

This is a true and correct copy of the Regional Plan: Water for Otago which was approved by the resolution of the Otago Regional Council on Wednesday, 22 April 2020.

This copy of the Regional Plan: Water is deemed to be operative on Saturday, 16 May 2020.

The Common Seal of the Otago Regional Council was hereto affixed pursuant to the resolution of the Council passed on Wednesday 6 May 2020 in the presence of:



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Chairperson

Sarah Gardner

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Chief Executive

Regional Plan: Water for Otago

**Otago Regional Council
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Please note that there is an accompanying volume of maps (ISBN 978-0-908324-08-8) which identifies features and areas referred to in this Plan.

All grid references used in this Plan are based on the NZMS 260 Series.

The Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan added new definitions to the Glossary of this Plan. The new definitions only apply where the terms are underlined in this Plan.

Chronicle of Key Events

Key event	Date notified	Date decisions released	Date operative
Regional Plan: Water	28 February 1998	7 July 2000	1 January 2004
Variation No. 1 to the Regional Plan: Water	3 October 1998	7 July 2000	1 January 2004
Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan	19 February 2005	30 September 2005	3 July 2006
Plan Change 1A to the Regional Plan: Water	17 August 2005	1 April 2006	1 August 2006
Plan Change 1B (Minimum Flows) to the Regional Plan: Water	20 December 2008	31 October 2009	1 March 2010
Plan Change 3A (Minimum Flow for Taieri River at Tiroiti) to the Regional Plan: Water	26 June 2010	8 December 2010	1 May 2011
Amendment 1 (NPS Freshwater Management) to the Regional Plan: Water	24 June 2011	24 June 2011	1 July 2011
Plan Change 1C (Water Allocation and Use) to the Regional Plan: Water	20 December 2008	10 April 2010	1 March 2012
Plan Change 4A (Groundwater and North Otago Volcanic Aquifer) to the Regional Plan: Water	18 September 2010	24 September 2011	1 March 2012
Plan Change 2 (Regionally Significant Wetlands) to the Regional Plan: Water	2 July 2011	12 May 2012	1 October 2013
Plan Change 6A (Water Quality) to the Regional Plan: Water	31 March 2012	20 April 2013	1 May 2014
Plan Change 3B (Pomahaka catchment minimum flow) to the Regional Plan: Water	16 August 2014	14 February 2015	1 June 2015
Plan Change 4B (Groundwater allocation) to the Regional Plan: Water	17 May 2014	13 December 2014	1 September 2015
Plan Change 4C (Groundwater management: Cromwell Terrace Aquifer) to the Regional Plan: Water	16 August 2014	13 December 2014	1 September 2015
Plan Change 3C (Waiwera catchment minimum flow) to the Regional Plan: Water	13 December 2014	8 August 2015	1 March 2016

Amendment 2 (NES Plantation Forestry) to the Regional Plan: Water	30 June 2018	30 June 2018	1 July 2018
Plan Change 6AA to the Regional Plan: Water	5 October 2019	8 February 2020	16 May 2020

How to Use the Regional Plan: Water

This Regional Plan: Water considers the use, development and protection of the fresh water resources of the Otago region, the beds and margins of water bodies, and the issues associated with that use, development and protection. This Plan provides objectives, policies, rules and other methods of implementation to address those issues. The rules of the Plan determine the status of any particular activity and determine whether a resource consent will be required before that activity can be carried out.

Subject to Sections 86A to 86G of the Resource Management Act, a resource consent is required for any activity which this Regional Plan: Water specifies as being:

- (a) A controlled activity;
- (b) A restricted discretionary activity;
- (c) A discretionary activity; or
- (d) A non-complying activity.

In some cases, the Plan specifies certain activities as being prohibited activities. These are activities which cannot occur and are activities for which no resource consent will be issued.