

MEMORANDUM

To: Fleur Matthews, Manager Policy and Planning
From: Dolina Lee, Senior Policy Analyst, Policy and Planning
Date: 23 March 2026
Re: Recommended minor corrections to the Regional Plans: Air, Coast, Waste, and Water, pursuant to Clause 20A of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991

1.0 Introduction

A recent review of the Regional Plans: Air, Coast, Waste and Water has revealed a number of minor errors in these Plans. The minor errors include spelling mistakes, grammatical, formatting and typographical errors and incorrect cross referencing.

Clause 20A of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) states:

“A local authority may amend, without using the process in this schedule, an operative policy statement or plan to correct any minor errors.”

2.0 Rationale

It is considered appropriate to use Clause 20A of Schedule 1 to the RMA to amend the Regional Plans Air, Coast, Waste and Water because the amendments are made solely for the purpose of correcting minor errors. These corrections do not alter the substance, intent or application of the provisions in any material way.

3.0 Recommended Amendments

The recommended minor corrections are shown in Appendix 1. The changes are shown in **red strikethrough** and **underline**.

4.0 Delegation to make the amendment

The ORC Delegations Manual delegates the ORC’s function to amend an operative plan in accordance with Clause 20A of Schedule 1 of the RMA to the Manager Policy and Planning.¹

¹ Otago Regional Council Delegations Manual December 2025, p22.

5.0 Recommendation

Approve the minor corrections to the Water Plan under Clause 20A of Schedule 1 of the RMA.

Approved under Delegated Authority
Fleur Matthews, Manager Policy and Planning



Date: 2 April 2026

Appendix 1 Recommended minor corrections to the Regional Plans: Air, Coast, Waste, and Water, pursuant to Clause 20A of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991 (approved 2 April 2026)

#	Plan Provision	Details of proposed change	Reason
Air Plan			
1.	Rule 16.3.5 Reasons for adopting	Correct an error in the second paragraph by removing the comma after 16.3.5.1 as follows: The activities permitted by Rules 16.3.5.1 ; to 16.3.5.8 ...	Correcting a typographical error.
2.	16.3.15(2)	Correct an error in Clause (2) by adding a fullstop as follows: Rules 16.3.15.1 and 16.3.15.5 may apply.	Correcting a typographical error.
3.	Schedule 7	Correct an error in the last bullet point in 'Interpretation' by amending "affects" to "effects" as follows: For dusts and other pollutants that primarily produce amenity affect effects, ...	Correcting a grammatical error.
4.	Glossary	Correct the definition of "Effect" by amending to read: ... (d) Any cumulative effect which arises over time or in combination with other effects – (e)re regardless of the scale, intensity, duration or frequency of the effect, and also includes – – (ef) Any potential effect of high probability; and (fg) Any potential effect of low probability which has a high potential impact.	Definition of "Effect" clause (e) has a superfluous 're' at the beginning and should not be numbered (e) (c.f. RMA clause 3).
5.	Glossary	Correct an error by putting defined terms in alphabetical order.	Definitions of "Agrichemical," "Airshed," "Discharge," and "Recognised heritage building" are out of alphabetical order.
Coast Plan:			
6.	How to use the Regional Plan Coast	Correct an error by removing the '3' before 'However' at the beginning of the second sentence in paragraph 2 as follows: A resource consent is not required for any activity that is identified as a permitted activity. 3 However ...	Correcting a typographical error.
7.	Anticipated Environmental Result 5.7.5	Correct a spelling mistake as follows: The values associated with coastal harbourside harbourside areas ...	Correcting a spelling mistake.
8.	8.1 Introduction	Correct an error by amending the first sentence of the third paragraph as follows: No person may erect, reconstruct, place, alter, extend, remove or demolish any structure or any part of a structure that is fixed in, on, under or over any foreshore of seabed ...	Correcting a grammatical error.
9.	Policy 8.4.2 Cross referencing	Correct an error by deleting the second instance of '6.4.3' as follows:	Policy 6.4.3 is listed twice in the cross referencing.

