



Waitaki Water Allocation Regional Plan

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UPDATES FROM THE BOARD

The Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Board will be posting updates as it prepares the water allocation plan for the Waitaki catchment.

Board meetings are not open to the public, but the Board wishes to keep people informed about its work. This page will be updated following Board meetings.

Update from Board meeting on 11 November 2004

Scope of Plan

At its meeting on 11 November, the Board considered further the scope of the water allocation plan. It adopted an initial position that:

- a. The plan will provide for the matters set out in section 13 of the Waitaki Act by:
 - o Identifying the principle and relevant natural and physical resources of the Waitaki catchment.
 - o Identify the values in respect of water in the catchment.
 - o Determining the amenity and intrinsic values to be sustained and establishing environmental flow regimes to sustain those values.
 - o Identifying the need for water for activities including those under section 14(3) b and e of the Resource Management Act.
 - o Deciding on the types and divisions of activities to which water should be allocated
 - o Deciding how to address the water requirements for an activity.
 - o Deciding on the basis for allocating water among activities and allocating the water to activities.
 - o Deciding on the basis for sharing water during water short times.



- Deciding on the use of section 136 of the Resource Management Act relating to the transfer of water permits.
- b. The plan will not provide directly for the matters listed below but where effects on these matters are a direct consequence of allocation, the allocation decision will have regard to those effects.
 - Landscape
 - Water quality - where potential effects are related to an allocation of water
 - Soil and bank erosion
 - Afforestation in flow-sensitive catchment
 - Operational management of beds and rivers
- c. The plan will not directly provide for the matters listed below but will adjust decisions in the plan in light of how these matters are addressed in other planning documents:
 - Landscape
 - Water quality
 - Soil and bank erosion
 - Afforestation in flow-sensitive catchment
 - Wetland - fencing and siltation
 - Operational management of beds and rivers.
- d. The plan will not address management of floods.

The Board will review this position after consultation.

Meeting and consultation programme

The Board established a programme of consultation and other meetings. On 6 November it called for public input (by 24 November) to provide information that may help the Board prepare the draft plan. It intends to hold public meetings in the local area during late November - early December. Dates and venues will shortly be publicised once confirmed.

Evaluation of alternatives, benefits and costs of plan provisions

In conjunction with the development of the plan, the Board will evaluate the benefits and costs of the plan's provisions, and whether they are most appropriate for achieving the purpose. It intends to use a suitably experienced consultant to liaise with the Board and the Ministry for the Environment staff, therefore providing a degree of independence in the evaluation of options for the Board.

Report on resource management planning documents

The Board received a [report summarising the relevant provisions of the resource management planning documents](#) relating to water management in the Waitaki catchment. This provides a useful reference to the many volumes of planning

documents that have a bearing on the Board's work. Copies of this report will shortly be available on the Ministry for the Environment's website.



Board procedures

The Board has adopted a set of procedures to guide how it will conduct its business. Board meetings will not be open to the public (except for hearings and other public forums), but the Board will keep interested parties and the public informed about its work through such means as updates on this webpage, the Ministry for the Environment's Catchment Waitaki newsletter, media statements or other means. Reports it receives will become available for inspection in due course.

Update from Board meeting on 23-24 November 2004

At its meeting on 23-24 November, the Board received the following reports:

- [*Freshwater Ecological Values of the Waitaki Catchment*](#), prepared by Dr Greg Burrell & Reuben Ferguson, Kingett Mitchell Ltd.
- [*Project Aqua Submissions - An Analysis of Information Relevant to a Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan*](#), prepared by Kim Seaton, Davie Lovell-Smith Ltd
- [*Numerical Analysis of Project Aqua and Called-in Waitaki Submissions*](#), prepared by Patricia Harte and Julie Comfort, Davie Lovell-Smith Ltd

Update from Board meeting on 13-14 December 2004

At its meeting on 13-14 December, the Board received the following reports:

- [*Waitaki Catchment Called-in Submissions – an analysis of information relevant to a Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan*](#), prepared by Kim Seaton, Davie Lovell-Smith Ltd, and Donna Caddie.
- [*Regional Economic Analysis – uses of water in the Waitaki Catchment*](#), prepared by Simon Harris (Harris Consulting), Peter Clough and Mark Walton (New Zealand Institute of Economic Research) and Nick Taylor (Taylor Baines and Associates).
- [*Waitaki Catchment Recreation and Tourism Activities – written report*](#) and [*Waitaki Catchment Recreation and Tourism Activities – GIS report*](#), prepared by Patrick O'Neill and Yvonne Pfluger of Leisure Matters.



