

Appendix [B]

Relevant Regional Land and Water Plan Objectives and Policies

Objective 4.2.1 **To avoid remedy or mitigate adverse effects from land disturbance so that the region's water and soil resources are sustainably managed.**

Policy 4.3.1 To manage the disturbance of land and vegetation in order to avoid remedy or mitigate any adverse effects on:

- (a) The stability of land (e.g. slumping, subsidence, or erosion), river banks, and riverbeds and coastal margins;
- (b) Water quality, including clarity, turbidity, and temperature changes, and in stream values;
- (c) Changes in water level including water table;
- (d) Public access to rivers, lakes, and their margins and the coast;
- (e) Natural character, and aquatic ecosystems;
- (f) Soil depth and soil fertility;
- (g) The integrity of property, structures, or effects upon the operation or maintenance of regionally significant infrastructure;
- (h) Cultural and recreational values; and
- (i) Significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna.

Objective 5.2.1 **To avoid, remedy, or mitigate the adverse effects of lake and riverbed activities on:**

- (a) The stability of beds, banks, and structures;**
- (b) The flood carrying capacity of rivers;**
- (c) The natural character of wetlands, lakes and rivers and their margins;**
- (d) Indigenous biodiversity and ecological values, including fish passage;**
- (e) Amenity, heritage, and cultural values;**

- (f) Sports fish habitat values;**
- (g) Water quality;**
- (h) Navigation; and**
- (i) Regionally significant infrastructure.**

Policy 5.3.2

To manage bed disturbance, reclamation, deposition and the use, erection, extension, reconstruction, maintenance, alteration, demolition, or removal of structures in, on, under, or over the bed of any lake or river, so that the activity does not cause or contribute to significant adverse effects on:

- (a) The stability of beds and banks;
- (b) The capacity of rivers to carry flood flow;
- (c) Heritage, amenity or cultural values;
- (d) Water quality;
- (e) Existing structures or existing uses;
- (f) Navigational safety;
- (g) Aquatic ecosystem values (including habitat values and fish passage);
- (h) The natural character of the coastal environment, wetlands, rivers and lakes and their margins;
- (i) Significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna.

Objective 8.2.1

To maintain or enhance the quality of the West Coast's water.

Policy 8.3.5

When considering applications for resource consents to discharge contaminants to water to have regard to:

- (a) The nature of the discharge and the sensitivity of the receiving environment to adverse effects;
- (b) The financial implications, and the effects on the environment of the proposed method of discharge when compared with other options;
- (c) The current environmental mitigation technology and the likelihood that the proposed method can be successfully applied;

- (d) The cumulative effects of discharges of contaminants and the assimilative capacity of the water body and actual or potential effects in the coastal marine area;
- (e) Any relevant industry codes of practice or guidelines relating to the management of potential discharges; and
- (f) The best practicable option for the treatment and disposal of sewage effluent, including the use of land disposal or wetland treatment.

Policy 8.3A.1 When considering any application for a discharge the consent authority must have regard to the following matters:

- (a) The extent to which the discharge would avoid contamination that will have an adverse effect on the life-supporting capacity of fresh water including on any ecosystem associated with fresh water; and
- (b) The extent to which it is feasible and dependable that any more than minor adverse effect on fresh water, and on any ecosystem associated with fresh water, resulting from the discharge would be avoided.

Objective 10.2.1 To sustain existing uses of the West Coast's groundwater, by protecting water quantity and quality and avoiding depleting surface water flows.

Objective 10.2.3 To avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects on surface water bodies associated with groundwater takes.

Policy 10.3.1 In managing any activity involving the taking of groundwater to ensure that adverse effects are avoided, remedied, or mitigated.

Policy 10.3.4 To ensure that the quantity of water granted, under a resource consent for the taking of water, is no more than that required for the intended use of that water having regard to the local conditions.

Objective 13.2.1 To ensure that the adverse effects from the discharge of liquid contaminants into or onto land, on water and soil quality, social, cultural, and amenity values, and human health are avoided, remedied, or mitigated.

Policy 13.3.1 To ensure that the discharge of liquid contaminants into or onto land is of a nature or at a rate that does not exceed the ability of the land to assimilate the contaminant, and does not result in soil contamination.