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		<i>Other Policies</i> 5.4.2, 5.4.6, 6.4.3, 6.4.3 , 9.4.2, 10.4.2	
10.	Policy 8.4.5 Cross referencing	Correct an error in “Other Methods” as follows: Other Methods 18.6.1 to 18.6.4	Correcting a typographical error. There are no methods 1.6.1 to 1.6.4.
11.	Rule 8.5.1.8 Matters of discretion	Correct an error in numbering by renumbering second (xiii) to (xiv) as follows: ... (xiii) Any adverse effect on any biological community; and (xiii) (xiv) Any adverse effect on water quality; and (xv) Any adverse effect on Kai Tahu cultural and spiritual values; and ...	Correcting a formatting error. (The rest of the numbering in the sequence is correct.)
12.	8.5.2 Note	Correct an error by amending the Note as follows: The Harbours Act 1950 requires that the Director of Maritime of Transport is informed of: ...	Correcting a grammatical error.
13.	8.6.2.1 Other Methods	Correct an error by adding an ‘s’ to ‘hearing’ as follows: To hold joint hearings, where appropriate, ...	Correcting a grammatical error.
14.	Objective 9.3.3 cross referencing	Correct an error by adding a space between 8.3.2,8.3.3 in Other Objectives as follows: <i>Other Objectives</i> 5.3.1, 6.3.1, 7.3.2, 8.3.1, 8.3.2, 8.3.3, 8.3.4	Correcting a typographical error.
15.	Rule 9.5.4.1(ii):	Correct an error by amending second 170°42.47'E (line four) to read 170°42.33'E as follows: (ii) Spit Beach 45° 45.18'S 170° 42.74'E 45° 46.05'S 170° 42.93'E 45 ° 45.72'S 170° 42.47'E 45° 46.04'S 170° 42.47'E 170°42.33'E	Amending the information to align with the Schedule and maps. (c.f. Schedule 5)
16.	Rule 9.5.4.3	Correct an error by deleting the ‘s’ on ‘Rules’ as follows: Except as provided for by Rules s 9.5.4.1, any activity ...	Correcting a typographical error.
17.	Objective 10.3.2 Cross referencing	Correct an error by deleting 11.3.2 from ‘Other Objectives’ as follows: Other Objectives 5.3.1, 6.3.1, 7.3.1, 7.3.2, 11.3.2	There is no Objective 11.3.2.
18.	Policy 10.4.3 Cross referencing	Correct an error by deleting the second instance of ‘9.6.4’ as follows: <i>Other Policies</i> 5.4.1, 5.4.2, 5.4.8, 7.4.1, 7.4.5, 8.4.6, 9.4.6, 9.4.6 , 9.4.7, 14.4.2	Policy 9.4.6 is listed twice in ‘Other Policies’.
19.	Objective 11.3.1 Principal reason for adopting	Correct an error in the second sentence by removing the ‘s’ from ‘embayments’ as follows: Within any estuary, inlet, harbour or embayment s , ...	Correcting a typographical error.
20.	Objective 12.3.1 Cross referencing	Correct an error in ‘Other Objectives’ by amending 5.3.4. to 5.3.1 as follows: <i>Other Objectives</i> 5.3. 4 1, 6.3.1, 7.3.2, 8.3.1	There is no Objective 5.3.4. Objective 5.3.1 is the only objective in Chapter 5 and provides for the use of the CMA while preserving conservation and amenity values.

