

Resource Management (Waitaki Catchment) Amendment Act 2004

- Section 27 – Canterbury Regional Plan for allocation of water in Waitaki Catchment
- Section 14 and 15 prevent other regional plans from dealing with allocation of water in the Waitaki Catchment.

The Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan (WRP) provides for the allocation of water in the Waitaki catchment. The WRP identifies that water is essential in sustaining the natural and social values of the catchment. It identifies that water is required for a number of differing values and at times these values can compete with each other.

Consents Required under the WRP

- SHL (Glen Eyrie Downs) is seeking a total volume of 12,408,000m³ per annum from Lake Ohau. This does not comply with the allocation limits set out in Table 5 of the WRP and is a non complying activity pursuant to Rule 16 of the WRP.
- Five Rivers (Ohau Downs) application seeks a total of 8,958,000m³ per annum which is within the allocation limits outlined in Table 5. SHL has priority over the Five Rivers so this application is a non complying activity also.
- The applications lodged by both Killermont (WHL) and Killermont Station to take water from the Ahuriri River require consent pursuant to Rule 15 of the WRP for a discretionary activity (compliance with WCO minimum flows).
- Killermont Station has also applied to take water from Manuka Creek and Frosty Gully. The proposed abstraction from Manuka Creek is a discretionary activity pursuant to Rule 15 of the WRP. The proposed abstraction from Frosty Gully is via an existing water race and in this regard there is no minimum flow to be applied. However, Rule 2 of the WRP requires all takes to comply with a minimum flow regime and therefore consent is required for a non comply activity pursuant to Rule 16 of the WRP.

Relevant objectives and policies – abstraction and use

Canterbury Regional Policy Statement

- Overarching regional objectives and policies
- Objectives 1, 2 and 3 of Chapter 9 relate to the allocation of water for present and future generations while seeking to safeguard the values of the relevant water body, the use of land where it affects flows in a water body and water quality.

Waitaki Catchment Allocation Regional Plan (WRP)

- Objectives 1 – 5
- Policies 2 – 8 - environmental flow and level regimes
- Policies 11 – 14 - allocation of water to horticultural and agricultural activities
- Policy 13 – water quality considerations and direct reference to objectives of NRRP
- Policies 15 – 19 – reasonable and efficient use
- Policies 23 – 27 – deal with restrictions of water during low flow
- Policies 29 – 46 – location specific conditions

Water Quality Chapter of NRRP

- Relevant objectives
- Objectives WQL1.1, WQL1.2
- Objective WQL2

Ahuriri WCO

