

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT CHRISTCHURCH**

**I MUA I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
KI ŌTAUTAHI**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991
AND of a notice of motion under section 149T(2)
to decide proposed Plan Change 7 to the
Regional Plan: Water for Otago (referred to
the Environment Court by the Minister for the
Environment under section 142(2)(b) of the
Act)
OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL
(ENV-2020-CHC-127)
Applicant

**MINUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
ORC RECOMMENDED CHANGES
PLAN CHANGE 7**

(20 November 2020)

[1] This Minute is released for the purpose of case management and proposes a template for the Otago Regional Council's use when recommending changes in response to submissions.

[2] The Environment Court must give a decision on the provisions and matters raised in submissions. The decision must include the reasons for accepting, accepting in part and rejecting the submissions (RMA, First Schedule, cl 10).

[3] The direction given to all planners is that if they are recommending changes, they are to attach to their evidence a complete set of tracked changed provisions.¹ Indeed, whether or not you are a represented party or a person giving evidence, if you are seeking



¹ Minute – General Directions on Plan Change 7 dated 28 October 2020 at [33(g)(iii)] and [34(iii)].

changes, a document setting out the proposed amendments is to be produced.² The changes sought will still need to be within the scope of the parties' original submission.

[4] It goes without saying that the Regional Council will pay careful attention to how the recommendations of its planning witnesses are assembled in evidence.

[5] In addition to the direction to produce a tracked changed version(s) of the plan, it would assist the court if the Regional Council planner(s) recommendations are assembled in a way that can be correlated with the summary of submissions and further submissions (see **attached**). I suggest this attachment only need be produced in the ORC's evidence-in-chief and reply.

[6] To that end, I invite feedback, and this can be given at the pre-hearing conference.

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J E Borthwick
Environment Judge

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² Minute – General Directions on Plan Change 7 dated 28 October 2020 at [22] and [35(g)].

**Recommended decisions on submissions
ORC Evidence-in-Chief &
Reply
Illustration only**

Submitter ID	Point ID	Further submitter ID	Name	Provision	Support / Oppose	Decision requested	Officer recommendation	Topic (if applicable)
70020	70020.01		Southern District Health Board	Objective 10A.1.1	Support	Adopt Objective 10A.1.1 in its proposed form	Accept or Accept in part or Reject	
		FS715	Trustpower		Oppose			
70020	70020.02		Southern District Health Board	Policy 10A.2.1	Support	Adopt Policy 10A.2.1 in its proposed form		
		FS715	Trustpower		Oppose			
70020	70020.03		Southern District Health Board	Policy 10A.2.2	Support	Adopt Policy 10A.2.2 in its proposed form		
		FS715	Trustpower		Oppose			
70020	70020.03		Southern District Health Board	Policy 10A.2.2	Support	Adopt Policy 10A.2.2 in its proposed form		
		FS708	Minister for the Environment		Support			
70020	70020.04		Southern District Health Board	Schedule 10A.4.1	Support	Adopt Schedule 10A.4.1 in its proposed form		
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70020	70020.05		Southern District Health Board	Schedule 10A.4.2	Support	Adopt Schedule 10A.4.2 in its proposed form		
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