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21.	Chapter 13 even page footers	Correct the spelling mistake in the even page footers as follows: Regional Plan: Coast for Otago (Updated to Augutst August 2025)	Correcting a spelling mistake.				
22.	Issue 14.2.2 cross referencing	Correct an error by deleting 14.4 as follows: <i>Policies 14.4.2, 14.4.4, 14.4.</i>	Cross referencing to policies has an extra 14.4 that is redundant.				
23.	Schedule 2.3:	Correct an error in row CRA 12 by renaming “Seconds Beach” to “Second Beach” as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="432 461 1062 562"> <tr> <td>CRA 12 Seconds Beach</td> <td>Swimming, walking and surfing. NZMS 260, I, J44: 149740 to 149738</td> </tr> </table>	CRA 12 Second s Beach	Swimming, walking and surfing. NZMS 260, I, J44: 149740 to 149738	Second Beach is the correct name of the locality.		
CRA 12 Second s Beach	Swimming, walking and surfing. NZMS 260, I, J44: 149740 to 149738						
24.	Schedule 6	Correct an error in row DCAL53 by removing the semi colon as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="432 636 1062 701"> <tr> <td>DCAL 53</td> <td>Green Island</td> <td>RANT</td> <td>NZMS 260, I45: 074695;</td> </tr> </table>	DCAL 53	Green Island	RANT	NZMS 260, I45: 074695 ;	Correcting a typographical error.
DCAL 53	Green Island	RANT	NZMS 260, I45: 074695 ;				
25.	Glossary	Correct errors in the definitions of ‘Coastal Water’ and ‘Open Coastal Water’ by adding an ‘s’ to ‘embayment’ as follows: Coastal Water: ... (b) Seawater in estuaries, fiords, inlets, harbours, or embayment s . Open Coastal Water: Coastal water that is remote from estuaries, fiords, inlets, harbours, and embayment s .	Correcting a typographical error. (c.f. RMA clause 2)				
26.	Glossary	Correct an error in definition of ‘Contaminant’ as follows: Includes any substance (including gases, liquids, solids and micro-organisms) or energy (excluding noise) or heat, that either by itself or in combination with the same, similar, or other substances, energy or heat: W when discharged into water, ...	Correcting a grammatical error. (c.f. RMA clause 2)				
27.	Glossary	Correct an error in the definitions of ‘Esplanade reserve’ and ‘Esplanade strip’ by adding an asterisk as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="432 1491 1094 1688"> <tr> <td>Esplanade reserve*</td> <td>A reserve within the meaning of the Reserves Act 1977 - (a) Which is either - ...</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Esplanade strip*</td> <td>A strip of land created by ...</td> </tr> </table>	Esplanade reserve*	A reserve within the meaning of the Reserves Act 1977 - (a) Which is either - ...	Esplanade strip*	A strip of land created by ...	Definitions taken from the RMA are denoted with an asterisk in all the Regional Plans.
Esplanade reserve*	A reserve within the meaning of the Reserves Act 1977 - (a) Which is either - ...						
Esplanade strip*	A strip of land created by ...						
28.	Glossary	Correct an error in the definition of ‘Restricted discretionary activity’ by amending as follows: If an activity is described in the Resource Management Act 199 9 1, ...	The reference should be the Resource Management Act 1991 .				
29.	Maps	Correct an error by amending the map to label Warrington Spit/Doctor’s Point Coastal Hazard area as CHA4.	Warrington Spit/Doctor’s Point is mislabelled CHA5 (Coastal Hazard Areas, Schedule 3).				

Waste Plan:

