



# The Restorative Programme for Lowland Streams

May 2008 Cluster Meetings

# Meeting Agenda

## Rakaia-Selwyn Consent Reviews

- Review Objectives
- Progress to Date/Background
- Process & Organisation
- Key Dates

# Review Objectives

- To improve:
  - Flows in the lowland streams
  - The reliability of supply for existing water-users
- To use existing information to progress reviews
  - Two stage process
  - Reduce ongoing uncertainty
  - Built in provision for probable changes if/when they occur

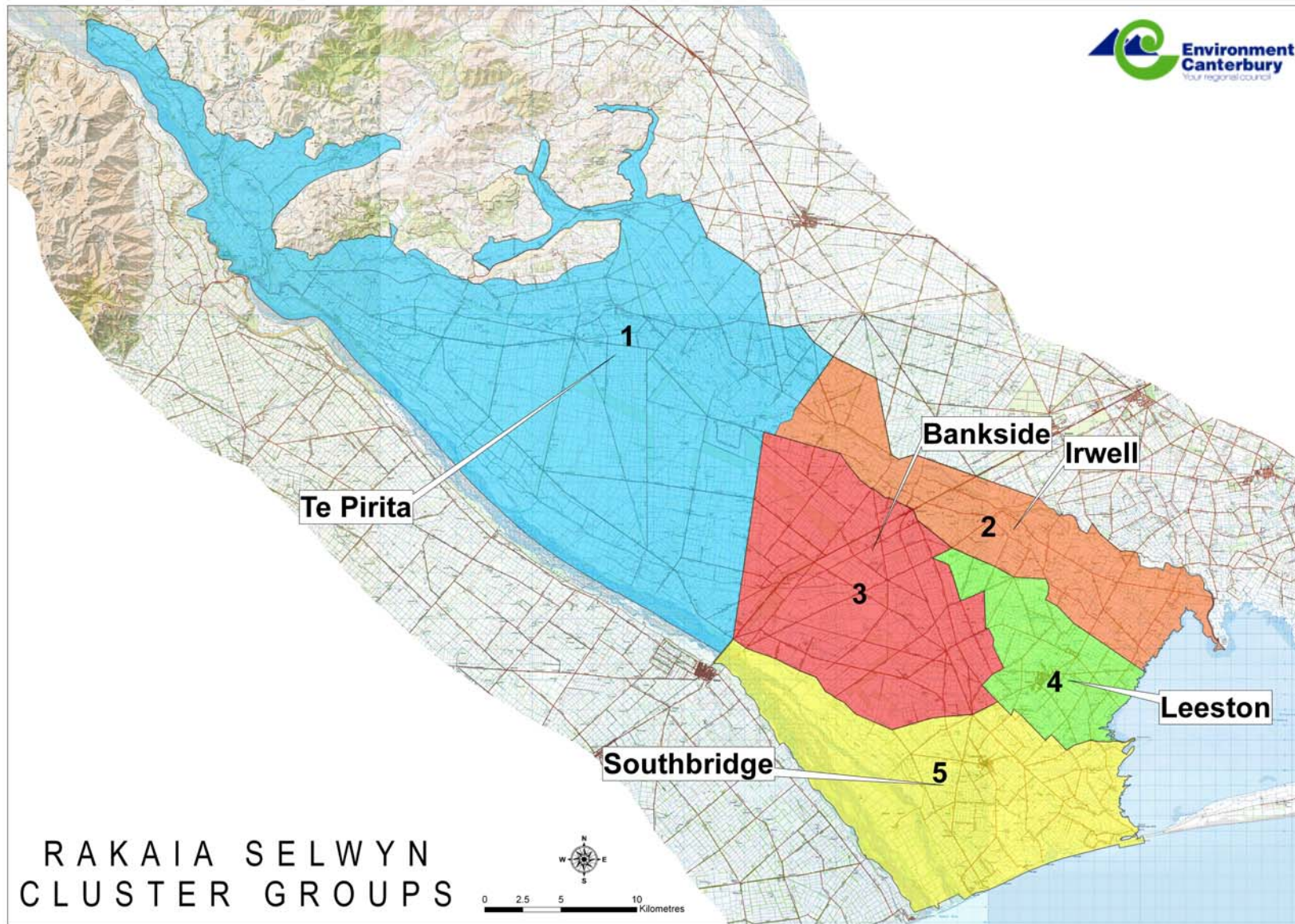
# Progress/Background

- Review intention announced - July 06
- Progress to date slow/stalled - original intentions & delivery reviewed
- Changes made include eg:
  - Review in approach & resourcing within ECan
  - Incorporation of feedback into the approach eg
    - Two step process – first step use existing information, with flexibility to incorporate any revised nos. eg WQN9v3, minimum flows
    - Timing of metering implementation
    - Ensure equity eg all decisions in catchment issued on same day
    - Any minimum flow conditions and adaptive management take effect on the same date

# Reviews Approach Summary

- Work with Cluster Groups
- Staged Process to progress & reduce ongoing uncertainty
  - Stage 1 - Annual volume, metering & minimum flow conditions
  - Stage 2 - Adaptive management implemented & minimum flow conditions operative
- Drive to achieve equity of process across the zone

# Cluster groups - Map



# Estimated Consent Holder Costs

- Overall costs are part general rate funded eg:
  - First 30mins of staff time for one-to-one discussion – free
  - Cluster Group meetings
  - The general preparatory work for the reviews process
- Estimated costs per consent \$800
- Alternate conditions, time at hearing and discussions with Ecan staff – will incur additional charges

# Key Dates Summary

- All responses to proposed conditions complete December 2008
- Hearings with decision makers February 2009
- Decisions issued End March 2009
- Adaptive mgmt operative, minimum flow condition becomes operative Estimated - Early September 2010