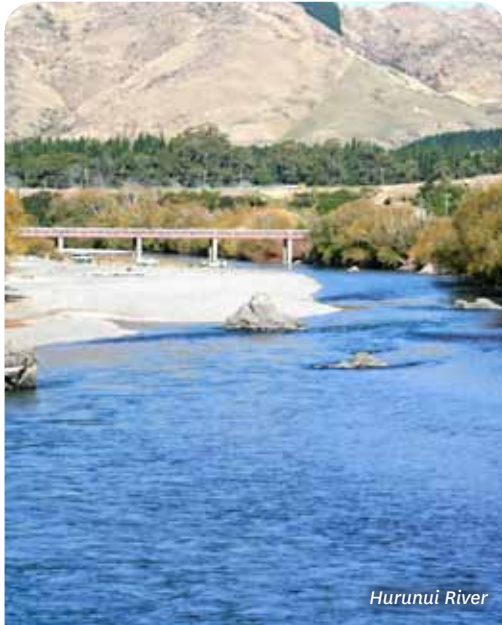


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Draft ZIPs released for feedback

Draft ZIPs for two zones - Ashburton and Waimakariri - will be released next week for public review and feedback.

The two zone committees are asking for people to provide written feedback on aspects of the ZIPs by October 21.

In particular the committees want to know what people like about the recommendations, what people don't like, and what they think is missing.

People are also being encouraged to share any ideas and solutions for water management that are not already in the ZIPs.

The Ashburton Zone Committee is hosting community meetings on September 28, 29, and 30 to provide more information and receive verbal feedback on its ZIP.

The Waimakariri Zone Committee's community meetings are on October 3, 5 and 10. The committee has a regular monthly meeting on Monday September 5.

For meeting details see the appropriate zone page on the Canterbury Water website.

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Major milestone for Strategy

The Hurunui-Waiiau Zone Implementation Programme (ZIP) has been received and formally endorsed by both Hurunui District Council and Environment Canterbury.

Environment Canterbury Commissioners endorsed the zone implementation programme as the basis for the design and realignment of work programmes, for drafting regional plan provisions, and for preparation of a draft Long Term Plan.

Hurunui District Councillors endorsed the zone implementation programme as the basis for consideration of relevant work programmes and implications for the long-term plan and Hurunui District Plan.

The Hurunui-Waiiau ZIP represents a substantial contribution to water management in Canterbury, said Environment Canterbury Commissioner David Caygill.

It is the first of 11 implementation programmes being prepared as part of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.

The Hurunui-Waiiau ZIP contains 66 recommendations to the two councils and other parties. It has been designed to provide an integrated approach to water management in the zone while achieving the desired social, environmental, cultural and economic outcomes.

It was developed collaboratively by the zone committee following extensive discussions and engagement with local community members, interest groups, stakeholder groups as well as the wider Canterbury community.

- The key principles of the Hurunui-Waiiau ZIP are:
- An integrated approach to water quantity, quality and land use.
- Collaborative community of interest management structures.
- A regulatory framework to enable integrated solutions.
- Major water storage to achieve integrated management.
- Kaitiakitanga is woven through.

Lower Waitaki priority setting

The Lower Waitaki Zone Committee is meeting with stakeholders in September to discuss the priorities for its draft ZIP.

Public meetings to discuss zone priorities are being organised for late September and will be advertised in local papers and on the website.

Selwyn-Waihora draft ZIP process

The Selwyn-Waihora draft ZIP is expected to be available for public review between October 10 and November 18.

The committee is meeting again on Tuesday September 6 and will hear from its four working groups (Biodiversity, Lake and Lowlands, Water and Nutrient Management, and Water Supply).

The recommendations from each of the working groups will provide the basis for the Selwyn-Waihora draft Zone Implementation Programme.