

# Submission on Notified Proposal for Plan, Change or Variation

Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

To: Timaru District Council

Name of submitter:

Ronald Clearwater

[State full name]

This is a submission on the following proposed plan or on a change proposed to the following plan or on the following proposed variation to a proposed plan or on the following proposed variation to a change to an existing plan) (the 'proposal'):

Timaru District Plan Review 2022

[State the name of proposed or existing plan and (where applicable) change or variation].

I ~~could~~/could not\* gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

[\*Select one.]

\*I am/am not† 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.

[\*Delete or strike through entire paragraph if you could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.]

[†Select one.]

The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to are: [Give details]

Activities on the Surface of Water

**My submission is:** [Include whether you support or oppose the specific provisions or wish to have them amended; and reasons for your views]

[If your submission relates to a proposed plan prepared or changed using the collaborative planning process, you must indicate the following:

- Where you consider that the proposed plan or change fails to give effect to a consensus position and therefore how it should be modified; or
- In the case that your submission addresses a point on which the collaborative group did not reach a consensus position, how that provision in the plan should be modified.]

See a Hach Document

I seek the following decision from the local authority: [Give precise details as this is the only part of your submission that will be summarised in the summary of decisions requested]

See Attached Document

I wish (or do not wish) † to be heard in support of my submission.

[\*In the case of a submission made on a proposed planning instrument that is subject to a streamlined planning process, you need only indicate whether you wish to be heard if the direction specifies that a hearing will be held.]

[†Select one.]

\*If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

[\*Delete if you would not consider presenting a joint case.]

Yes

RCA

Signature of submitter (or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

[A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means]

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Note to person making submission

1. If you are making a submission to the Environmental Protection Authority, you should use form 16B. If you are a person who could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, your right to make a submission may be limited by clause 6(4) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
2. Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the authority is satisfied that at least 1 of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission):
  - It is frivolous or vexatious;
  - It discloses no reasonable or relevant case;
  - It would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further;
  - It contains offensive language;
  - It is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence, but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialist knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this submission to the Proposed Timaru District Plan Review

My submission is related to the *Activity on the Surface of Water (ASW)* section, primarily for motorised watercraft (jet boats).

I feel the logical way to present my submission is to work from The Rangitata river in the north of the district to the Pareora in the south.

#### **Rangitata river.**

**I support the permitted activity status to stay as it is currently. The Timaru district boundary is also the centre of this waterway so any provisions must match that of the Ashburton District Council plan.**

I support the permitted activity status for motorised craft year round. I support the protection of the identified fish spawning areas and also support the temporary restricted access to all craft, of the river section 'source to 'Red Rocks' from 1/3 to 31/7 incl.

#### **Orari river**

I request an amendment to the proposal for this river. I disagree with the permitted status proposed as only March to August

**My request is that the river has a permitted activity status year round when the flows as recorded by Ecan at the Gorge, is greater than 20m<sup>3</sup>.** Flows above 20m<sup>3</sup> are considered a 'fresh' if not 'flood' in comparison to its 'normal' flows of 5-15m<sup>3</sup>. A flow of >20m<sup>3</sup> would provide opportunity for jet boating and a separation from other recreational river based activities, if there is deemed to be a conflict. Remembering that ASW are also governed by the Navigation and Safety bylaws of Ecan.

#### **Opihi river**

To give some context the previous provisions in the district plan are historic and from the 1980's. During the 80's and 90's jet sprinting was a well supported activity in the district and provisions were made for events and river bed modification to take place. The river was also of a natural flow rather than the modified flow it experiences now due to the installation and resource consent provisions of the Opuha dam in the late 1990's. The restrictions to jet boating on this river are no longer relevant.

**My request is that this river has a permitted status from the highway 1 bridge to the district boundary, being the confluence with the Opuha River at Raincliff. The permitted status is for the year round when flows >20m<sup>3</sup> as measured at the Ecan recorder at State highway 1.**

A flow of >20m<sup>3</sup> would provide opportunity for jet boating and a separation from other recreational river based activities, if there is deemed to be a conflict. Remembering that ASW are also governed by the Navigation and Safety bylaws of Ecan.

#### **Pareora river**

I request an amendment to the proposal for this river. I disagree with the permitted status proposed, as only being March to August inclusive

**My request is that the river has a permitted activity status year round when the flows as recorded by Ecan at State highway 1 exceeds 20m3.**

Flows above 20m3 are considered a 'fresh' if not 'flood' in comparison to its 'normal' flows of 5-15m3. A flow of >20m3 would provide opportunity for jet boating and a separation from other recreational river based activities, if there is deemed to be a conflict. Remembering that ASW are also governed by the Navigation and Safety bylaws of Ecan

It also needs to be noted that the centre of this river is the boundary with The Waimate District and it would be wise to have any provisions match that of the neighboring district plan.

***Other waterways in the district.***

No other waterways in the district are named in the proposed plan but there are other rivers that are of interest to me and others in the jet boating community. The opportunity to go jet boating would be sporadic as these rivers depend on a heavy easterly rain. Primarily, the below rivers would be of interest to the smaller jet boat owners and I would like to request that the below provisions be made:

**Waihi**

Jet boating is permitted all year round when the flow exceeds 10m3 at the Ecan Recorder at the DoC reserve.

Flows above 10m3 are considered a 'fresh' if not 'flood' in comparison to its 'normal' flows of 1-7m3. A flow of >10m3 would provide opportunity for jet boating and a separation from other recreational river based activities, if there is deemed to be a conflict. Remembering that ASW are also governed by the Navigation and Safety bylaws of Ecan.

**Te Moana**

Jet boating is permitted all year round when the flow exceeds 10m3 at the Ecan Recorder at Glentohi.

Flows above 10m3 are considered a 'fresh' if not 'flood' in comparison to its 'normal' flows of 1-7m3. A flow of >10m3 would provide opportunity for jet boating and a separation from other recreational river based activities, if there is deemed to be a conflict. Remembering that ASW are also governed by the Navigation and Safety bylaws of Ecan.

**Te Ngawai**

Jet boating is permitted all year round when the flow exceeds 10m3 at the Ecan Recorder at Cave.

Flows above 10m3 are considered a 'fresh' if not 'flood' in comparison to its 'normal' flows of 1-7m3. A flow of >10m3 would provide opportunity for jet boating and a separation from other recreational river based activities, if there is deemed to be a conflict. Remembering that ASW are also governed by the Navigation and Safety bylaws of Ecan.

NB:

\*All flow measuring sites are managed and calibrated by Ecan (Environment Canterbury) and are available via their website, updated every 2hrs

\*Ecan Navigation and Safety bylaws apply to any surface water activity in the Canterbury region. Any deemed conflict or cause for concern must be viewed through this lens.

\* I think to summarise the above, I'd like to see the rules governing the permitted status of ASW to be simple so there is no room for confusion, conflict and misunderstandings.