. This means that they have to carefully budget and reserve travel funds for essential travel only e.g. trips to the doctor and that the cost of using public transport for recreational travel is prohibitive.
- The price difference between current cost of public transport and the proposed \$2 fare will allow low income earners and disabled people some choices re moving around the community. For example people travelling from Arrowtown to the Frankton shopping area by bus will save approximately \$26.00 per trip and a Mobility Taxi User making the same journey will save approximately (\$103.00).
- This will not mean a great increase in income, but will open a new world for many people who will be able to move around the community, seek employment as they can afford to travel to work and seek medical attention when required – not when they can afford the cost of transport, particularly Mobility Taxi users.
- The reduced use of Mobility Taxis would result in a decreased subsidy cost for the Otago Regional Council and reduce the demand on the single Mobility Taxi in the Area. This may mean that people whose only mode of transport is a Mobility Taxi will be able to use the Mobility Taxis at a time convenient to them, not what it may be available.

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### Submissions

The community and the council will gain the greatest benefit from improved transport if it ensures that as many people as possible are able to use public transport. To achieve this council needs to consult with the community, access professionals and systematically measure access in the area. To achieve this we recommend that the council -

- 1. Consult with the disabled community and access professionals to ensure that accurate information regarding access requirements is gathered.**

As access needs vary, many Council's find that forming a Disability Advisory Group an informative and inexpensive way to gather information about local access concerns. When this information is used in conjunction with advice from access professionals e.g. transport engineers or access advisors with expert access knowledge, access can be improved and expensive mistakes and retrofitting can be avoided. We have anecdotal reports of people not being able to use accessible buses in Queenstown because they cannot make their way to the bus stop due to inaccessible footpaths or are unable to board buses (even kneeling buses) because the infrastructure creates access problems.

**Systematically measure access needs.** In response to the lack of information and tools for Councils to use to identify access requirements and plan improvements. CCS Disability Action in cooperation with transport professionals and disabled people has developed tools which Councils have successfully used to identify access needs and develop an achievable access improvement plan. These are outlined on the following page..

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- a) **Technical street audits.** These audits are done by professionals with special technical knowledge and skills and can be used to identify the areas where access is poor. We recommend that the Council commit a small percentage of its annual maintenance budget to conducting street audits and using the information gained to plan access improvements as part of its regular maintenance schedule. Some Council's in the North Island have used this process successfully.
- b) **Pedestrian street audits.** This involves counting users of visible mobility aides as a subset of the population. This indicator set is easily identifiable and are present in small numbers where poor access creates a barrier to moving around the community. This process was used in Hamilton<sup>v</sup> to measure pedestrian traffic before and after an infrastructure up grade at an intersection. This study showed an increase in formal crossing use following the improvements, with an increase in all people crossing from 41% to 51% and an 88% increase in visible mobility aide users.

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## Conclusion

By consulting with the disabled community, access professionals and systematically measuring access in cooperation with the Queenstown Lakes District Council, both councils will be able to identify the key areas where access can be improved and meet the increasing demand for accessible public transport in the Wakatipu Basin.

Improving access makes sound economic sense, and the demand for accessible facilities is steadily increasing. It is acknowledged that this is a long-term process that requires a financial investment. However the consequences of poor access will only be compounded in the future if action is not taken.

## We would like to speak to our submission

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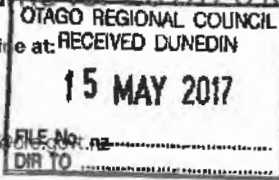
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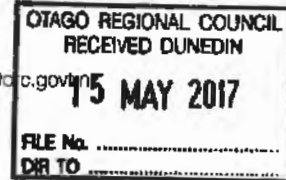
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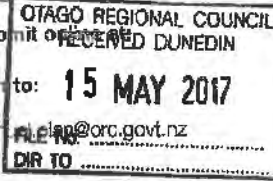
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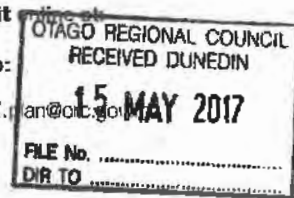
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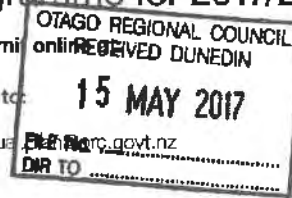
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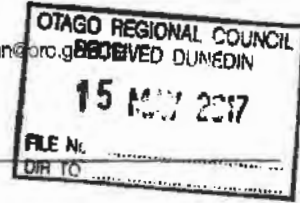
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*Bruce McKenzie*

