

APPENDIX K

Otago Regional Council Regional Policy Statement
Objectives and Policies

Relevant objectives and policies in the Otago Regional Policy Statement

5 Land

5.4 Objectives

- 5.4.1. *To promote the sustainable management of Otago's land resources in order:*
- (a) To maintain and enhance the primary productive capacity and life-supporting capacity of land resources; and*
 - (b) To meet the present and reasonably foreseeable needs of Otago's people and communities.*
- 5.4.2. *To avoid, remedy or mitigate degradation of Otago's natural and physical resources resulting from activities utilising the land resource.*
- 5.4.3. *To protect Otago's outstanding natural features and landscapes from inappropriate subdivision, use and development.*
- 5.4.4. *To ensure that public access opportunities exist in respect of activities utilising Otago's natural and physical land features.*

5.5 Policies

- 5.5.1 *To recognise and provide for the relationship Kai Tahu have with Otago's land resource through:*
- (a) Establishing processes that allow the existence of heritage sites, waahi tapu and waahi taoka to be taken into account when considering the subdivision, use and development of Otago's land resources; and*
 - (b) Protecting, where practicable, archaeological sites from disturbance; and*
 - (c) Notifying the appropriate runanga of the disturbance of any archaeological site and avoiding, remedying, or mitigating any effect of further disturbance until consultation with the kaitiaki runanga has occurred.*
- 5.5.2. *To promote the retention of the primary productive capacity of Otago's existing high class soils to meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations and the avoidance of uses that have the effect of removing those soils or their life-supporting capacity and to avoid, remedy or mitigate the adverse effects on the high class soils resource where avoidance is not practicable.*
- 5.5.3. *To maintain and enhance Otago's land resource through avoiding, remedying or mitigating the adverse effects of activities which have the potential to, amongst other adverse effects:*
- (a) Reduce the soil's life supporting capacity*
 - (b) Reduce healthy vegetative cover*
 - (c) Cause soil loss*
 - (d) Contaminate soils*
 - (e) Reduce productivity*
 - (f) Compact soils*

- (g) *Reduce soil moisture holding capacity.*
- 5.5.4. *To promote the diversification and use of Otago's land resource to achieve sustainable landuse and management systems for future generations.*
- 5.5.5. *To minimise the adverse effects of landuse activities on the quality and quantity of Otago's water resource through promoting and encouraging the:*
- (a) *Creation, retention and where practicable enhancement of riparian margins; and*
 - (b) *Maintaining and where practical enhancing, vegetation cover, upland bogs and wetlands to safeguard land and water values; and*
 - (c) *Avoiding, remedying or mitigating the degradation of groundwater and surface water resources caused by the introduction of contaminants in the form of chemicals, nutrients and sediments resulting from landuse activities.*
- 5.5.6 *To recognise and provide for the protection of Otago's outstanding natural features and landscapes which:*
- (a) *Are unique to or characteristic of the region; or*
 - (b) *Are representative of a particular landform or land cover occurring in the Otago region or of the collective characteristics which give Otago its particular character; or*
 - (c) *Represent areas of cultural or historic significance in Otago; or*
 - (d) *Contain visually or scientifically significant geological features; or*
 - (e) *Have characteristics of cultural, historical and spiritual value that are regionally significant for Tangata Whenua and have been identified in accordance with Tikanga Maori.*
- 5.5.7 *To promote the provision of public access opportunities to natural and physical land features throughout the Otago region except where restriction is necessary:*
- (i) *To protect areas of significant indigenous vegetation and/or significant habitats of indigenous fauna; or*
 - (ii) *To protect Maori cultural values; or*
 - (iii) *To protect public health or safety; or*
 - (iv) *To ensure a level of security consistent with the purpose of a resource consent or in circumstances where safety and security concerns require exclusive occupation; or*
 - (v) *In other exceptional circumstances sufficient to justify the restriction notwithstanding the importance of maintaining that access.*

9 Built Environment

9.4 Objectives

- 9.4.1. *To promote the sustainable management of Otago's built environment in order to:*

- (a) *Meet the present and reasonably foreseeable needs of Otago's people and communities; and*
 - (b) *Provide for amenity values; and*
 - (c) *Conserve and enhance environmental and landscape quality; and*
 - (d) *Recognise and protect heritage values.*
- 9.4.2. *To promote the sustainable management of Otago's infrastructure to meet the present and reasonably foreseeable needs of Otago's communities.*
- 9.4.3. *To avoid, remedy or mitigate the adverse effects of Otago's built environment on Otago's natural and physical resources.*

