

Environment Southland's Progressive Implementation Programme for Implementing the Policies of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014

Pursuant to Policy E1 of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014, Environment Southland gives public notice of its Progressive Implementation Programme for implementing policies Policies A1, A2, A3, B1, B2, B5, B6, CA1, CA2, CA3 and CA4, as outlined below:

Stage	Process	Timeline
Community conversations	Establish process for community conversations about catchment scale limit setting following notification of regional framework in Water and Land Plan for Southland.	By 30 June 2016.
Fiordland and Islands Freshwater Management Unit	Develop catchment limits through a community and council process.	Commence late 2016, with catchment limits to be developed by July 2018.
Mataura-Toetoes Harbour Freshwater Management Unit	Develop catchment limits through a community and council process.	Commence late 2017 with catchment limits to be developed by July 2019.
Aparima and Pourakino -Jacobs River Estuary Freshwater Management Unit	Develop catchment limits through a community and council process.	Commence late 2017 with catchment limits to be developed by July 2019.
Waiau-Waiiau Lagoon Freshwater Management Unit	Develop catchment limits through a community and council process.	Commence late 2018 with catchment limits to be developed by July 2020.
Oreti and and Waihopai - New River Estuary Freshwater Management Unit.	Develop catchment limits through a community and council process.	Commence late 2018 with catchment limits to be developed by July 2020.
NPS-FM fully implemented	Water and Land Plan for Southland notified.	Plan Change(s) for all Freshwater Management Units to be notified by December 2025.

The above Progressive Implementation Programme will fully implement the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014 by December 2025.

Environment Southland, in partnership with Ngāi Tahu tangata whenua, will be working with the communities of Southland to implement the programme above as part of its Water and Land 2020 & Beyond project which includes a science programme and an economic project.

The final reports for the economic project to understand the implications of potential policy decisions will be completed by January 2017. Key completion dates for the three main

themes within the science programme are: Land Use inputs (completed by February 2016), Fluxes and Flows (completed by February 2016), Ecosystem Response (completed by September 2016), with the exception of the Freshwater Ecosystem Health and Monitoring Predictor (completed by March 2017) and then Freshwater Ecosystem Health Monitoring is to be in place by November 2017.

Furthermore, following Council's resolution on 20 November 2014 an engagement strategy for Catchment Limit Setting that seeks to involve the community will also be prepared and reviewed by Council in early 2016.

Annual reporting on the staged implementation programme will occur annually in the Council's Annual Report prepared under the Local Government Act 2002.

Further information about the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014 and Environment Southland's Progressive Implementation Programme can be sourced on the Council's website www.es.govt.nz or by phoning Environment Southland's offices on (03) 211 5115 or toll free (within Southland) 0800 76 88 45.