Organisation  
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*C Should be a specific rural rate not general rate*  
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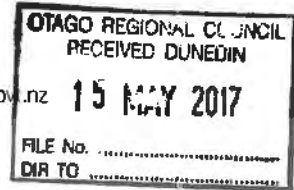
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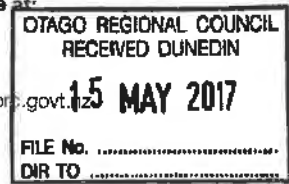
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Email \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Do you support the change to our Significance and Engagement policy for strategic assets?**

I couldn't find any specific reference to "the change" in the Annual Plan. Yes  No

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\* I would be happy to pick option 1 on the basis that the Civil Defence etc costs in my District Council Rates are adjusted down accordingly. It would seem that I am now paying twice for the same possible service.

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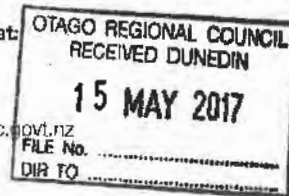
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Name **ELAINE HARBREAVES** Organisation (if applicable)

Email Address

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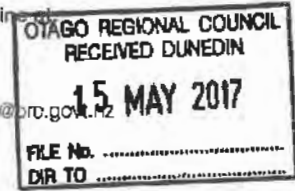
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Name Gerard Doole Organisation (if applicable) Low level.  
Email

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*What is it. No information in the stuff you sent.*

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*Water quality. The key to water quality is managing the land use - not the river flows. It is ridiculous to allow dairy farming in Central Otago. This is what is killing our rivers.*  
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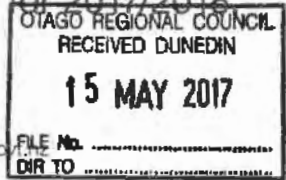
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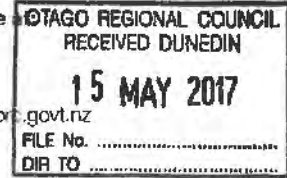
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*would have been more informative to have cost guidelines for establishing Queenstown office to help make decision*

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Good morning,

Please find attached the DairyNZ submission to Otago Regional Council Annual Plan 2017/18.

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Kind regards

**Shaun Burkett**

Regional Policy Manager

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I am authorised to make this submission on behalf of DairyNZ.

DairyNZ wishes to be heard in connection with this submission.

DairyNZ will not gain a trade competition advantage through this submission.

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**Shaun Burkett**  
Regional Policy Manager  
16 May 2017

## **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 DairyNZ welcomes the opportunity to comment on Otago Regional Council's Annual Plan 2017/2018.
- 1.2 DairyNZ recognises that developing a framework to enable the sustainable management of Otago's resources is a complex task. It is our view that close inclusion of the community in the policy development process as well as a foundation of robust science is critical to developing more effective and enduring policy, and, by extension, optimal outcomes for the community, economy, and environment.
- 1.3 DairyNZ is the industry good organisation representing New Zealand's dairy farmers. Funded by a levy on milk solids and through government investment, our purpose is to secure and enhance the profitability, sustainability and competitiveness of New Zealand farming. DairyNZ's work includes research and development to create practical on-farm tools, leading on-farm adoption of best practice farming, promoting careers in dairying, and advocating for farmers with central and regional government.
- 1.4 DairyNZ invests approximately \$13 million per year in environmental management programmes. Through their levy, New Zealand's dairy farmers are investing in scientific research in next generation farm systems and studies which aim to advance our understanding of how to address the impacts of land use on water quality. Additionally, farmers are investing in research to explore the economic impacts of water quality and quantity limits on farm profitability and what this means for local and regional economies.

## **2 DairyNZ engagement in Otago**

- 2.1 DairyNZ is committed to working with the Otago Regional Council to achieve environmentally and economically sustainable dairying in the Otago region.
- 2.2 DairyNZ has developed numerous guides and tools and run extension activities to help dairy farmers make positive change on farm. These include, but are not limited to:
  - A riparian planting calculator that allows farmers to map their waterways and identify how many plants will be required and the cost of this to allowing for better planning;
  - Development of a 'good management practice' mobile app that allows farmer to identify what good management practices they are doing on farm and what they could be doing and providing advice on how to do that;
  - Rural professional workshops and extended technical knowledge at numerous catchment groups.

