

Relevant objectives and policies in the Otago Regional Policy Statement

5 Land

5.4 Objectives

- 5.4.1. *To promote the sustainable management of Otago's land resources in order:
 - (a) *To maintain and enhance the primary productive capacity and life-supporting capacity of land resources; and*
 - (b) *To meet the present and reasonably foreseeable needs of Otago's people and communities.**
- 5.4.2. *To avoid, remedy or mitigate degradation of Otago's natural and physical resources resulting from activities utilising the land resource.*
- 5.4.3. *To protect Otago's outstanding natural features and landscapes from inappropriate subdivision, use and development.*
- 5.4.4. *To ensure that public access opportunities exist in respect of activities utilising Otago's natural and physical land features.*

5.5 Policies

- 5.5.2. *To promote the retention of the primary productive capacity of Otago's existing high class soils to meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations and the avoidance of uses that have the effect of removing those soils or their life-supporting capacity and to avoid, remedy or mitigate the adverse effects on the high class soils resource where avoidance is not practicable.*
- 5.5.3. *To maintain and enhance Otago's land resource through avoiding, remedying or mitigating the adverse effects of activities which have the potential to, amongst other adverse effects:
 - (a) *Reduce the soil's life supporting capacity*
 - (b) *Reduce healthy vegetative cover*
 - (c) *Cause soil loss*
 - (d) *Contaminate soils*
 - (e) *Reduce productivity*
 - (f) *Compact soils*
 - (g) *Reduce soil moisture holding capacity.**
- 5.5.4. *To promote the diversification and use of Otago's land resource to achieve sustainable landuse and management systems for future generations.*
- 5.5.5. *To minimise the adverse effects of landuse activities on the quality and quantity of Otago's water resource through promoting and encouraging the:
 - (a) *Creation, retention and where practicable enhancement of riparian margins; and*
 - (b) *Maintaining and where practical enhancing, vegetation cover, upland bogs and wetlands to safeguard land and water values; and*
 - (c) *Avoiding, remedying or mitigating the degradation of groundwater and surface water resources caused by the introduction of contaminants in the form of chemicals, nutrients and sediments resulting from landuse activities.**
- 5.5.6. *To recognise and provide for the protection of Otago's outstanding natural features and landscapes which:
 - (a) *Are unique to or characteristic of the region; or*
 - (b) *Are representative of a particular landform or land cover occurring in the Otago region or of the collective characteristics which give Otago its particular character; or*
 - (c) *Represent areas of cultural or historic significance in Otago; or**

- (d) *Contain visually or scientifically significant geological features; or*
- (e) *Have characteristics of cultural, historical and spiritual value that are regionally significant for Tangata Whenua and have been identified in accordance with Tikanga Maori.*

9 Built Environment

9.4 Objectives

- 9.4.1. *To promote the sustainable management of Otago's built environment in order to:*
 - (a) *Meet the present and reasonably foreseeable needs of Otago's people and communities; and*
 - (b) *Provide for amenity values; and*
 - (c) *Conserve and enhance environmental and landscape quality; and*
 - (d) *Recognise and protect heritage values.*
- 9.4.2. *To promote the sustainable management of Otago's infrastructure to meet the present and reasonably foreseeable needs of Otago's communities.*
- 9.4.3. *To avoid, remedy or mitigate the adverse effects of Otago's built environment on Otago's natural and physical resources.*

9.5 Policies

- 9.5.2 *To promote and encourage efficiency in the development and use of Otago's infrastructure through:*
 - (a) *Encouraging development that maximises the use of existing infrastructure while recognising the need for more appropriate technology; and*
 - (b) *Promoting co-ordination amongst network utility operators in the provision and maintenance of infrastructure; and*
 - (c) *Encouraging a reduction in the use of non-renewable resources while promoting the use of renewable resources in the construction, development and use of infrastructure; and*
 - (d) *Avoiding or mitigating the adverse effects of subdivision, use and development of land on the safety and efficiency of regional infrastructure.*
- 9.5.3 *To promote and encourage the sustainable management of Otago's transport network through:*
 - (a) *Promoting the use of fuel efficient modes of transport; and*
 - (b) *Encouraging a reduction in the use of fuels which produce emissions harmful to the environment; and*
 - (c) *Promoting a safer transport system; and*
 - (d) *Promoting the protection of transport infrastructure from the adverse effects of landuse activities and natural hazards.*
- 9.5.4 *To minimise the adverse effects of urban development and settlement, including structures, on Otago's environment through avoiding, remedying or mitigating:*
 - (a) *Discharges of contaminants to Otago's air, water or land; and*
 - (b) *The creation of noise, vibration and dust; and*
 - (c) *Visual intrusion and a reduction in landscape qualities; and*
 - (d) *Significant irreversible effects on:*
 - (i) *Otago community values; or*

- (ii) Kai Tahu cultural and spiritual values; or*
- (iii) The natural character of water bodies and the coastal environment;
or*
- (iv) Habitats of indigenous fauna; or*
- (v) Heritage values; or*
- (vi) Amenity values; or*
- (vii) Intrinsic values of ecosystems; or*
- (viii) Salmon or trout habitat.*

9.5.5 *To maintain and, where practicable, enhance the quality of life for people and communities within Otago's built environment through:*

- (a) Promoting the identification and provision of a level of amenity which is acceptable to the community; and*
- (b) Avoiding, remedying or mitigating the adverse effects on community health and safety resulting from the use, development and protection of Otago's natural and physical resources; and*
- (c) Avoiding, remedying or mitigating the adverse effects of subdivision, landuse and development on landscape values.*