Update from Board meeting on 21-22 December 2004

At its meeting on 21-22 December, the Board received the following reports:

- [Compilation of Additional Information relevant to a Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan](#), prepared by Kim Seaton of Davie Lovell-Smith. This is a compilation of information received in response to the Board's request for information to assist it in preparing the plan.
- [Waitaki Catchment Groundwater Information](#), prepared by Sinclair Knight Mertz.

Update from Board meeting on 17-18 January 2005

At its meeting on 17-18 January, the Board received the following report:

- [Potential Demands for Waitaki Catchment Water \(non Hydro, Irrigation or Stock\)](#) prepared by Tyler McMillan and Grant Lovell of Tonkin and Taylor.

Update from Board meeting on 27-28 January 2005

At its meeting on 27-28 January, the Board received the following report:

- [Option and Existence Values for the Waitaki Catchment](#) prepared by Basil Sharp, Auckland University and Geoff Kerr, Lincoln University.

The Board also adopted the hearing procedures to be used during submission hearings on the draft plan.

Update from Board meeting on 3-4 February 2005

At the meeting on 3-4 February, the Board received the following reports;

- [Economic, Social & Environmental Impacts of Irrigation in the Mackenzie Basin](#) prepared by Ian Brown and Harris Consulting; and
- [Waitaki Catchment Hydrological Information](#) prepared by David Leong of Tonkin and Taylor.



Update from Board meeting on 8 April 2005

At the meeting on 8 April, the Board received the following report;

- [Visitor Survey of the Lower Waitaki Valley. Kearsley \(2005\)](#)

The Board agreed to publish the following documents on its pages on the Ministry for the Environment's website to further assist people understanding the draft plan:

- [Minutes of Board Meetings](#)
- [Legal Advice on the relationship between rules in the Water Allocation Plan and the review of existing resource consents](#)
- [Working papers about the Natural and Physical Resources of the Waitaki catchment](#)

Update from Board on 21 April 2005

Board inspects lower Waitaki catchment

Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Board members recently took a closer look at parts of the lower Waitaki catchment. The Board was viewing areas it did not fully inspect during its October 2004 catchment tour.

The trip, on 17 and 18 April, included:

- the lower Waitaki River and river mouth
- several tributaries, including the Hakataramea Valley , the Maerewhenua and Awamoko catchments, and the Waikakahi Stream; and
- areas currently or potentially irrigated using water from the Waitaki River , including parts of South Canterbury and North Otago .

Update from Board meeting on 16 May 2005

At the meeting on 16 May, the Board considered its hearing arrangements for those submitters that wish to be heard. It confirmed that its hearing will commence at the Kingsgate Hotel Brydone in Oamaru on 20 June, and is expected to continue into August. There will be some breaks within this period.

Further details about dates, times will be advised as they are available.



Update from Board meeting on 1 June 2005

At its meeting on 1 June the Board received the Ministry for the Environment's [Officers' Report on Submissions on the Draft Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Plan](#).

The Board also established a provisional calendar of hearing dates, commencing at 1.30pm on 20 June 2005 in the Kingsgate Hotel Brydone in Oamaru.

Hearing times will be:

- 'Normal' Mondays: 1.30pm to 5pm
- Extended Mondays: commencing at 9am if required (on 27 June and 18 August)
- Fridays: 9am to 2pm
- Other days: 9am to 5pm

In the week commencing 4 July, the Board will conduct the hearing at the Countrytime Hotel, Omarama, commencing at 10am. Otherwise, the hearing will be conducted at the Kingsgate Hotel Brydone in Oamaru.

The Board also established a provisional order to hear submissions. A more specific sequence of individual submitters will be provided once outstanding applications for time extensions have been decided. This will include indicative periods when submissions are likely to be heard. This list and the forecast timings will be adjusted as the hearing progresses to take account of the rate of progress of the hearing.

Update from Board meeting on 15 August 2005

At its meeting on 15 August, the Board received the following two items of information that follow up on questions raised at the hearing:

- [Letter from Philip Barry re national cost-benefit analysis \(PDF 111KB\)](#)
- [Email from Gari Bickers, Electricity Commission, outlining the role that the Commission might have in defining a national power shortage \(PDF 50KB\)](#).