9.5 Policies

- 9.5.1 *To recognise and provide for the relationship Kai Tahu have with the built environment of Otago through:*
- (a) *Considering activities involving papatipu whenua that contribute to the community and cultural development of Kai Tahu; and*
 - (b) *Recognising and providing for the protection of sites and resources of cultural importance from the adverse effects of the built environment.*
- 9.5.2 *To promote and encourage efficiency in the development and use of Otago's infrastructure through:*
- (a) *Encouraging development that maximises the use of existing infrastructure while recognising the need for more appropriate technology; and*
 - (b) *Promoting co-ordination amongst network utility operators in the provision and maintenance of infrastructure; and*
 - (c) *Encouraging a reduction in the use of non-renewable resources while promoting the use of renewable resources in the construction, development and use of infrastructure; and*
 - (d) *Avoiding or mitigating the adverse effects of subdivision, use and development of land on the safety and efficiency of regional infrastructure.*
- 9.5.3 *To promote and encourage the sustainable management of Otago's transport network through:*
- (a) *Promoting the use of fuel efficient modes of transport; and*
 - (b) *Encouraging a reduction in the use of fuels which produce emissions harmful to the environment; and*
 - (c) *Promoting a safer transport system; and*
 - (d) *Promoting the protection of transport infrastructure from the adverse effects of landuse activities and natural hazards.*
- 9.5.4 *To minimise the adverse effects of urban development and settlement, including structures, on Otago's environment through avoiding, remedying or mitigating:*
- (a) *Discharges of contaminants to Otago's air, water or land; and*

- (b) *The creation of noise, vibration and dust; and*
- (c) *Visual intrusion and a reduction in landscape qualities; and*
- (d) *Significant irreversible effects on:*
 - (i) *Otago community values; or*
 - (ii) *Kai Tahu cultural and spiritual values; or*
 - (iii) *The natural character of water bodies and the coastal environment;*
or
 - (iv) *Habitats of indigenous fauna; or*
 - (v) *Heritage values; or*
 - (vi) *Amenity values; or*
 - (vii) *Intrinsic values of ecosystems; or*
 - (viii) *Salmon or trout habitat.*

9.5.5 *To maintain and, where practicable, enhance the quality of life for people and communities within Otago's built environment through:*

- (a) *Promoting the identification and provision of a level of amenity which is acceptable to the community; and*
- (b) *Avoiding, remedying or mitigating the adverse effects on community health and safety resulting from the use, development and protection of Otago's natural and physical resources; and*
- (c) *Avoiding, remedying or mitigating the adverse effects of subdivision, landuse and development on landscape values.*

9.5.6 *To recognise and protect Otago's regionally significant heritage sites through:*

- (a) *Identifying Otago's regionally significant heritage sites in consultation with Otago's communities; and*
- (b) *Developing means to ensure those sites are protected from inappropriate subdivision, use and development.*

11 Natural Hazards

11.4 Objectives

11.4.1 *To recognise and understand the significant natural hazards that threaten Otago's communities and features.*

11.4.2 *To avoid or mitigate the adverse effects of natural hazards within Otago to acceptable levels.*

11.4.3 *To effectively and efficiently respond to natural hazards occurring within Otago.*

11.4.4 *To avoid, remedy or mitigate the adverse effects of hazard mitigation measures on natural and physical resources.*

11.5 Policies

- 11.5.2 *To take action necessary to avoid or mitigate the unacceptable adverse effect of natural hazards and the responses to natural hazards on:*
- (a) Human life; and*
 - (b) Infrastructure and property; and*
 - (c) Otago's natural environment; and*
 - (d) Otago's heritage sites.*
- 11.5.3 *To restrict development on sites or areas recognised as being prone to significant hazards, unless adequate mitigation can be provided.*
- 11.5.4 *To avoid or mitigate the adverse effects of natural hazards within Otago through:*
- (a) Analysing Otago's natural hazards and identifying their location and potential risk; and*
 - (b) Promoting and encouraging means to avoid or mitigate natural hazards; and*
 - (c) Identifying and providing structures or services to avoid or mitigate the natural hazard; and*
 - (d) Promoting and encouraging the use of natural processes where practicable to avoid or mitigate the natural hazard.*