

# NOTICE

## WATER SHORTAGE DIRECTION

### OPIHI RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES

The Canterbury Regional Council notifies the following Water Shortage Direction pursuant to Section 329 of the Resource Management Act 1991. The notification relates to the present serious temporary shortage of water and the restriction on the taking of water under resource consents from the Opihi River and its tributaries. This notice does not include the Temuka River and its tributaries.

#### Interpretation

**'Dam Company'** means Opuha Water Limited which holds water permit CRC155950 to release water from Opuha Dam to augment flows, generate power and supply shareholders and which is the owner and operator of the Opuha Dam.

Lake water levels (**RL metres**) refer to metres above mean sea level in terms of Lyttelton Datum (1937)

#### Dam Operation

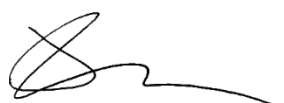
1. The Dam Company shall operate the Opuha Dam in accordance with the existing consents CRC950577.5 and CRC155950 EXCEPT THAT when the water level in Lake Opuha is between RL370 and RL375 metres, the Dam Company shall maintain a release from the Downstream Weir equivalent to the lesser of natural flows or 1 cubic metre per second.

#### Terms of Notice

2. This amended notice is current for a term of **14 days** from the issue of this notice and is the renewal of the existing notice issued 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2024. This notice may be amended, revoked, or renewed by the Regional Council.

*Lake Opuha water levels are available at the Canterbury Regional Council's website [www.ecan.govt.nz](http://www.ecan.govt.nz). Click river flows then southern region then scroll down to Opuha Lake.*

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