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Chairperson's Foreword



It gives me great pleasure to present this Regional Plan: Waste, the Otago Regional Council's first full plan developed under the Resource Management Act.

The Regional Plan: Waste ushers in a new era for waste management in Otago and sets out clear directions in the vital areas of waste minimisation, and in the management of landfills, contaminated sites and hazardous substances and wastes. This Plan provides an integrated approach to these waste issues, the aim of which is to reduce the adverse effects associated with Otago's waste stream.

This integrated approach encompasses the elements of reduce, reuse and recycle with careful consideration of the appropriate management and disposal of the waste that is generated. Every product needs to be considered in a life-cycle manner with respect to waste.

This issue of waste is a crucial one for all of us in Otago. It is estimated that each New Zealander produces more than 660 kg of waste each year. The fact is that waste is everyone's problem and we must work together to bring about a reduction in the amount generated. Reducing the amount of waste must be our first priority.

While prepared by the Otago Regional Council, this Plan belongs to the region. It was developed following extensive consultation carried out over a number of years, with the community, Otago's city and district councils and those involved in waste management.

This and following regional plans on the Coast, Land, Water and Air, provide specific planning frameworks to address environmental issues in Otago under the policy umbrella of the Regional Policy Statement. These documents will provide a comprehensive management direction for the natural and physical resources of our region.

May I take this opportunity to express the Otago Regional Council's sincere thanks to all those involved in the Plan's development. Your involvement, support and interest has assisted us greatly in preparing this Regional Plan.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Louise Rosson' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Louise Rosson
Chairperson

Users' Guide

The Regional Plan: Waste for Otago deals with Otago's significant regional waste management issues. It provides objectives, policies and methods of implementation in order to address those issues. Each of the issues, objectives and policies is accompanied by explanations and principal reasons.

The Plan is divided into eleven parts as follows:

1. Introduction
2. Statutory Framework
3. Manawhenua Issues
4. Waste Minimisation
5. Contaminated Sites - including rules
6. Hazardous Substances and Hazardous Wastes - including rules
7. Landfills - including rules
8. Cross-boundary Issues
9. Monitoring
10. Glossary
11. Appendices

In order to reflect the inter-related nature of these sections, a reference system has been used within the Plan to provide a linkage between chapters, and between issues, objectives, policies and methods within each chapter:

- Each of the issues is referenced through to the relevant objectives and policies within each chapter;
- Each of the objectives is referenced through to the relevant policies within each chapter; and
- Each of the policies is referenced through to the relevant methods within each chapter.

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