

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

**I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
ŌTAUTAHI ROHE**

ENV-2020-CHC-127

UNDER the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)

IN THE MATTER of the Water Permits Plan Change - Plan Change 7, being part of a proposal of national significance directed by the Minister for the Environment to be referred to the Environment Court under section 142(2)(b) of the RMA

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application under section 149T of the RMA

BETWEEN **OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**
Applicant

**MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL FOR THE OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL
ADVISING OF COUNCIL'S APPROVAL TO NOTIFY PROPOSED OTAGO
REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT
21 June 2021**

Judicial Officer: Judge Borthwick

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MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

1 The purpose of this Memorandum is to advise the Court and parties of the Otago Regional Council's (**Council**) recent decision to approve the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement for public notification on 26 June 2021.

Council's decision to approve the Proposed Regional Policy Statement for public notification

2 At its meeting on 16 June 2021, the Council approved the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement (**PORPS**) for public notification on 26 June 2021.

3 A copy of the PORPS that was approved by the Council, together with the Evaluation Report prepared under section 32 of the RMA, can be viewed at: <https://www.orc.govt.nz/news-and-events/events/2021/june/council-meeting-16-june>.

4 Some minor corrections are to be made to the PORPS before notification. The version of the PORPS that is publicly notified will be available on the Council's website from 26 June 2021. The Council will provide an electronic paginated copy of the PORPS for the common bundle once the PORPS is publicly notified, together with hard copies for the Court.

5 Now that a version of the PORPS is available for viewing, Counsel will confer with parties regarding the directions to be sought in respect of the filing of evidence and legal submissions and file a further Memorandum of Counsel with the Court.

Dated this 21st day of June 2021



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