

***The Future of Lake Camp (Ōtautari) & Lake
Clearwater (Te Puna a Taka)
DRAFT 30 Year Plan***

Summary of feedback

17 August Council meeting

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1.1 Summary of feedback received

Those identified as having a significant interest in the Draft Lake Camp & Clearwater Plan were invited to provide feedback. 19 submissions were received on the draft plan between 4 June and 6 July 2022.

This summary document has been compiled to provide Council with an overview of the feedback received, as well as what feedback was incorporated into the plan, what wasn't, and why. This document mainly summarises feedback that included suggestions for change.

1.2 Feedback that *has been* incorporated into the draft plan

1.2.1 General feedback

Submitter name	Pg#	Summary	Staff comments
Bruorton, Adair	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggests a stronger ‘call to action’ up front – emphasising that looking after the special environment at the lakes is everyone’s responsibility. Agencies can, and need to, lead – but community input and stewardship is vital too 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporated
Bruorton, Adair Lake Clearwater Hutholders Association	15 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggests re-wording objective 2.1 to read “ensure the original purpose of the settlement is retained and protected” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers agree that this wording is better, incorporated
Central South Island Fish and Game	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that ADC has specific functions under the Resource Management Act and that Council should not consider their role as limited in scope 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A section has been added to the plan explaining that we have functions and duties under the RMA and that the plan aims to be complementary to these functions
Clemens, Val	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan does not portray the urgency of action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The action plan has been updated so that actions are now required to be completed by a specific year
Environment Canterbury Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu	21 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggestion to update review period as review may be necessary earlier 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We had initially noted that the review period would be “every 5 years or as required”, this has now been updated to “every 5 years, or sooner, if or as required”
Hyde, Jeff	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change wording of seasonal camping ground, accommodation house, volunteer fire fighting Suggests wording about the campground be updated in line with Council’s website Suggests wording about fire service be updated - now has a fully funded FENZ rural fire station Suggests wording about the original trust deed be updated – notes that it does not say ‘accommodation house’, instead it says ‘being deemed to be desirable in the public interest that said piece of land should be set apart for use as a camping ground for visitors and similar uses’ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These suggestions have been updated in the plan The land on which the hut sites are located is part of an endowment gift to the Citizens of the Ashburton District from the holders of the Mount Possession Run (W. Glassey and I. Gallagher in 1926; Samuel Chaffey 1949; Robin Chaffey 1964). 2 acres “be set apart for use as a camping ground for visitors and similar uses for the benefit of the county of Ashburton. There was a letter which states Council would build an ‘accommodation house’; with the original deed. There

			is no reference or a copy of a deed as to why the 2 nd two gifts were given.
Lake Clearwater Hutholders Association	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to see greater recognition in the draft plan of the enormous volunteer contribution made by the LCHHA and members looking after the settlement and foreshore areas. Suggests a re-phrase of some specific wording 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The re-phrase has been incorporated
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes that the current arrangement is for LCHHA to collect and retain camping fees as recompense for maintenance work • Notes that if the fees were increased, campers would likely expect a higher level of service which LCHHA does not have the capacity to provide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A specific action has been added to the action plan to 'investigate and review camping ground fees and charges', and this is to be undertaken in consultation with LCHHA
Marks, Carolyn	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes that the recycling centre at Mt Somers is excellent and people should be encouraged to use this. Suggests installing signs at skips encouraging use of Mt Somers recycling centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This has now been added to the action plan
Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pointed out correct spelling of Ōtūwharekai 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission noted statutory acknowledgements that are included as part of the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1988 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These statutory acknowledgements have been added to the draft plan
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would prefer the dual naming of the lakes referenced throughout the entire document 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests the exploration of the use of a lease site to be used by mana whenua for mahinga kai 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An action has been added to the action plan to explore this possibility and discuss with mana whenua
Woods, Kim	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggests a list of key priorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporated
Zwart, Sarah	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly state the purpose of the plan, make the vision statement bolder 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporated
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggests to include imagery (both of the problem and the beauty of the area) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is likely to be incorporated as part of the design of the document
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggests to explicitly state the purpose of the plan • Suggests updating the vision to "To work together to regenerate the health of the Lake Camp and Lake Clearwater for the benefit of nature, place and people" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporated