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30.	Chronicle of key events	Correct an error in the title of “Chronicle of key events” as follows: Eroniete Chronicle of key events	Correcting a spelling mistake.
31.	Inconsistent use of ‘wahi tapu’ and ‘waahi tapu’	Correct an error by amending wahi tapu in section 2.1 to waahi tapu as follows: Manawhenua philosophy advocates the non-contamination of areas of mahika kai (food resources) and waahi tapu. This is especially important in terms of human toeka (human wastes). The spiritual nature of waahi tapu requires that they be free from wastes of any kind.	Waahi tahu and Waahi taoka are used consistently throughout the plan except in section 2.1.
32.	Section 1	Correct an error in the headings of section 1 of the Plan by capitalising ‘plan’ as follows. 1.2 The need for this pPlan 1.3 Purpose of this pPlan 1.4 Operation of this pPlan 1.5 Contents of this pPlan and amending the contents page as follows: 1.1 Extent of pPlan 1.2 The need for this pPlan 1.3 Purpose of this pPlan 1.4 Operation of this pPlan 1.5 Contents of this pPlan	Inconsistent capitalisation of ‘plan’ in titles (e.g. capitalised in this heading (1.1), but not in the other headings in this chapter).
33.	Section 6.1.3 Figure 3	Correct an error in the label of Figure 3 by removing the fullstops as follows: Figure 3: Evaluation of a waste producing process and the management of potentially hazardous waste. (Adapted from Ministry for the Environment (1993) New Zealand Waste Hazardous Substances Handbook, Figure 3.1 & 3.2)-	Correcting a typographical error for consistency with other Figures in the Plan.
34.	Rule 6.6.1(2)	Correct an error by adding an ‘or’ to the end of Rule 6.6.1(2) as follows: 2. The discharge of any contaminant into water; or 3. ...	There should be an ‘or’ at the end of this clause for clarity and consistency with the rest of the Rule.
35.	Clauses 9.2.2(1)	Correct an error by deleting ‘5.4.7’ from clause (1) as follows: Numbers of contaminated sites located and investigated. (Policies 5.4.2, 5.4.7);	There is no Policy 5.4.7.
36.	9.2.2(6)	Correct an error by amending clause (6) as follows: Degree of consultation with Kai Tahu. (Policy 5.4.1; Method 5.5. 87).	There is no Method 5.5.8. Method 5.5.7 requires ORC to consult with Manawhenua on the approach and practices being adopted dealing with contaminated sites.
37.	Glossary	Amend an error in the glossary by moving the definition of ‘Cleaner production’ to before the definition of ‘Cleanfill’.	Correcting an error by putting the defined terms in alphabetical order.
38.	Glossary	Amend an error in the definition of ‘Non-complying activity’ by adding an asterisk as follows:	Definitions taken from the RMA are denoted with an

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		Non-complying activity*	An activity (not being a prohibited activity) which: ...	asterisk in all the Regional Plans.		
39.	Glossary	Amend an error in the glossary by moving the definition of 'Waste oil' to after the definition of 'Waste minimisation'.		Correcting an error by putting the defined terms in alphabetical order.		
Water Plan:						
40.	Whole Plan	Add macrons to all instances of Kāi Tahu and Ngāi Tahu throughout the Plan.		Inconsistent use of macrons in Kāi Tahu and Ngāi Tahu throughout the Plan (e.g. macrons missing in Policy 7.D.9 despite all other instances of 'Kāi Tahu' in Chapter 7 having the macron). Use of macrons should be consistent throughout the Plan.		
41.	Preface	Add Chairman's Foreword and seal page.		These have not been included in the online Plan, and they should be added.		
42.	Objective 9.3.1 cross referencing	Correct an error by deleting cross reference to Objective 9.3.1 as follows: <i>See also: Objective 9.3.1</i>		This objective is cross referencing to itself.		
43.	Note above 10A.2.2	Remove underline.		Correcting an error.		
44.	11.2.4 Table 2	Correct an error in row 4 'The damming or diversion of water' by amending the reference to the rules in 12.2 to the rules in 12.3 as follows: <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">• The damming or diversion of water</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">12.23 The damming or diversion of water</td> </tr> </table>		• The damming or diversion of water	12.23 The damming or diversion of water	Correcting a typographical error.
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45.	11.2.4 Table 2	Correct an error in column 1 of row 5 by deleting "expiring prior to 31 December 2025" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replacement of deemed permits, or the take and use of surface water under a permit <i>expiring prior to 31 December 2025</i> 		This is a consequential change to Amendment 4 to the Water Plan August 2025:		
46.	Rule 12.1.1A.2	Correct an error by adding 's,' to 'matter' in the second paragraph as follows: In considering an application to which this rule applies the consent authority will have regard, among other matters, to Policies 6.6A.1 to 6.6A.5.		Correcting a typographical error.		
47.	12.1.6 Principal Reasons for adopting	Correct an error by capitalising the 'r' in 'rules' in the last sentence of last paragraph, as follows: Non-complying activity #Rules 12.1.1A.2 and 12.1.1A.3 were added to this Plan ...		Correcting a typographical error.		
48.	Rule 12.B.A.1(b)	Correct an error by amending Clause (b) as follows: (b) Is from an industrial or trade premises or a consented dam.		Correcting a grammatical error.		

