

**The Regional Coastal Plan provisions as amended by Plan Change 2 – 16 November  
2010**

9.5.3.1A For the waterbodies set out in Schedule 6, disturbance of the foreshore or seabed, including in Coastal Hazard Areas, associated with clearing the outlet of a river or creek is a **permitted** activity, provided:

- a) The outlet closure is causing a backwater flooding hazard to adjoining land or infrastructure; and
- b) The disturbance is limited to the extent necessary to resume flow and remove the hazard; and
- c) The outlet shall be reinstated where the channel was last actively flowing prior to closure; and
- d) Where available, an existing access route shall be used and in all cases access shall minimise disturbance to dunes, vegetation, indigenous species' nesting areas or habitat, or sites of importance to iwi; and
- e) The area from which the material is taken is smoothed over and the site is left tidy on completion of the work; and
- f) No refuelling or lubrication or any mechanical repairs shall be undertaken in the coastal marine area; and
- g) The Regional Council is notified of which river or creek outlet is to be opened, when, and by whom, prior to the works being undertaken; and
- h) All equipment, machinery, and plant is removed from the coastal marine area at the completion of works.

Note:

The purpose of this rule is to minimise a hazard risk by enabling the re-opening of river or creek outlets which become closed, where there is little or no surface flow to the sea, and where the closure is creating a flood risk.

This rule only allows the opening of a river or creek outlet through the last main channel that was flowing before it became closed. Relocating a river or creek outlet requires a resource consent. The rule also does not permit clearing outlets to permanently drain lagoons or estuaries, or to allow fish passage.

Persons exercising this rule should be aware that permission may need to be obtained, at their own expense, from the legal owner or administering body of the river bed or mouth.

Where practicable, the excavation should be cut to allow release of water immediately after high tide.

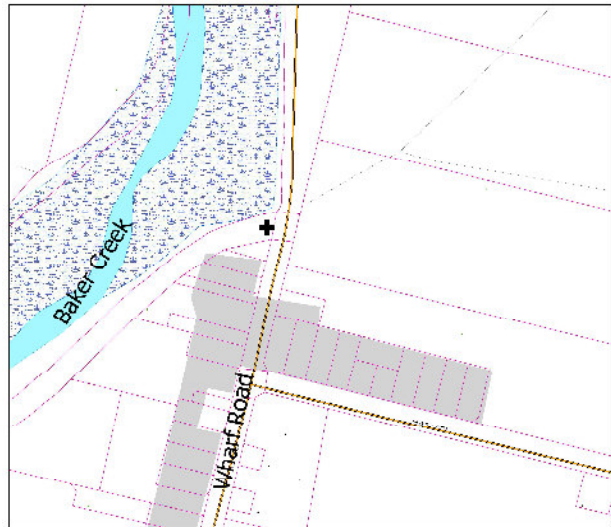
For the purposes of this Rule "infrastructure" includes legal road.

## SCHEDULE 6: OUTLETS PERMITTED TO BE OPENED UNDER RULE 9.5.3.1.A

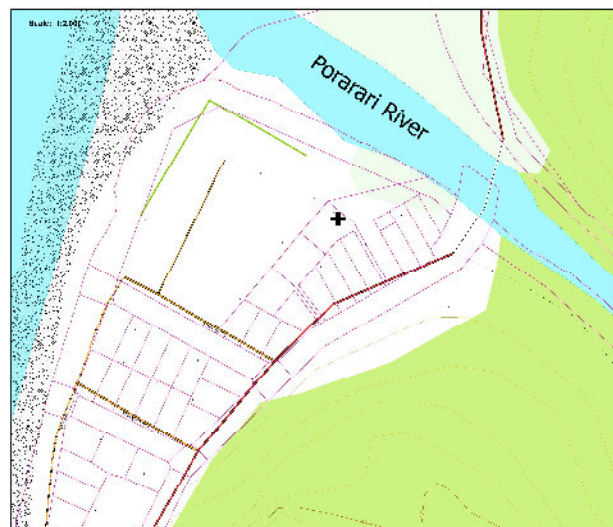
Stony Creek, north of Karamea  
Candle Creek, north of Karamea  
Break Creek, Oparara  
Chatterbox Stream, Nikau  
Patten Stream, Nikau  
Dufty Stream, Miko  
Lamlough Stream, Miko  
Dean Stream, Miko  
Ngakawau River, Ngakawau  
Cooper Stream, Granity  
Bradley Stream, Granity  
Granity Stream, Granity Stream  
Twins Stream, Granity  
Jones Creek, Birchfield  
Waimangaroa River, Waimangaroa  
Deadmans Creek, Fairdown  
Bull Creek, Cape Foulwind  
Marris Creek, Cape Foulwind  
Totara Rivers, Charleston  
Punakaiki River, Punakaiki  
Hibernia Creek, North Barrytown Flats  
Canoe Creek, Barrytown  
Granite Creek, Barrytown  
Fagan/Tipperary Creek, Barrytown  
Barrytown dredge ponds  
Bakers Creek, South Barrytown Flats  
Seven Mile Creek, Rapahoe  
Range Creek, Cobden  
Watsons Creek, Karoro  
Mill Creek, South Beach  
Jacks Creek, Paroa  
Clough Creek, Paroa  
Serpentine Creek, Serpentine Bend  
Acre Creek, Chesterfield (west channel,  
not the Kapitea/Acre Creek lagoon)  
Waimea Creek, Awatuna  
Flowery Creek, Arahura, only where it  
enters into the Arahura River  
Little Houhou Creek, north Hokitika  
Houhou Creek, north Hokitika  
Mikonui River, Ross, provided it does not  
adversely affect Mikonui lagoon to the  
north or Waikoriri lagoon to the south  
Manakiaiaua River, north of Bruce Bay  
Mahitahi River, Bruce Bay  
Arawhata River, Jackson Bay

### Schedule 6 Rivers with trigger points

Karamea River, when the water level reaches 0.75m below Wharf Road, measured at the flood gate culvert at the north end of the residential area



Porarari River, Punakaiki, when the water level reaches the nikau palm on the north side of Lot 16, DP 1275, Blk 1, Punakaiki SD



New River, Paroa, when backup reaches the top of the culvert on the beach access road alongside the Paroa School sports field