1.2.2 Feedback on action plan

Submitter name	Pg#	Summary	Staff comments
Bruorton, Adair Lake Clearwater Hutholders Association	15 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not understand why action “Review Ashburton District Plan rules regarding earthworks and vegetation clearance, possibly in conjunction with RMA reform and incoming regional planning documents” is a necessary action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This action was suggested initially however was removed when it became apparent that these matters would likely be dealt with through the incoming regional planning documents required the RMA reform
Central South Island Fish and Game	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that the plan mentions the cultural significance of the area, but has no specific goals or actions to recognise this Notes that some of the wording is not as clear as it could be e.g. suggests changing the word ‘stop’ to ‘prevent’ Suggests re-wording of objective 3.2 to “monitor recreational use of the area and undertake action as necessary to ensure use is sustainable and values protected” Suggests re-wording of objective 4.1 to “work collaboratively with key stakeholders to meet the goals and vision of the plan” Suggests re-wording of action 4.1.3 to “actively participate in and contribute to the Ōtūwharekai Working and Steering groups” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wording suggested by mana whenua has been incorporated into the plan Wording has been updated
Clemens, Val	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggests the Landscape Management Plan review should be an urgent priority Suggests that an increase in staff/contractor visits to the area to discourage inappropriate 4WD and motorcycle activity should also be an urgent priority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This action is to be done by Year 2 of the plan This action is in the action plan for Years 1 to 30
Environment Canterbury	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggests that the action plan table include information on whether funding is already available/where it is coming from Suggests action plan table includes a specific year for actions to be completed by Suggests updating the education action to include multiple things such as dogs, other animals and 4WDs Suggested to add further wording to define the ‘boundary issue’ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporated

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggests education rollout on sensible driving be targeted at wider area rather than just the settlement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan has been updated to say ‘and work with partners to ensure consistent messaging’ to help incorporate road safety education in general
Lake Clearwater Hutholders Association Hadler, Steve	17 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like to see Police added to action 3.2.1 Would like to see LCHHA and Aquatic Club added to action 3.2.2 Would like to be involved with discussion on lighting in the area under action 2.1.2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporated
Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggested wording for goals 1, 2 and 4 Suggests adding an action to review District Plan rules in relation to biodiversity Suggested additional wording regarding reasons why the area is significant (e.g. plants and moraine sequence) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These have been incorporated into the plan
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggested actions relating to mana whenua 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These have been incorporated into the plan with wording suggested by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like to see that Landscape Management Plan review ensures that only natives, preferably eco-sourced and/or flora that were historically present are considered for future plantings Notes that the review of the LMP should be undertaken with input from mana whenua and Aoraki Environmental Consultancy and Mahaanui Kurataiao Limited should be approached to facilitate input 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action plan updated to say LMP review to be undertaken in consultation with mana whenua

1.2.3 Feedback on acknowledgements

Submitter name	Pg#	Summary	Staff comments
Central South Island Fish & Game	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change wording from 'collaboration' with working group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated to wording suggested by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu
Environment Canterbury	21		
Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu	30		
Central South Island Fish and Game	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pointed out that Central South Island Fish and Game were left out from the list of parties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated
Environment Canterbury	21		
Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pointed out that Te Taumutu Rūnganga and Fish & Game were missing from key stakeholder/partner list, as well as ADC, MPI and MfE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated
Lake Clearwater Hutholders Association	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like to see further recognition of the volunteer contributions made by LCHHA and members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers have done their best to provide further recognition
Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that they should be referred to as treaty partners, not as stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated

