

Water Supply Catchment Management

Catchment Classes

4.10 Both surface water and groundwater catchment areas from which water is abstracted for the purposes of the water supply service are classified as:

- (a) Controlled;
- (b) Restricted;
- (c) Open.

Council's water supply catchments and their classifications are set out in Schedule 1.

Controlled catchments

4.11 The following conditions apply to controlled catchments or any area held by the Council as a water reserve.

Entry

- (a) These areas must not be entered by any person except those specifically approved by the Council. Within controlled catchments a person must not:
 - (i) Camp;
 - (ii) Take, or allow to stray, any livestock;
 - (iii) Bathe or wash anything;
 - (iv) Deposit dirt, rubbish or foul material of any kind;
 - (v) Defecate;
 - (vi) Undertake any new activity related to dredging or mining of any kind.

Approvals

- (b) A person may apply in writing to the Council using the appropriate form supplied by the Council for approval to enter a controlled catchment. Any approval is valid only for the term specified, and subject to compliance with all terms and conditions specified on the approval. Approvals may forbid or impose conditions to regulate activities such as:
 - (i) Hunting, trapping, shooting or fishing;
 - (ii) Lighting or maintaining any fire;
 - (iii) Taking of any dog or other animal into a catchment area;
 - (iv) Damaging or destroying any trees, shrubs, or other existing cover, or interference with any property;
 - (v) Excavation;
 - (vi) Carrying of any firearm or weapon of any kind, any trap or any fishing gear which may be used for the hunting or catching of birds, fish or animals; and
 - (vii) Use of any pesticide or toxic substance for any purpose whatsoever.
- (c) Every person issued with an approval by the Council under this clause of the bylaw must produce their approval for inspection by a compliance officer.
- (d) An approval issued under this clause cannot be transferred.

- (e) The Council may at any time, by notice in writing delivered to the holder, suspend any approval for such time as stated in the notice, or may revoke the approval.

Interference and obstruction

- (f) If requested by the Council a person must immediately leave a controlled catchment or land held by the Council as a water reserve.

EXPLANATORY NOTE: The person may also be liable for a breach of any of the provisions of this bylaw. Failure to leave the area constitutes a further offence.

- (g) A person must not obstruct or hinder any compliance officer in the exercise of any powers under this bylaw.

Restricted Catchments

4.12 Within a restricted catchment, persons undertaking the following activities will be allowed unrestricted entry:

- (a) Tramping;
- ~~(b) Hunting;~~
- ~~(c) Trapping;~~
- (d) Fishing.

For any other activities, the restricted catchment area will be managed as if it was a controlled catchment area (see clause 4.11).

Open Catchments

4.13 In open catchments there ~~is~~ are no restrictions on activities under this bylaw, except in relation to:

- (a) any new activity related to dredging or mining of any kind;
- (b) where a reservoir is in an open catchment as set out in clause 4.14.;
- (c) hunting and trapping in an open catchment, for which approval should be sought in accordance with clause 4.11(b) of this Bylaw.

For any new activity related to dredging or mining of any kind, the open catchment will be managed as if it was a controlled catchment area (see clause 4.11).

EXPLANATORY NOTE: There may also be provisions of regional plans, district plans and/or National Environmental Standards that apply to activities in controlled, restricted and open catchments.

Reservoirs

4.14 Swimming, bathing, boating or any similar activity, and the dumping of any rubbish or release of other potential sources of contaminants, is prohibited in all Council reservoirs. No person, or their pets, may enter the following:

- (a) Southern Reservoir;
- (b) Rossville Reservoir;
- (c) Cedar Farm Reservoir;
- (d) Ross Creek Reservoir;
- (e) Sullivans Dam;
- (f) Mt Grand Reservoir;
- (g) West Taieri Reservoir.

Spillages and adverse events

4.15 The person responsible for any spillage or other event that releases or is likely to release hazardous substances into the waters of any catchment, or may compromise any part of the water supply network, must advise the Council immediately. This requirement is in addition to other notification procedures required by other authorities.