

Submission on Proposed Timaru District Plan - He Po. He Ao. Ka Awatea.

Form 5 Submission on publically notified proposal for policy statement or plan, change or variation

Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

To: Timaru District Council - Planning Unit

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This is a submission on the following proposed plan (the **proposal**): Proposed Timaru District Plan - He Po. He Ao. Ka Awatea.

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I wish to be heard: Yes

I am willing to present a joint case: Yes

Could you gain an advantage in trade competition in making this submission?

- **No**

Are you directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that

(a) adversely affects the environment; and

(b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition

- **No**

Submission points

Point 40.1

Section: ASW – Activities on the Surface of Water

Sub-section: Rules

Provision:

ASW-R4	The recreational use of motorised craft on the Ōrāri River	
River Protection Area Between the mouth of the Ōrāri Gorge and the Factory Road Bridge (RPA-3)	Activity status: Permitted	Activity status when compliance not achieved with PER-1: Discretionary
	Where:	Activity status when compliance not achieved with PER-2 or PER-3: Non-complying
	PER-1 The use is not for a commercial activity; and	
	PER-2 The use is undertaken between March and August (inclusive); and	
	PER-3 The flow at the Ōrāri Gorge is 20 cumecs or greater.	

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

The time restriction limiting use to period March-August inclusive is unnecessary as there is no environmental adverse effect at any time.

The Orari Gorge can be jet boated in high flow conditions when there will be no adverse effects.

Due to the flow restriction there will only be limited opportunity for jet boating. Flows over 20 cumecs will most commonly be discoloured and unsuitable for fishing or other activities.

The is only small use by anglers. There is no empirical data to indicate that jet boats adversely affect trout or have more than a transient effect of fishing..

Department of Conservation stated they had no issues with respect to riverbed nesting birds

Summary: Permitting jet boating will only allow very infrequent use with little or no adverse affect on either fishng or riverbed nesting birds.

Relief sought

Remove the time restriction

Move the upstream limit to a point at the top of the gorge

Point 40.2

Section: ASW – Activities on the Surface of Water

Sub-section: Rules

Provision:

ASW-R5	The recreational use of motorised craft on the Ōpihi River	
River Protection Area between SH1 Bridge and confluence of the Ōpihi and Opuha/Ōpūaha Rivers (RPA-4)	Activity status: Permitted Where: PER-1 The use is not for a commercial activity; and PER-2 The use is a Jet Boat New Zealand (or its successor) organised event that complies with the following standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• there are no more than two events per calendar year; and• the event occurs between September and February (inclusive); and• the event occurs between the hours of 10am and 3pm; and• the flow when measured at the State Highway 1 Bridge is 20 cumecs or greater.	Activity status where compliance not achieved with PER-1 and PER-2: Discretionary

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

The proposed standards related to the use of the river for jet sprinting in the 1980,s and are now redundant and inappropriate.

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Relief sought

Remove provision PER-2 with the exception of the flow standard.

Point 40.3

Section: ASW – Activities on the Surface of Water

Sub-section: Rules

Provision:

ASW-R6	The recreational use of motorised craft on the Pureora / Pareora River	
River Protection Area between Evans Crossing and State Highway Bridge (RPA-5)	Activity status: PER	Activity status where compliance not achieved with PER-1: Discretionary
	Where:	Activity status where compliance not achieved with PER-2 and PER-3: Non-complying
	PER-1 The use is not for a commercial activity; and	
	PER-2 The use is undertaken between March and August (inclusive); and	
	PER-3 The flow when measured at the State Highway 1 Bridge is 20 cumecs or greater.	

Sentiment: Amend

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Relief sought

Remove the March to August inclusive restriction