

PUBLIC NOTICE VARIATION 9

VARIATION 9 TO THE PROPOSED CANTERBURY NATURAL RESOURCES REGIONAL PLAN, CHAPTER 5: WATER QUANTITY. INCORPORATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL FLOW AND ALLOCATION REGIMES INTO SCHEDULE WQN1 FOR VARIOUS RIVERS IN THE WAIHAO-WAINONO CATCHMENT

Pursuant to Clause 5 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury) gives notice it has prepared the following variation to Chapter 5, Water Quantity of the Proposed Canterbury Natural Resources Regional Plan.

Variation 9 introduces Schedule WQN1.8 (and related amendments) which sets environmental flow and allocation regimes for the taking of surface water, and hydraulically connected groundwater, from the following waterbodies in the Waihao-Wainono catchment:

Waihaorunga Stream; Waihao River; Buchanan's Creek; Sir Charles Creek; Hook River; Waimate Creek; Wainono Dead Arm; and Merrys Stream.

Inspection and availability of Variation 9

A copy of Variation 9, including the Section 32 Report, may be inspected at:

- The offices of Environment Canterbury at: 58 Kilmore Street, Christchurch; 75 Church Street, Timaru, or Beach Road, Kaikoura;
- The office of Timaru District Council, 2 King George Place, Timaru;
- The office of Waimate District Council, Queen Street, Waimate;
- The main public libraries in the Canterbury region; and
- The Environment Canterbury website: www.ecan.govt.nz

Variation 9 and the accompanying Section 32 Report are bound in a single document. A paper copy of the document is available from Customer Services at the cost of \$10.00 (GST incl.). The document can be downloaded free of charge from the website, and is also available free of charge on CD from Customer Services.

A paper copy of the Planning Report (U07/62), incorporating technical and other information related to the Community Advisory Group consultation and the Council decision making processes, is available from Customer Services at the cost of \$15.00 (GST incl.). It can also be downloaded free of charge from the website and is also available free of charge on CD from Customer Services.

Submissions

Submissions on Variation 9 of the Proposed Canterbury Natural Resources Regional Plan are now invited and may be made in the prescribed form (Form 5) by any person. **Only hard copies will be accepted.** A submission form is included with the document. Alternately, submission forms can be obtained from:

- Offices of Environment Canterbury;
- Environment Canterbury website www.ecan.govt.nz; or
- Customer Services, Environment Canterbury, PO Box 345, Christchurch on 03 353 9007 or toll free on 0800 677 748.

The closing date for submissions is 5.00 p.m., Friday, 5 October 2007. Please mail submissions to:

Freepost 1201
Variation 9, Proposed Natural Resources Regional Plan
Environment Canterbury
58 Kilmore Street, P O Box 345, Christchurch

The process for public participation in consideration of Variation 9 is as follows:

After the closing of submissions, Canterbury Regional Council will publicly notify the availability of a summary of all decisions requested in submissions, and will allow a period for further submissions in support of, or in opposition to, those submissions already made. Environment Canterbury will then hold a hearing into all submissions. All submitters giving notice of their wish to be heard will be advised of the hearing. Following decisions by the Canterbury Regional Council, including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions, any person who made a submission has a right of appeal to the Environment Court.

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