1.3 Feedback that has not been incorporated into the draft plan

1.3.1 General feedback

Submitter name	Pg#	Summary	Staff comments
Bolitho, Barry	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions why there is no objective to determine where the pollution is coming from • Notes that without an understanding of the source it is difficult to limit them from entering the lake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an action already in the action plan under 1.1.5 to support further scientific research and water quality monitoring • While we could wait for further scientific research, it has been indicated that the state of the lake is time sensitive, therefore the plan aims to cover reduction of all possible contaminants within the control of ADC
Bruorton, Adair Lake Clearwater Hutholders Association	15 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't believe that 'the need to review our district plan rules/zoning' as a submission issue is justified, cannot see this in submissions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was identified by staff, and was not referenced as a key topic in submissions. The Resource Management Act requires periodic review of district plan policies, objectives and rules. In this case, there are questions around whether the current Residential B zoning is the best fit for the future of the settlement. The consultation and outcomes of the Development Plan will form part of these considerations. Any subsequent amendment to the District Plan would follow a formal Resource Management Act process and this would include further and separate consultation with affected parties
Bruorton, Adair Environment Canterbury Lake Clearwater Hutholders Association	15 21 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggests that we should understand science around greywater before investigating the installation of greywater systems • Notes that it may not be a significant culprit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers note that there is request for more urgency in the plan, as the water quality issue is imminent. It makes sense to include these actions in the plan because waiting for the science will delay the speed at which we can take action. Officers also note that while it is possible that the science could identify that the greywater is not a significant culprit, this is

			an action that ADC can take that either way will still have a positive impact, no matter how big
Central South Island Fish and Game	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggested a collection of wording changes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some of these have been incorporated, as listed earlier in this plan. The parts that have not been included are not part of the plan for differing reasons
Clemens, Val	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education and cooperation with the hutholders is important, suggests setting up a group of interested people which will allow the infiltration of expertise and ideas that may not be present within the ADC structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are already many groups that have been established. Resourcing another one is not considered viable at this point in time.
Easton, Mark & Holloway, Christine Paton, John & Paula	4 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggests that the plan will all come to nought without changes to farming practices on the adjacent land Questions why farmland and farming activity in the area is not mentioned throughout the plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farming regulation is part of the regional council role. There is an action in the plan under 1.1.4 which states that Council will advocate to other bodies such as Environment Canterbury to ensure their environmental controls are appropriate in surrounding areas
Environment Canterbury	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggests including an action reflecting commitment to fund monitoring of groundwater flow and quality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This has not been included in the plan because this was never agreed to. At the mana to mana hui it was made clear that ADC does not intend to help fund this as it is seen as a Regional Council function
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggests ADC develop and implement their own pest management plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This has not been included in the plan because this is a Regional Council function
Hadler, Steve	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opposed to fencing off Lake Camp from a safety and access aspect for water sports where a vehicle is required to help 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no specific plan to put fencing in place but Council will consult with LCHHA & Aquatic Club under action 3.2.2
Hyde, Jeff	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes various specific queries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers will respond to these queries in due course
Marks, Carolyn	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Believes ECan are doing a poor job at talking with the landowners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is an action in the plan under 1.1.4 which states that Council will advocate to other bodies such as Environment Canterbury to ensure their environmental controls are appropriate in surrounding areas
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that greywater just drains into the gravel and cannot imagine it can reach the lake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The campground greywater is a higher priority than the greywater from the baches, however both are important.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that greywater from caravans and tents in camping ground should be priority because they are lakeside and don't have gravel drains like baches do 	
Save the Rivers Mid-Canterbury	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that the plan seems weak on the water quality problem which is the most important Notes that ADC must have a huge interest in this in must commit to ensuring that ECan do what needs to be done to improve the water quality in our lakes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted, this is already intended as part of the plan, and is a key priority of the Ōtūwharekai working group
Watson, Ian and Maxine	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Believes there must be other sources of pollution outside of ADCs control Believes this is ECan's responsibility under the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Notes that to achieve the goals of this plan it will require 100% commitment from the other organisations, and that the environment must have first priority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is an objective in the plan to 'work with key stakeholders to meet goals and vision of the plan'
Woods, Kim	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions if there has been a study done on how often the toilets at the west end of Lake Camp have been emptied in the last few years, Believes that since the toilets have been installed at halfway, these toilets have become null and void and that the money may be better spent on improving camping ground facilities Notes that the greywater plan needs thorough investigation and education, one hutholder has had issues with a septic tank already 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No, there has not been a study undertaken in relation to these toilets
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Believes the plan needs to be more precise in terms of benefits to hutholders – e.g. playgrounds, tennis courts, cricket nets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are unsure what the demand is up there for these facilities but there are currently no plans or budgets to provide additional recreational facilities. A submission from the Hutholders requesting funding for this in next Annual Plan or LTP would be the way to progress this
Young, Helen and Gavin	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requests that the new toilets are placed behind the trees where the old ones were due to the smell. Notes that the old toilets did not smell, however, the new ones down the side of Lake Camp do even though they are cleaned regularly Questions if hutholders will have a say on location 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This has been forwarded to the Open Spaces team for consideration when the time comes to install the new toilets