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49.	Rule 13.5.3.2	Correct an error by amending '31.5.1.3' to 13.5.1.3 as follows: Unless covered by Rules 13.5.1.1, 31 13.5.1.3, 13.5.1.5A ...	Correcting a typographical error. There is no chapter 31 in the Water Plan.		
50.	13.7 Principal reasons for adopting	Correct an error in the last sentence of the last paragraph by amending 'of' to 'or' as follows: Any other removal of material of the identified plants from the bed of any lake o for river is a controlled activity ...	Correcting a grammatical error.		
51.	Advice note after Rule 13.5.1.8A	Correct an error by removing the second advice note as the information is no longer correct, as follows: Advice Note: The proposed Land and Water Regional Plan, when notified in December 2023, may introduce provisions regulating stock exclusion in a Freshwater Management Unit, or any part of a Freshwater Management Unit in addition to Resource Management (Stock Exclusion) Regulations 2020.	Removing incorrect information in an advice note.		
52.	Method 15.4.2.1(d)	Correct an error in clause (d) by adding a 's' to 'allow' as follows: (d) Ensures the retention of appropriate existing riparian vegetation, and allow s s appropriate revegetation; ...	Correcting a grammatical error.		
53.	Schedule 1A Lakes Subregion	Correct an error in row 46 Nevis River by removing the second comma as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="432 1070 922 1205"> <tr> <td>Nevis River</td> <td>Psize, Ppass, Prock, Pgravel, Psand, Hspawn, Hjuve,</td> </tr> </table>	Nevis River	Psize, Ppass, Prock, Pgravel, Psand, Hspawn, Hjuve,	Correcting a typographical error.
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54.	Schedule 1A Southwest Otago Subregion	Correct an error in row 1 Pomahaka River by adding a colon as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="432 1279 1066 1406"> <tr> <td>Pomahaka River</td> <td>... Between G45:416466 and confluence with Clutha River/Mata-Au</td> </tr> </table>	Pomahaka River	... Between G45:416466 and confluence with Clutha River/Mata-Au	Correcting a typographical error.
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55.	Schedule 1A	Correct errors throughout the Schedule by amending the fullstops to commas.	There are fullstops throughout the tables where there should be commas (e.g. after Invdiv in Pomahaka row).Correcting typographical errors.		
56.	Schedule 1D Table 4	Correct an error in line 3 MA3 by adding a comma between 'sites' and 'areas' in the second sentence, as follows: (Note: Kai Tahu should be consulted regarding the location of these places, sites, areas and values for a river identified as MA3).	Correcting a grammatical error.		
57.	Schedule 3B	Correct an error in row 7 Roxburgh water supply by adding a dash as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="432 1951 1046 1984"> <tr> <td>7</td> <td>Roxburgh Water Supply at G43:210-132.</td> </tr> </table>	7	Roxburgh Water Supply at G43:210-132.	For consistency with other entries in the table.
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58.	Schedule 4B.1 has a typo: “Restrriktion”	Correct the spelling mistake as follows: 4B.1 Restrriktion Restrriktion levels for groundwater takes	Correcting a spelling mistake.		
59.	Schedule 4B.2	Correct the spelling mistake as follows: 4B.2 Restrriktion Restrriktion for Cromwell Terrace Aquifer	Correcting a spelling mistake.		
60.	Schedule 5 – Situations Where stream depletion effect is unlikely	Correct the spelling mistake in the fourth paragraph as follows: These situations are often not immediately discernabled discernible and ...	Correcting a spelling mistake.		