Update from Board meeting on 30 September 2005

At its meeting on 30 September 2005, the Board unanimously adopted the following resolutions:



1. adoption of Section 32 Report

That the Board, acting under section 19(1) of the Resource Management (Waitaki Catchment) Amendment Act 2004 and section 32 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (as amended by section 11 of the Resource Management Amendment Act 2003), adopts the Section 32 Report that it prepared summarising its evaluation under that section of the objectives, policies, rules and other methods of the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan that it made before making its decisions under clause 10 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act on submissions on the draft Plan.

2. inclusion in plan of reasons for adopting provisions

That the Board, acting under sections 19(2) and 26(3)(a) of the Resource Management (Waitaki Catchment) Amendment Act 2004, section 67(1)(e) of the Resource Management Act 1991, and clause 10(2) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, adopts and resolves to include in the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan as part of Annex 1, before the Plan is approved, the statement of the Board's reasons for adopting in that plan the provisions (including policies, rules and other methods of implementation) of that plan, and its decisions on and arising out of submissions and the other relevant matters that it considered relating to matters raised in submissions on the draft Plan.

3. inclusion in plan of list of reports considered

That the Board, acting under section 26(3)(b) of the Resource Management (Waitaki Catchment) Amendment Act 2004, adopts and resolves to include in the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan as part of Annex 1, before the Plan is approved, the list of reports that the Board considered in developing the Plan.

4. inclusion in plan of change to Otago Regional Water Plan

That the Board, acting under section 16(2) of the Resource Management (Waitaki Catchment) Amendment Act 2004, adopts and includes in the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan the change to the Otago Regional Water Plan contained in the Water Allocation Plan.

5. approval of Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan

That the Board, acting under and in accordance with sections 17 and 26 of the Resource Management (Waitaki Catchment) Amendment Act 2004 and clause 17(1) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, at this meeting attended by all members of the Board, hereby adopts and approves the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan.



6. material incorporated in plan by reference

That the Board, acting under section 132(2) of the Resource Management Amendment Act 2005 and clause 30 of Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (as inserted by that Amendment Act), incorporates by reference in the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan the following material:

1. The following provisions of the Proposed Canterbury Natural Resources Regional Plan (adopted by the Canterbury Regional Council on 28 March 2002 and publicly notified on 1 June 2002 for submissions, including variation 1 to that plan, adopted by the Canterbury Regional Council on 27 May 2004 and publicly notified on 3 July 2004 for submissions):

- i. Section 1.3.1 Cross boundary processes
- ii. Objective WQL1 Water quality outcomes for rivers and lakes
- iii. Objective WQL2 Water quality outcomes for groundwater and contaminated land
- iv. Objective WQL3 Water quality outcomes for community drinking water sources
- v. Section 5.7 Making resource consent applications and providing information
- vi. Section 5.10 Financial contributions
- vii. Section 5.12 Water quantity monitoring
- viii. Table WQN26: Daily Stockwater requirements
- ix. Table WQN27: Example of application of provisions for stockwater
- x. Appendix WTL1: Wetland Assessment Methodology

2. Table A1 in "Schedule WQN9 Revision – Review of seasonal use approach included in proposed NRRP". Report U05/15, May 2005. Prepared for Environment Canterbury by Anthony Davoren and David Scott.

7. certified copy of material incorporated by reference

That the Board, acting under section 132(2) of the Resource Management Amendment Act 2005 and clause 32 of Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (as inserted by that Amendment Act), certifies that the material now produced to the Board is a correct copy of the material incorporated by reference in the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan.

8: notification and publication of decisions and approval of plan

That the Board, acting under clauses 10(3) and 11(1) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 and clause 35 of Part 3 of Schedule 1 (as inserted by the Resource Management Amendment Act 2005) of the Resource Management Act, resolves :

- a) to give public notice of the fact that it has made its decisions on and arising out of submissions on the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan and other matters it considered relating to matters raised in submissions;



b) to give public notice of the fact that material is incorporated in the Plan; that the material is available for inspection at Ministry for the Environment offices,

regional and district council offices, and public libraries in and around the catchment; and to make copies available free of charge from the Christchurch Office of the Ministry for the Environment or on the Board webpage on the Ministry for the Environment website.

c) at the same time to serve on every person who made a submission on a provision of the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan a notice of the decision and a statement of the time within which an appeal may be lodged on that provision;

d) at the same time to deposit for public inspection at Ministry for the Environment offices, regional and district council offices, and public libraries in and around the catchment, copies of the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan and of the Section 32 Report.