

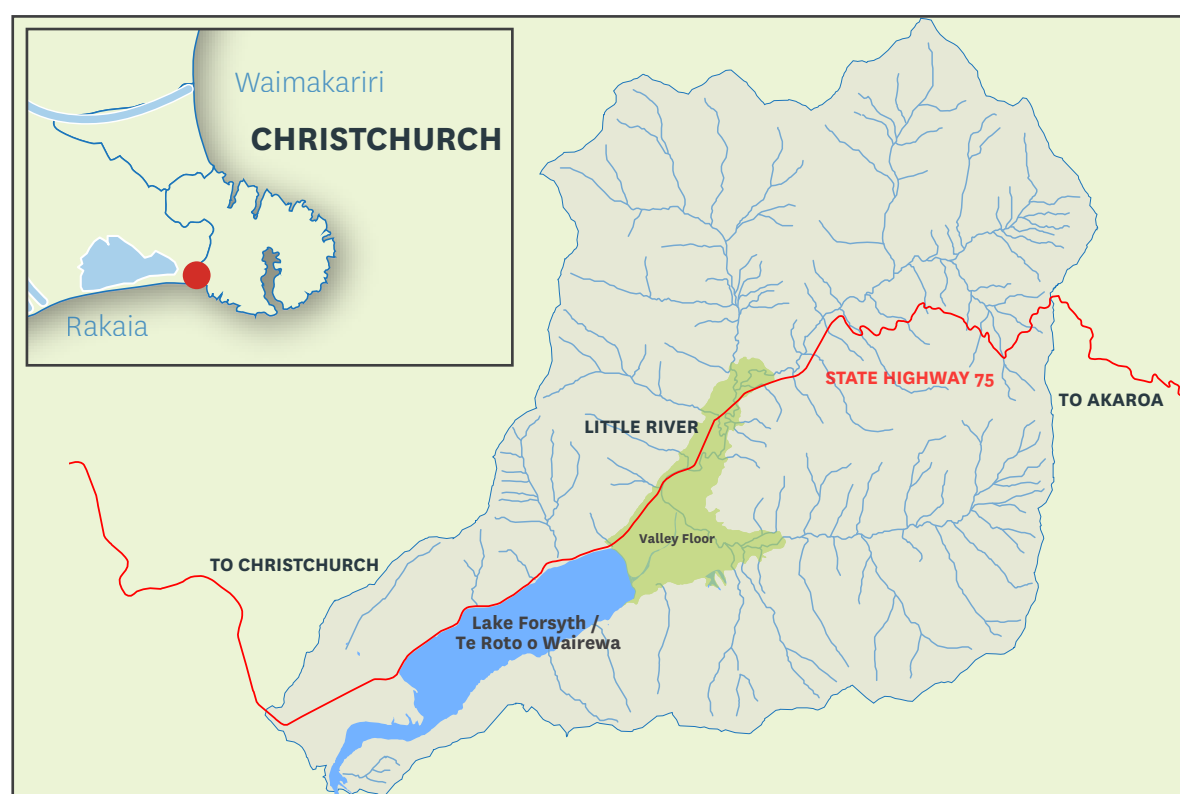


Lake Forsyth / Te Roto o Wairewa

Public Notice of Proposed Plan Change 6 to the Canterbury Land & Water Regional Plan ►►

Proposed Plan Change 6 to the Land & Water Regional Plan has effect in the Lake Forsyth / Wairewa catchment only.

You are receiving this special edition of *Living Here* as notice that Environment Canterbury will publicly notify proposed Plan Change 6 on **6 October 2015**.



What is the Land & Water Regional Plan?

The Land & Water Regional Plan sets out the framework for the management of land and water resources in Canterbury. It is one of the key methods for giving effect to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy, a community led collaborative approach to improve water quality throughout the region.

What is the proposed change?

The proposed change addresses water quantity and water quality issues for the Lake Forsyth / Wairewa catchment.

The proposed change includes provisions about:

- Environmental flow and allocation regimes for the Ōkana, Ōkūti and Takiritawai rivers and their tributaries
- Works in or near the Ōkana, Ōkūti and Takiritawai rivers and their tributaries or

the lake, including bank erosion and flood management works, construction of sediment basins/wetlands and in-lake investigations

- Keeping stock out of waterways on the Valley Floor (see map)
- Opening and closing the lake
- Water quality limits/targets for the lake and rivers.

How does the proposed change affect me?

If you are a resident or a ratepayer, or hold a resource consent in the Lake Forsyth / Wairewa catchment, you may be affected by the proposed plan change.

How do I get involved?

The Public Notice on the back of this special edition of *Living Here* tells you how you can get involved. Submissions on proposed Plan Change 6 close on **6 November 2015**.

The story of Lake Forsyth / Te Roto o Wairewa

Lake Forsyth / Te Roto o Wairewa is a nationally and regionally significant wetland area. It provides lake-margin and swamp habitats for waterfowl (including the crested grebe) and a variety of salt and freshwater marsh plants and invertebrate species.

The lake and its tributaries provide habitats for a variety of fish species including eel/tuna, whitebait/inanga, flounder/pātiki, banded kōkopu, and common and upland bullies. The Ōkūti River is a spawning site for the lamprey/kanakana. Perch and brown trout can also be found in the lake.

Lake Forsyth / Te Roto o Wairewa is a tribal taonga (treasure) for Kāti Irakehu and Kāti Makō. It is a source of mahinga kai (traditional food gathering) and famous for its eel / tuna which provide sustenance for mana whenua.

The 5.6 square kilometre shallow coastal lake is less than 20 metres above sea level and drains to the sea through a gravel barrier.

The growth of Kaitorete Spit has enclosed the lake, which was previously a shallow estuary. Deforestation of the catchment has accelerated the natural process of erosion, and subsequent loss of naturally rich phosphorus soils into the lake.

