



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 **wish** 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.

I support the Otago Regional Council in the Proposed Plan Change 7 (Water Permits) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago

I support all the following matters:

The Council reserves control over the following matters (a) to (i) Page 4

In particular:

(a) Intake method and flow rate controls to avoid or mitigate fish entrainment

(d) Provision of fish passage

It is vital to protect the life and health of aquatic ecosystems in our waterways.

(c) Efficiency of water use and how that efficiency is to be sustained for the duration of the water permit

Water is a valuable resource and should not be wasted. With increasing demand for usage in recent times, it must be proven that water is being used efficiently.

(e)The rules or operating procedures of any relevant water allocation committee that exists for the catchment

The management of water in any catchment should be achieved by consultation and consensus with ORC and the water catchment communities. I emphasize that communities should not be represented by a water allocation committee.

(f)Minimum flow, residual flow or take cessation conditions

In these matters Council is able to consider minimum flows that will support the life and health of instream ecosystems and allow ample water flow for other users to enjoy this valued resource.

(i)The point and method of measurement and the method for transmitting recorded data to Council

In future it should be mandatory that all water takes be metered and that data be transmitted to Council.

I ask for clarification relating to the following matter:

10A Methodology (Page 5)

Where a water meter records the volume of water taken over a fixed period of time, the rate of take will be calculated by etc etc

I can find no reference to how water takes that are not metered, are calculated.

I apologise in advance if I have missed the reference to this matter.

In all decisions relating to the issuing of Water Permits, I ask Council to:

- 1) Ensure the protection of natural character and amenity values of our waterways.
- 2) Retain river flows that are sufficient to maintain their life-supporting capacity for aquatic ecosystems
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Please attach any additional information.

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- 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.