

SUBMISSION FORM – Proposed Plan Change 7(Water Permits) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago

Form 5, Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

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I do not wish (circle preference) to be heard in support of my further submission.

If others made a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.
(Delete if you would not consider presenting a joint case)

Trade competitor's declaration (if applicable)

I could / could not (circle one) gain an advantage in trade competition from this submission

I am / am not (circle one) directly affected by an effect of the plan change that

- (a) Adversely affects the environment; and
- (b) Does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Signature of submitter: 

Date: 8-4-2020

(Or person authorised to sign on behalf of person making submission.

Signature not required if you make your submission by electronic means)

Please note that all submissions are made available for public inspection.

State what your submission relates to and if you support, oppose, or want it amended:

(e.g. support rule 'x', or amend policy 'y')

"Suction dredge gold mining is an activity that involves a non-consumptive take of water. We seek a revised set of policies and rules that acknowledge non-consumptive takes.

I oppose the blanket provision that limits new water permits for a duration of six years as non-consumptive takes have not been considered in this plan change. Non-consumptive takes should not be assessed as a non-complying activity.

State what decision you want the Otago Regional Council to make:
(e.g. amend policy 'y' to say....)

I seek the following relief (Additions are underlined and in bold)

Policy 10A.2.2 Irrespective of any other policies in this Plan concerning consent duration, only grant new resource consents for the take and use of water for a duration of no more than six years, **except for non-consumptive takes which may have a greater duration.**

Rule 10A.3.1.1 Despite any other rule or rules in this Plan;
a) any activity that is currently authorised under a Deemed Permit; or b) the take and use of surface water (including groundwater considered as surface water under policy 6.4.1A (a), (b) and (c) of this Plan) that is currently authorised by an existing water permit where that water permit expires prior to 31 December 2025;

is a controlled activity provided the following conditions are met:
(i) **Except for non-consumptive takes,** the consent duration sought is no more than six years; and
(ii) The deemed permit or water permit that is being replaced is a valid permit; and ..."
(vii) **Non-consumptive takes will be assessed as a controlled activity.**

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Give reasons for the decision you want made:
(e.g. I want policy 'y' changed because...)

The policy change doesn't allow for different operations such as suction dredging which just takes and discharges the water immediately after the fact

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Please attach any additional information.

SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5.00 PM ON Monday 4 May 2020

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Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the authority is satisfied that at least 1 of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission):

- it is frivolous or vexatious;
- it discloses no reasonable or relevant case;
- it would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further;
- it contains offensive language;
- it is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.