61.	Schedule 8	Correct an error by removing the reference to Rule 12.C.1.1A as follows: If these requirements are met, in addition to the conditions set out in Rules 12.C.1.1 and 12.C.1.1A , and ...	Rule 12.C.1.1A was repealed by Amendment 4 in August 2025.		
62.	Schedule 13 Table	Correct errors in by removing colons in header rows as follows: Otago Catchment Board and Regional Water Board, General Authorisations 1988: And Otago Catchment Board and Regional Water Board, Bylaw 1988:	For consistency with other header rows.		
63.	Schedule 13 Table	Correct an error by merging the columns in the last header row of the table (Taieri River Trust Bylaw No.1 1960).	For consistency with other header rows.		
64.	Schedule 15 Table 15.1	Correct an error by removing the hyphen form water-colour in row two of table 15.1 as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="432 1249 1066 1328"> <tr> <td>Colour</td> <td>Water-colour is not altered by contamination.</td> </tr> </table>	Colour	Water-colour is not altered by contamination.	Correcting a typographical error.
Colour	Water-colour is not altered by contamination.				
65.	Schedule 15 Table 15.2.3	Correct an error in the second row of Table 15.2.3 by shading the ‘exempt’ cell.	For consistency with other ‘Exempt’ cells.		
66.	Schedule 15 Tables 15.2.2, 15.2.4 and 15.2.5	Correct errors by amending 31March to 31 March wherever it occurs (adding a space).	Correcting typographical errors.		
67.	Schedule 17 Table 17.1	Correct an error in row 10 River Crossings of Table 17.1 as follows: Subpart 4 – River C crossings	For consistency with other header rows in Table 17.1.		
68.	Schedules 18 and 19	Correct and error in the headers of Schedules 18 and 19 as follows: SCHEDULE 17: RULES APPLYING TO PLANTATION FORESTRY IN OTAGO 18 SCHEDULE OF POND DROP TEST REQUIREMENTS AND CRITERIA SCHEDULE 20: SCHEDULE DEFINING SUITABLY QUALIFIED PERSONS 19 : SCHEDULE OF PROGRESSIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANIMAL EFFLUENT STORAGE REQUIREMENTS	Correcting a formatting error.		

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69.	Schedule 19	<p>Correct an error in the table in Schedule 19B as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Days of storage available as calculated in accordance with Schedule 19BA</th> <th>Year</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Days of storage available as calculated in accordance with Schedule 19BA	Year			Correcting a typographical error as the calculation is in Schedule 19A.
Days of storage available as calculated in accordance with Schedule 19BA	Year						
70.	Schedule 20	<p>Correct an error in the final paragraph by deleting 'Rule' and correct the alignment, as follows: For the purposes of Rules 14.7.1.1(a) and Rule 14.7.2.1(a), a Suitably Qualified Person has: ...</p>	Correcting a typographical error, the second 'rule' is superfluous.				
71.	Glossary and Appendices	Correct numbering of chapters in the Plan by renumbering the Glossary to 22 and the Appendices to 23.	New schedules have been added to the Plan, but the numbering of the following chapters have not been updated.				
72.	Appendix 1 The Macro-invertebrate Community Index	Correct errors in the Plan by adding fullstops to abbreviations as follows: (aquatic insects, crustaceans, snails, worms etc.) (e.g. sampling is undertaken in fast-flowing, shallow stony "riffles" ...)	For consistency with the rest of the Plan.				