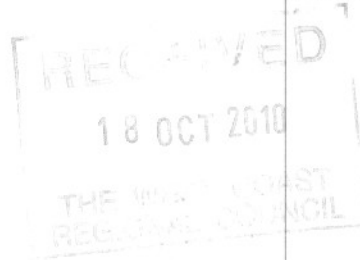


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Dear Sir/Madam

Submission on the Proposed Regional Land and Water Plan

1. Please find enclosed for lodging Oceana Gold New Zealand Limited's submission on the Proposed West Coast Regional Land and Water Plan.

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1. This is a submission on the Proposed Regional Land and Water Plan ("the Proposed Plan").
2. The specific provisions of the proposal that the submission relates to are:
 - a. The Proposed Plan in its entirety.
3. The submission is:
 - a. Oceana Gold generally supports the Proposed Plan. Oceana Gold believes the merger of the Council's three Resource Management Plans (Proposed Land and Riverbed Management Plan, Proposed Water Management Plan, and Regional Plan for Discharges to Land) into one will provide greater efficiency and ease of use.
 - b. Oceana Gold supports the inclusion of "stormwater" runoff, as a permitted activity under Rule 48 (page 74). This change will clarify what is covered by Rule 48 and will provide consistency with the terms used in Rules 79 and 86.
 - c. Clause 2.13.1, page 7, of the Proposed Plan provides for Poutini Ngai Tahu participation in the decision making process and stipulates that:

"Where appropriate, preparation of a cultural impact assessment will be recommended to assist with the decision making process where an issue of resource management significance to Poutini Ngai Tahu arises. This will ensure cultural values and customary activities, which form part of Schedule 5, are addressed when assessing a proposal".
 - d. Oceana Gold supports Poutini Ngai Tahu participation in the decision making process where issues of resource management significance arises. Oceana Gold wishes to ensure that the method clarifies the procedure to ensure that the need for a cultural impact assessment is identified early in the process, to avoid unnecessary delays.
4. Oceana Gold seeks the following decision from the local authority:
 - a. That the Proposed Plan be adopted subject to an amendment to clause 2.13.1 set out below; and
 - b. That Rule 48 be adopted; and

- c. That clause 2.13.1 be amended establishing a procedure to ensure that, the need for a cultural impact assessment is identified early in the process. The proposed amendment sought to clause 2.13.1 is as follows:

"When pre application consultation with Papatipu Runanga indicates that an issue of resource management significance to Poutini Ngai Tahu may arise, ~~Where appropriate,~~ preparation of a cultural impact assessment as part of the assessment of environmental effects will be recommended to assist with the decision making process ~~where an issue of resource management significance to Poutini Ngai Tahu arises.~~ This will ensure cultural values and customary activities, which form part of Schedule 5, are addressed when assessing a proposal".

- d. Or such other relief that gives effect to the concerns raised in this submission.
5. The submitter wishes to be heard in support of its submission.
6. If others make a similar submission, the submitter will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

DATED this 13th day of October 2010



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