



Form 5
SUBMISSION ON PUBLICLY NOTIFIED PROPOSAL FOR POLICY STATEMENT OR PLAN

Clause 6 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

TO: Ashburton District Council
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NAME OF SUBMITTER: Canterbury Regional Council

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1. THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 10 TO THE ASHBURTON DISTRICT PLAN TO INCORPORATE THE RESULTS OF THE REVIEW OF GROUP 2 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANT NATURE CONSERVATION VALUE INTO THE DISTRICT PLAN.

2. THE PARTICULAR PARTS OF PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 10 THAT THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORTS ARE:

The proposal in its entirety.

3. THE REASONS FOR MAKING THIS SUBMISSION ARE:

The Canterbury Regional Council supports Proposed Plan Change 10 on the grounds that the proposal is consistent with the Resource Management Act 1991, the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement, and the Ashburton District Plan in that it:

1. ***Gives effect to Policies of the Regional Policy Statement***, including Chapter 8 (Landscape, Ecology and Heritage) Issue 1, Objective 3, and Policy 4, which seek the protection and enhancement of biodiversity values and ecosystem function. The Proposed Plan Change also advances actions set out in the (non-statutory) Biodiversity Strategy for Canterbury; the Canterbury Regional Council is a signatory to this strategy.
2. ***Gives effect to provisions of the Ashburton District Plan*** addressing biodiversity. In particular, the Proposed Plan Change assists with achieving Objectives and Policies in section 3.1 (Nature Conservation Values), which seek to protect indigenous biodiversity and ecosystem functioning and maintain indigenous vegetation, communities and habitats generally within the District. Additionally, the proposal implements Method 3.1.3.3.2, which sets out a process to review Group 2 sites, and gives effect to Rural Areas Objective 5.1.3.9.3 and Policy 5.1.3.10.2, dealing with the protection of ecosystem function, natural character, and habitat values of the high country.

3. **Assists with achieving the Purpose and Principles of the Resource Management Act 1991**, including sections 5(1) and (2), 6 (a),(b), and (c), and 7 (c), (d) and (f) because the proposal:
 - i. Promotes sustainable management of the environment;
 - ii. Recognises and provides for the preservation and protection of natural character, natural features and landscapes, and areas of significant vegetation and significant habitat of indigenous fauna from inappropriate subdivision, use and development;
 - iii. Has particular regard to the maintenance and enhancement of amenity values, the intrinsic values of ecosystems, and the quality of the environment.

4. THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL SEEKS THE FOLLOWING DECISION FROM THE ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL:

That the Proposed Private Plan Change, as notified, is adopted.

5. THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL DOES WISH TO BE HEARD IN SUPPORT OF ITS SUBMISSION.



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