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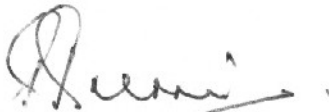
Dear Sir

THE PROPOSED LAND AND WATER PLAN

On behalf of the Grey District Council a submission is attached about the proposed Land and Water Plan.

The Council wishes to be heard on these matters. If others make a similar submission the Council would be prepared to consider presenting a joint case with them.

Yours faithfully



Paul Pretorius
Chief Executive Officer

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THE GREY DISTRICT

Submission from the Grey District Council (the Council) on the proposed Land and Water Plan:

1. The specific provision of the Proposed Plan that this submission relates to:

PROPOSED RULE 1 HUMPING AND HOLLOWING, FLIPPING OR V-BLADING OUTSIDE RIPARIAN MARGINS.

The Council's submission is that:

Similar to conditions for permitted activities elsewhere in this Plan there also needs to be a condition that states the following:

"Discharges and/or overland storm water flow from humping and hollowing does not increase the volume and/or flow in receiving waterbody, watercourses, drains and drainage infrastructure beyond the carrying capacity of the waterbody, watercourse, drain or drainage infrastructure".

The Council seeks the following decision from the West Coast Regional Council:

Include this wording in Rule 1.

2. The specific provision of the Proposed Plan that this submission relates to:

PROPOSED RULE 2 EARTHWORKS IN RIPARIAN MARGINS.

The Council's submission is that:

The Grey District Council is in consultation with parties about an intended change to the Grey District Plan that will recognise and manage Significant Natural Areas (SNAs). It is now known that there are SNAs with riparian margins.

The Council acknowledges that this rule in the proposed Land and Water Plan has been carried through without amendment however the change in circumstances is because the Grey District Council has progressed with its SNA project which means it can now provide a better assessment about the implication of Regional Plan rules.

The Council seeks the following decision from the West Coast Regional Council:

That the note that is used in other rules in the proposed Land and Water Plan is added to Rule 2. The wording is –

Note: Additional provisions on disturbance of indigenous vegetation, wetlands, significant natural areas, and cultural/historic areas may apply. It will be necessary to refer to relevant district plans."

3. The specific provision of the Proposed Plan that this submission relates to:

PROPOSED RULE 3 EARTHWORKS IN NON EROSION PRONE AREAS OUTSIDE RIPARIAN MARGINS.

The Council's submission is that:

Add: ", or the deposition of sediment is no more than minor."

The Council seeks the following decision from the West Coast Regional Council:

That this wording be added to the rule.

4. The specific provision of the Proposed Plan that this submission relates to:

PROPOSED RULE 4(d) EARTHWORKS IN EROSION PRONE AREA ONE OUTSIDE RIPARIAN MARGINS.

The Council's submission is that:

Add: ", or the deposition of sediment is no more than minor."

The Council seeks the following decision from the West Coast Regional Council:

That this wording be added to the rule.

5. The specific provision of the Proposed Plan that this submission relates to:

PROPOSED RULE 5(d) EARTHWORKS IN EROSION PRONE AREA TWO, AND GREYMOUTH EARTHWORKS CONTROL AREA OUTSIDE RIPARIAN MARGINS.

The Council's submission is that:

Add: ", or the deposition of sediment is no more than minor."

The Council seeks the following decision from the West Coast Regional Council:

That this wording be added to the rule.

6. The specific provision of the Proposed Plan that this submission relates to:

PROPOSED RULE 7 VEGETATION DISTURBANCE IN RIPARIAN MARGINS.

The Council's submission is that:

The Grey District Council is in consultation with parties about an intended change to the Grey District Plan that will recognise and manage Significant Natural Areas (SNAs). It is now known that there are SNAs with riparian margins.

The Council acknowledges that this rule in the proposed Land and Water Plan has been carried through without amendment however the change in circumstances is because the Grey District Council has progressed with its SNA project which means it can now provide a better assessment about the implication of Regional Plan rules.

The Council seeks the following decision from the West Coast Regional Council:

That the note that is used in other rules in the proposed Land and Water Plan is added to Rule 7. The wording is –

Note: Additional provisions on disturbance of indigenous vegetation, wetlands, significant natural areas, and cultural/historic areas may apply. It will be necessary to refer to relevant district plans."

7. The specific provision of the Proposed Plan that this submission relates to:

PROPOSED RULE 8(d) VEGETATION DISTURBANCE IN EROSION PRONE AREA ONE, TWO, OR THE GREYMOUTH EARTHWORKS CONTROL AREA

The Council's submission is that:

Add: ", or the deposition of sediment is no more than minor."

The Council seeks the following decision from the West Coast Regional Council:

That this wording be added to the rule.

8. The specific provision of the Proposed Plan that this submission relates to:

PROPOSED RULE 10 GRAZING AND LIVESTOCK ACCESS TO RIPARIAN MARGINS IN THE LAKE BRUNNER CATCHMENT

The Council's submission is that:

Because public access is a matter of national importance, this rule would benefit from an advice note being added.

The Council seeks the following decision from the West Coast Regional Council:

That an Advice Note is added to the rule that where the fence is not on the applicants own land the applicant must obtain access approval from the property owner. Fences on road reserve shall not impede public access.

9. The specific provision of the Proposed Plan that this submission relates to:

PROPOSED RULE 61 DISCHARGE FROM ANY DRAIN

The Council's submission is that:

This rule is supported. A comment in relation to part (d) of the rule is that the wording may need to be amended to read (something like):

"The discharge does not increase the flow in the receiving water body or another drain beyond the property boundary, to the extent it exceeds the carrying capacity of the waterbody or the drain or drains the discharge is directed to beyond the property boundary"

10. The specific provision of the Proposed Plan that this submission relates to:

PROPOSED RULE 62 (b)

The Council's submission is that:

The intent of this rule is supported. A comment in relation to part (b) (i) is if the water has been pH corrected to around 7, what is the issue with discharging into say receiving water with a pH of 6? That is, the discharge could be beneficial.

11. The specific provision of the Proposed Plan that this submission relates to:

PROPOSED RULE 65 and 66 (e)

The Council's submission is that:

These rules are supported.

12. The specific provision of the Proposed Plan that this submission relates to:

PROPOSED RULE 73 (a) (i)

The Council's submission is that:

This rule is supported.

13. The specific provision of the Proposed Plan that this submission relates to:

PROPOSED RULE 79 DISCHARGE OF STORMWATER RUNOFF

And

PROPOSED RULE 86 DISCHARGE OF STORMWATER RUNOFF NOT PERMITTED BY RULE 80.

The Council's submission is that:

The additions to Rule 79 and 86 if properly enforced will result in a reduction in adverse environmental effects from stormwater runoff by preventing erosion, scouring, land instability and exceeding the carrying capacity of existing infrastructure.

The Council supports the changes to the rule but also requests that additional wording be added to Rule 79 (c).

The Council seeks the following decision from the West Coast Regional Council:

That the wording be added to Rule 79 (c): "or water body".

14. The specific provision of the Proposed Plan that this submission relates to:

PROPOSED RULE 86 (iii)

The Council's submission is that:

The Council requests that additional wording be added to Rule 86 (iii).

The Council seeks the following decision from the West Coast Regional Council:

That the wording be added to Rule 86 (iii): "or water body".

END