However, the usefulness of these tools and events are put into question by a lack of clarity from council around what the Water Plan rules mean.

- 2.3 Nationally, DairyNZ continues to work towards implementation of the SDWA, which demonstrates our sector-wide commitment to environmental stewardship by working with Government, regional councils, and NGOs to set environmental management targets. DairyNZ has developed a flagship environmental farm planning tool known as the “Sustainable Milk Plan” (SMP). These Plans are focused on developing farm-specific targets to help landowners to focus on the most effective options to minimize their environmental footprint. The adoption of these Plans across 642 farms in the Upper Karapiro Catchment in South Waikato, for example, resulted in mean reductions in farm nutrient losses of 5% for N and 12% for all actions completed within the first year of the programme. The impact of the implementation of SMPs in Waituna catchment in Southland is currently being quantified.

### **3 Key Consultation Topic: Rural water quality**

- 3.1 DairyNZ are very supportive that council has now turned its focus to the implementation of the plan change 6A provisions. We see this as extremely important, as for on-farm change to occur the resource users must have absolute clarity from the regulatory authority what is required of them. Only then can effective and meaningful change occur, ultimately leading to the maintaining or improvement of water quality in the region.
- 3.2 We are especially supportive that the increased focus on the water plan implementation will lead to the increase in resourcing by the council. The dairy sector has identified that direct regional council contact with farmers in an education and advisory role is one of the key drivers to positively engaging the sector.
- 3.3 DairyNZ is also extremely supportive of council developing, in greater detail, a consenting pathway for those farms that do not meet the permitted activity thresholds in the plan. As mentioned above this clarity will drive on-farm change leading to improvements in water quality.
- 3.4 However, we have concerns about the Environmental Risk Assessments (ERA) the Otago Regional Council proposes as the mechanism to use to advise land owners and to monitor water quality progress. DairyNZ is concerned that the proposal lacks the sufficient detail to confidently add value to farmers making positive change. It is the opinion of DairyNZ that the ERA framework could be used in a much more targeted way to maximise resources and deliver positive outcomes for the farming community and the environment.

- 3.5 The Rural Water Quality Risk Assessment Programme aims to target 6500 farms over three years, or approximately 2100 over each of the three years. This is a huge ask for the council and will require resources far in excess of what the Community Liaison team currently hold.
- 3.6 If it assumed that an ERA will take somewhere between 6-8 hours per property (to cover travel, on-farm assessment, and report writing) then DairyNZ estimates that nine further FTEs will need to be created to run the ERA programme.
- 3.7 These calculations are just based on a one-off visit, as DairyNZ understands this is the intent of the ERA programme. DairyNZ's position is that a one-off visit with no other feedback, other than the report and grade, will be of little benefit to the land owner or the environment. The resources put into the original farmer/council engagement will be wasted if there is no follow up from council to see if the farmer has put actions into place to address any issues determined during the assessment.
- 3.8 DairyNZ is concerned that if a dairy farmer requires help following an ERA visit, there is no confirmed mechanism for assistance in the proposed ERA programme. It may be presumed by council that the support will come from the likes of DairyNZ. However, DairyNZ is a 'one to many' organisation. We are not funded or mandated to provide one on one support. A potential solution is for rural consultants to provide this service, but these consultants will need support from Council to understand the rules and what compliance looks like, as well as being financially compensated.
- 3.9 A key element of the proposed programme is that the ERA's are voluntary, therefore only farmers who agree to the assessments will receive one. This may mean that there are certain catchments in Otago where very little or no farms volunteer. In the opinion of DairyNZ this not an efficient use of council resources and may achieve very little in terms of the water plans objectives.
- 3.10 The voluntary nature of the proposed process means that farmers may not be keen to volunteer if they know they may get into trouble from a compliance perspective. It is DairyNZ's view that any ERA visit should not be a compliance check against the provisions of the Water Plan. ORC already operates a dairy farm inspection programme which aims to visit every dairy farm annually, therefore another check is not warranted. If non-compliance is found during an ERA visit, then a farmer should be given sufficient time to undertake any necessary corrections to their farming operation without having to worry about the threat of immediate enforcement action. This process would be aided by the ERA visit to be undertaken by a member of the Community Liaison team and not by a warranted Compliance Officer.