Degraded water quality leads to summer blooms and cloudy water. The catchment is also prone to flooding.

The Banks Peninsula Zone Committee recognises the work of the Wairewa Rūnanga in seeking solutions to poor water quality in the lake, and reversing the decline of eel/tuna. It identified Lake Forsyth / Te Roto o Wairewa as one of its flagship biodiversity projects.

A community-driven plan for the catchment was started in 2012 and led to the development of the Zone Committee's Zone Implementation Programme. The aim of the programme is to improve the lake's water quality and mahinga kai and contact recreation values, and manage water quantity in the catchment's rivers.

Proposed Plan Change 6 represents the regulatory part of the Zone Committee's programme.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This information should not be relied on for the purposes of understanding Plan Change 6, or for determining whether you are affected or whether you wish to make a submission.

On 24 September 2015, Environment Canterbury (the Canterbury Regional Council) agreed to notify this proposed Plan Change 6 to the partially operative Canterbury Land & Water Regional Plan.

Proposed Plan Change 6 seeks to amend section 10 (Banks Peninsula sub-region) of the Land & Water Regional Plan to introduce catchment specific freshwater outcomes, limits and provisions for the Lake Forsyth / Wairewa catchment. Proposed Plan Change 6 also seeks to amend the Land & Water Regional Plan Map Series (the Planning Maps) as they apply to the Lake Forsyth / Wairewa catchment.

If you are a resident or a ratepayer, or you hold a resource consent in the Lake Forsyth / Wairewa catchment, you may be directly affected by proposed Plan Change 6.

Below is a copy of the Public Notice. The Public Notice sets out how you can view or obtain a copy of proposed Plan Change 6, how to make a submission, and the process that will be followed after notification.

If you wish to comment on proposed Plan Change 6, you will need to make a submission to Environment Canterbury by 5pm on **Friday 6 November 2015**.

Environment Canterbury is required to notify any person who in its opinion is likely to be directly affected by proposed Plan Change 6. Some people may receive multiple copies of this document.

If you have any questions or require further information please contact Customer Services on 0800 324 636 or by email to ecinfo@ecan.govt.nz.

To read a copy of the plan and supporting information online, go to www.ecan.govt.nz/lwrp-pc6.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLAN CHANGE 6 TO THE CANTERBURY LAND AND WATER REGIONAL PLAN

Pursuant to Clause 5 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury) gives public notice of proposed Plan Change 6 to the partially operative Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan ("proposed Plan Change 6").

Proposed Plan Change 6 seeks to amend:

- Section 10 (Banks Peninsula sub-region) of the partially operative Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan to introduce catchment-specific freshwater outcomes, limits, and provisions for the Lake Forsyth / Wairewa catchment; and
- the Canterbury and Christchurch Land and Water Regional Plan Map Series as they apply to the Lake Forsyth / Wairewa catchment.

Legal effect of rules in proposed Plan Change 6

In accordance with section 86B(1)(a) and (3) of the Resource Management Act 1991, the rules contained in proposed Plan Change 6 have immediate legal effect on and from the date of public notification of proposed Plan Change 6 (6 October 2015).

Inspection and availability of proposed Plan Change 6

A copy of proposed Plan Change 6 and the Section 32 Report is available for public inspection at:

- The offices of Environment Canterbury at:
 - 17 Sir Gil Simpson Drive, Christchurch;
 - 75 Church Street, Timaru; and
 - 73 Beach Road, Kaikoura.
- All open public libraries in the Canterbury region.
- The Environment Canterbury website: www.ecan.govt.nz/lwrp-pc6

Paper copies of proposed Plan Change 6 and the Section 32 Report are available from Environment Canterbury's Customer Services for a cost as set in the Long-Term Plan 2015-2025. The documents can be downloaded free of charge from the Environment Canterbury website, or alternatively a CD can be provided free of charge by contacting Customer Services on 353 9007 if you are calling from Christchurch, or on 0800 324 636 if calling from outside Christchurch, or by email to ecinfo@ecan.govt.nz.

Submissions

Submissions on proposed Plan Change 6 may be made in the prescribed form (Form 5) by any person; however, if the person could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, then the person may only lodge a submission if the person is directly affected by an effect of proposed Plan Change 6 that:

- adversely affects the environment; and
- does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Submissions must include:

- the specific provisions of proposed Plan Change 6 that the submission relates to;
- whether you support or oppose the provision or wish to have them amended;
- the precise detail of any relief sought (including the changes to the provision(s)); and
- whether you wish or do not wish to be heard in support of your submission.

Submission forms can be obtained from:

- Offices of Environment Canterbury
- The Environment Canterbury website: www.ecan.govt.nz/lwrp-pc6
- Customer Services on 353 9007 if you are calling from Christchurch, 0800 324 636 if calling from outside Christchurch, or by email to ecinfo@ecan.govt.nz.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS 5:00 PM FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2015.

Please email submissions to: mailroom@ecan.govt.nz or post to:

Freepost 1201
Plan Change 6 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan
Environment Canterbury
PO Box 345
Christchurch 8140

The process for public participation in consideration of proposed Plan Change 6 is as follows:

After the closing of submissions, Environment Canterbury 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. Only the following persons may make a further submission:

- any person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest;
- any person that has an interest in proposed Plan Change 6 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan greater than the interest that the general public has; and
- Environment Canterbury itself.

All submitters giving notice of their wish to be heard will be advised of the Council hearing. Environment Canterbury must give its decision on the provisions and matters raised in the submissions (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions) and give public notice of that decision within 2 years of notifying proposed Plan Change 6 and serve it on every person who made a submission.

Bill Bayfield
CHIEF EXECUTIVE