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggests a small hole in the top of the skip bin that is only big enough to put household rubbish bags in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is something that will be looked into as part of the investigation into more efficient rubbish removal under action 2.2.4
Zwart, Sarah	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move the vision and goals more to the front of the plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We support the reasoning behind this however believe it is important that the context is provided first
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that the plan does not specifically mention the role of surrounding land-use practices in the health of the lakes. Believes both bach holders and surrounding landowners should be held accountable for their role in the wellbeing of the lakes. Suggests including an objective as part of this 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted, this is not so much an ADC role, but is likely to be part of the work we do as a part of the Ōtūwharekai working group
Paton, John & Paula	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that hutholders also have a financial stake in the area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted

1.3.2 Funding options

Vacant sections

Submitter name	Pg#	Summary	Staff comments
Hicks, Matthew	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Believes there are not as many as 12 vacant sections and that some have never been surveyed and therefore do not formally exist Notes that the issues affecting the lakes and surrounding environment would only be made worse by increasing the number of lease sections if more were to be sold 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Of the 202 sites shown on the plans 17 sites have been retained by Council with no buildings upon them. Three sites have buildings, which are toilet block and Hall. Council had a surveyor produce a plan which shows the lease boundaries. Unless the sites adjoin sites with huts on none have been formally pegged
Paton, John & Paula	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions where the vacant sections have come from Notes that as a LCHHA member it has been a long-time understanding that there are no further sections for sale, where have they suddenly materialised from? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See comment above. Council made a decision in 2017 to sell 3 sections however this did not progress as the focus was on getting the survey work completed
Lake Clearwater Hutholders	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that the vacant sections within the settlement crucially serve as fire breaks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted

Woods, Kim Hicks, Matthew Bruorton, Adair Lake Clearwater Hutholders Association	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disappointed to see that the sale of leases is still a possibility after strong feedback against this 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council identified this is a funding option in the workshop and day trip, therefore officers have not made any changes to the draft plan in response to this feedback
	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Believes the sale of lease sections should be last resort to raise money 	
	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not agree with the consideration to sell leases as revenue generation, notes this is contrary to a lot of the feedback provided 	
	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disagrees with references to 'future development', cannot understand how Council believes it has the mandate what so ever to ever consider future development 	

Other

Submitter name	Pg#	Summary	Staff comments
Hicks, Matthew	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Believes funding for activities such as new toilets should be collected through the general rate as it will mainly be used by non-residents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This has not been specifically incorporated into the plan as the section on funding already mentions that Council will be looking into funding options (e.g. rating implications)
Lake Clearwater Hutholders Association	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggests Council consider requiring a payment/donation by freedom campers towards administration costs (such as rubbish, maintenance of toilets) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It would be too difficult to ensure a payment/donation is made
Marks, Carolyn	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would be very unhappy at a rise in rates as they are already high for the limited services that hutholders receive Believes that to pay for rubbish removal would be an insult to bach owners but notes that the skip at the camping ground may need a money slot for the lid to open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This has not been specifically incorporated into the plan as we will be looking into different funding sources, and investigating different rubbish systems