- 3.11 In DairyNZ's opinion another potential issue is the grading of the farm from the ERA visit. We are unsure of the context of the grade, as it will have no regulation backing (in terms of the PC6A provisions). We recommend that council consider developing criteria for assessing a farm that recognises and acknowledges that each farming operation is different. An assessment where the purpose of that grade is fully understood by the farmer is the optimal outcome.
- 3.12 Following on from that, it is imperative that the council staff that undertake the ERA visits not only know the provisions of the water plan, but are fully cognisant of and understand all the farming systems in Otago, and are suitably trained. DairyNZ feel that putting new, inexperienced, and untrained staff in this position will not lead to improved relationships with the farming community.
- 3.13 A further issue to raise is DairyNZ is uncertain how council intend to manage the information gathered during the proposed ERA visit and subsequent grading report. There are concerns that this information may be commercially sensitive but will remain on file and be publicly available. DairyNZ requests that council will need to address this issue in the development of the proposed ERA programme.

## **4 An Alternative Approach**

- 4.1 DairyNZ submits that the Otago Regional Council should consider amending the proposed Rural Water Quality Risk Assessment Programme to better align with the practical needs of the farming community and to utilise current catchment engagement processes that are underway.
- 4.2 DairyNZ recommend that there is an initial pilot study for 12-18 months, focused on the current 'hotspot' catchments where water quality outcomes are not being met or in danger of not being met. There can then be an assessment period where the programmes performance and impact can be assessed, with respect to farmer engagement, uptake of advocacy services, alignment with the objectives and policies of the Water Plan, and ultimately environmental improvements.
- 4.3 DairyNZ's suggestion is that the targeted catchments for the pilot study are located in South Otago and in North Otago. We understand there is an existing Kakanui catchment science project that the pilot ERA could link in to, as there is existing farmer engagement with council.
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## **5 Appearance at the Annual Plan Hearing**

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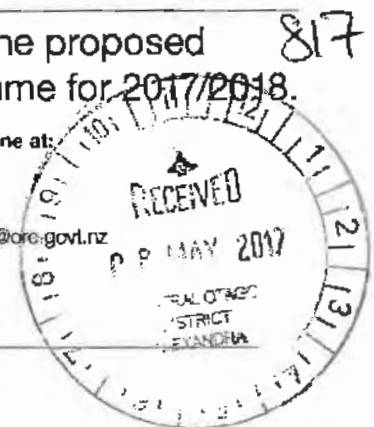
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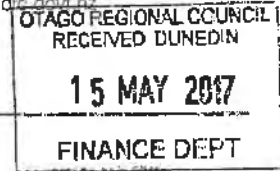
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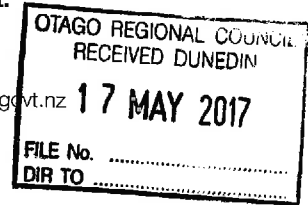
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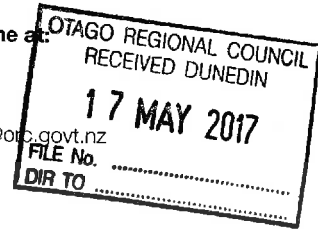
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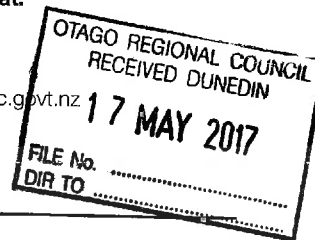
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Yes No

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Your use of the word 'everyone' is misleading!  
Do you not just refer to de rack payed? - which is not everyone.

Rural water quality & dairy farm monitoring is critical for NZ

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Name Jeni Pelvin Organisation (if applicable)  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to speak with Council about my submission: Yes  No   
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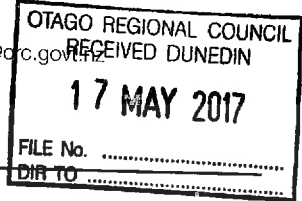
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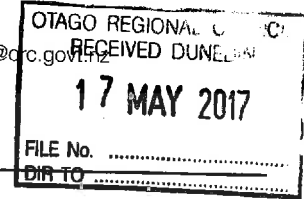
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