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## **REGIONAL COASTAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN FOR THE CANTERBURY REGION: PROPOSED CHANGES 1 AND 2**

On 31 May 2007 the Canterbury Regional Council decided to publicly notify Proposed Plan Changes 1 and 2 to the Regional Coastal Environment Plan and adopted the associated Section 32 report on the proposed changes.

Rule 8.2 in the plan has been retained. It requires a resource consent as a Discretionary Activity for which discretion is restricted, for the placement of a new swing mooring in a designated Swing Mooring Area. Similarly retained, is Rule 8.5 which requires a resource consent as a Non-complying Activity for the placement of a new swing mooring outside a designated Swing Mooring Area.

The new permitted activity provisions that are proposed will avoid the need for owners of existing swing moorings and other lawfully established structures to obtain resource consents to occupy the coastal marine area.

### **Proposed Plan Change 1**

- Makes the occupation of the coastal marine area within a designated Swing Mooring Area by a swing mooring and attached vessel a Permitted Activity, and similarly provides for the physical replacement of an existing swing mooring in a designated Swing Mooring Area as a Permitted Activity.
- Provides for the powers of the Regional Harbourmaster in relation to swing moorings to be exercised without obtaining resource consents.
- Includes a Non-complying Activity rule to prevent a de facto swing mooring being established through the long-term anchoring of a vessel.
- Includes references to the Navigation Safety Bylaws requirements with respect to swing moorings.

### **Proposed Plan Change 2**

- Makes the occupation of the coastal marine area by any Lawfully Established Structure (including swing moorings outside the Swing Mooring Areas) a Permitted Activity subject to certain conditions.

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- Provides for owners of boatsheds in Boatshed Areas to have the explicit right to exclude other persons from the boatshed interior.
- Defines Lawfully Established Structures and redefines Authorised Structures (i.e. as Lawfully Established Structures which also have occupancy rights).

Enclosed is a report containing:

- a copy of the wording of the proposed changes;
- extracts from the Regional Coastal Environment Plan showing the proposed changes in context; and
- the Section 32 report.

The proposed changes to the Regional Coastal Environment Plan will be publicly notified on Saturday 23 June 2007. I have enclosed a copy of the public notice.

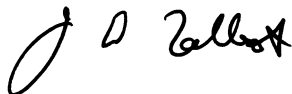
Submissions on the proposed changes may be made up until the closing date of submissions on Friday 17 August at 5pm. A copy of the submission form is also enclosed.

All of this material will be available on our website [www.ecan.govt.nz](http://www.ecan.govt.nz).

Environment Canterbury will also be making amendments to its Navigation Safety Bylaws 2005. These amendments are required because the proposed changes to the Regional Coastal Environment Plan will place more reliance on the bylaws for regulating the location and use of Swing Moorings. The proposed amendments to the bylaws, which will also cover other matters, will also be open to submissions and require a hearing, but will follow the procedures set out in the Local Government Act 2002 rather than the Resource Management Act 1991.

Thank you for your interest in the proposed changes to the Regional Coastal Environment Plan to date, we welcome your continued involvement in the submission phase.

Yours sincerely



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