

## Otago Regional Council – Plan Changes 1, 7 & 8 – Glossary & abbreviations

<b>GLOSSARY</b>	
<b>Call-In</b>	The direction by the Minister for the Environment under section 142(2) of the RMA to refer proposed Plan Changes 1,7 and 8 to the Environment Court for decision.
<b>Counsel</b>	A lawyer representing a party to the proceeding.
<b>Cross-examination</b>	The questioning of a witness during a hearing by another party. The purpose of cross-examination is often to challenge the accuracy of or the basis for evidence given by a witness.
<b>Evidence</b>	The various things presented in court to prove an alleged fact, including written or spoken testimony from witnesses, and other material such as documents, photographs, maps and videotapes.
<b>Exhibits</b>	Documents produced during a hearing, including photos, plans, diagrams, or any other relevant material.
<b>Expert</b>	An expert is a witness who has specialist knowledge or skill based on training, study, or experience.
<b>Expert conferencing</b>	Expert conferencing is a process in which expert witnesses confer and attempt to reach agreement on issues, to clearly identify issues on which they cannot agree, and the reasons for that disagreement. Any expert conference is to be conducted in accordance with the Environment Court Practice Note 2014: Protocol for Expert Witness Conferences.
<b>Expert evidence</b>	Expert evidence means the evidence of an expert based on the specialist knowledge or skill of that expert and includes evidence given in the form of an opinion.
<b>File or filing</b>	Sending a document to the court.
<b>Friend of Submitter</b>	A person appointed by the court to assist parties with the practice and procedures of the court. The Friend of Submitter cannot give legal advice, nor can they advise parties on the merits of their case.
<b>Hearing</b>	A court event where the parties present evidence and submissions to the court.
<b>Legal submissions</b>	Submissions to the court by a lawyer.
<b>Local authority</b>	A regional council or territorial authority, for example the Otago Regional Council or Clutha District Council.
<b>Mediation</b>	A process to assist parties to arrive at agreement to settle their dispute or resolve particular issues that are part of a wider dispute.  An Environment commissioner or special advisor may be appointed to act as mediator.  Mediation is to be conducted in accordance with the Environment Court Practice Note 2014.
<b>Party Notice or s 274 Notice</b>	Notice given by a person to join court proceedings.
<b>Party or s 274 Party</b>	A person who has given notice under s 274 RMA to be a party to proceedings before the Environment Court.

<b>Practice Note 2014</b>	Guidelines issued by the Environment Court for the procedures that are to be followed during court events. <a href="https://environmentcourt.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/2014-Environment-Court-Practice-Note.pdf">https://environmentcourt.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/2014-Environment-Court-Practice-Note.pdf</a>
<b>Pre-hearing conference</b>	A court event for the purpose of ensuring proper preparation for the fair and efficient hearing of the proceedings. Parties may request directions be given about the resolution of preliminary questions, timetables for the exchange of evidence, and the date and duration of a hearing.
<b>Proceeding</b>	The case being considered by a court.
<b>Serve or service</b>	Where required, to serve means to send or deliver a document to an address for service.  Plan Change 7: <a href="https://environmentcourt.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/2020-11-26-List-of-Parties.pdf">https://environmentcourt.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/2020-11-26-List-of-Parties.pdf</a> Plan Change 1: <a href="https://environmentcourt.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/2020-11-20-List-of-Parties-3.pdf">https://environmentcourt.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/2020-11-20-List-of-Parties-3.pdf</a> Plan Change 8: <a href="https://environmentcourt.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/2020-11-20-List-of-Parties-2.pdf">https://environmentcourt.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/2020-11-20-List-of-Parties-2.pdf</a>
<b>Special advisor</b>	A person appointed under s 259 RMA to assist the court. The special advisor is not a member of the court but may sit with the court and assist in any way directed.
<b>Submission</b>	A submission or further submission made to Otago Regional Council or the EPA on proposed Plan Changes 1, 7 and 8. All submissions are considered by the court whether or not the submitter has become a party.
<b>Submitter</b>	A person or group who made a written submission to the Council or EPA on the proposed plan change(s).
<b>Timetable</b>	A list of dates given by the court for when a court's directions about the progress of a proceeding must be carried out.  For example, a list of dates by which parties have to file evidence with the court.
<b>Transcript</b>	The written record of what is said during the hearing.
<b>Witness</b>	Witness means a person who gives evidence and is able to be cross-examined in a proceeding.
<b>Working day</b>	Means a day of the week other than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a Saturday, a Sunday, Waitangi Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, the Sovereign's Birthday, and Labour Day; and</li> <li>• if Waitangi Day or Anzac Day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday; and</li> <li>• a day in the period commencing on 20 December in any year and ending with 10 January in the following year.</li> </ul>

<b>ABBREVIATIONS</b>	
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority
Freshwater-NES	Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020
NPS-FM	National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020
ORC	Otago Regional Council
Omnibus Plan Change	Means both proposed Plan Change 1 to the Regional Plan: Waste for Otago and proposed Plan Change 8: Water for Otago.
PC1	Proposed Plan Change 1 (Dust Suppressants and Landfills) to the Regional Plan: Waste for Otago (Waste Plan).
PC7	Proposed Plan Change 7 (Water Permits) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago
PC8	Proposed Plan Change 8 (Discharge Management) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago
PHC	Pre-hearing conference
RMA	Resource Management Act 1991
TC	Telephone conference
Waste Plan	Regional Plan: Waste for Otago
Water Plan	Regional Plan: Water for Otago