

19. Cross Boundary Issues

19.1 Introduction

The promotion of sustainable management of natural and physical resources can result in cross boundary issues where:

- a. resources themselves cross the territorial boundary; and/or
- b. effects or resource use and development cross the territorial boundary or involve the Canterbury Regional Council.

Processes to deal with such issues must be stated (section 75(2)(f) Resource Management Act 1991).

There is a need to:

- a. co-ordinate the response to issues where more than one authority is involved; and
- b. address the circumstances where activities in an area adversely affect the environment across the territorial boundary.

19.2 Identified Cross Boundary Issues

Where issues are also dealt with elsewhere in the District Plan, reference is made to the relevant sections or policies.

19.2.1 Cross Boundary Issues With Christchurch City Include:

- a. activities on the surface of the Waimakariri River (Policy 3.1.1.1);
- b. managing the flood risk from the Waimakariri River (Policy 8.2.1.5);
- c. the operation of Christchurch International Airport and associated noise experienced in the Kaiapoi and Clarkville Area (Policy 12.1.1.9);
- d. land use activities and access provisions along the banks of the Waimakariri River and the way these may affect the values attributed to the river (Policies 6.1.1.4 and 3.2.1.1);
- e. road transport proposals and land use affecting the flow of traffic between the two Districts (Policy 11.1.1.4);
- f. the availability of residential sites and building restrictions in one District and the impact on building and population pressures across the boundary (Policy 13.1.1.1);

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- g. the provision of, and effect of, utilities crossing the territorial boundary (Policy 11.1.1.1);
- h. management of hazardous substances (Policy 12.1.1.13); and
- i. management of urban development and the effect of such development across territorial boundaries.

19.2.2 Cross Boundary Issues With Selwyn District Include:

- a. activities on the surface of the Waimakariri River (Policies 3.1.1.1 and 3.1.1.2);
- b. land use activities and access provisions along the banks of the Waimakariri River and the effect on values attributed to the river (Policies 6.1.1.4 and 3.2.1.1);
- c. proposals affecting the road link between Selwyn and Waimakariri Districts (Policy 11.1.1.4);
- d. activities within the scenic corridor shared by Selwyn and Waimakariri Districts affecting qualities of the outstanding landscape identified by both councils (Policy 5.1.1.2);
- e. the provision of, and effect of, utilities crossing the territorial boundary (Policy 11.1.1.1);
- f. management of hazardous substances (Policy 12.1.1.13);
- g. use of water from the Waimakariri River;
- h. effects of flood management of the Waimakariri River; and
- i. management of urban development and the effect of such development across territorial boundaries.

19.2.3 Cross Boundary Issues With Hurunui District Include:

- a. development and resource use in the Maungatere/Mount Grey and Mount Grey Downs landscapes of the Hurunui District affecting the landscape values enjoyed by residents of Waimakariri District;
- b. the future development of the Ashley Forest Village as it is accessed from the Waimakariri District;
- c. areas of significant indigenous vegetation and habitats of indigenous fauna that cross over the territorial boundary (Policy 6.1.1.4);
- d. activities occurring at or along the boundary affecting:
 - the functioning of water catchments that cross the boundary (Policy 3.2.1.1),
 - the occurrence of natural events such as fire, and
 - the movement of plants and animals, particularly pests;
- e. managing the common coastal resource that involves Te Ngai Tuahuriri Runanga (Policies 2.1.1.2 and 2.1.3.2);
- f. the provision of, and effect of, utilities crossing the territorial boundary (Policies 11.1.1.1 and 11.1.1.4);

- g. management of hazardous substances (Policy 12.1.1.13);
- h. management of recreational motor vehicle access to, and use of, the coastal environment between Leithfield Beach and the mouth of the Ashley River/Rakahuri;
- i. activities affecting the quality and quantity of potable water available for reticulation to residents of the Hurunui District via the Ashley Rural Water Supply including:
 - the functioning of the Ashley River/Rakahuri water catchment,
 - subdivision, development and use of land along the margin of the Ashley River/Rakahuri, and
 - the provision of reticulated water supply;
- j. management of the strategic road link connecting Rangiora and Amberley via Sefton and Balcairn including consideration of limited access classification or other techniques to control the creation of multiple access points; and
- k. management of urban development and the effect of such development across territorial boundaries.

19.2.4 Cross Boundary Issues With the Coastal Marine Area Include:

- a. activities on the surface of the Waimakariri and Ashley/Rakahuri Rivers (Policies 3.1.1.1 to 3.1.1.3 and 3.2.1.1);
- b. managing the flood risk from the Waimakariri and Ashley/Rakahuri River mouths (Policies 8.2.1.1 and 8.2.1.6);
- c. managing the common coastal environment resource (Chapter 7: Coastal Environment);
- d. areas of regionally significant indigenous vegetation and habitats of indigenous fauna that cross over the Coastal Marine Area boundary (Policies 6.1.1.4 and 7.1.1.5);
- e. access to and along the Coastal Marine Area boundary (Policies 7.2.1.1 and 7.2.1.2); and
- f. management of hazardous substances (Policy 12.1.1.13).

19.3 Processes to Deal With Cross Boundary Issues

19.3.1 Resource Consents

Where the Waimakariri District Council receives a resource consent application and it is deemed to concern a cross boundary issue, the following procedures will apply:

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- a. Where an adjacent authority, or the Canterbury Regional Council, does not require a resource consent application for the proposed activity, the application will proceed as provided for in the Waimakariri District Plan after consultation with the appropriate authority.
- b. Where both the Waimakariri District Council and an adjacent authority require a resource consent (non-notified), the consent and any conditions be decided by the authorities jointly with a single decision being issued.
- c. Where both the Waimakariri District Council and the Canterbury Regional Council require a resource consent (non-notified), the consent and any conditions shall be decided following consultation between the authorities, with individual decisions being issued.
- d. Where at least one of the authorities requires a resource consent to be notified, all the authorities will notify the application and the consent and any conditions be decided by the authorities jointly with a single decision being issued.
- e. In some cases a resource consent may not need to be notified when it is related to another resource consent application which has been notified. In these cases, the time to make a decision on the non-notified application will be extended under section 37 of the Resource Management Act 1991 to enable a joint hearing or decision.

19.3.2 Plan Changes

In the preparation and consideration of plan changes, neighbouring authorities shall be consulted where a request for a plan change is deemed to involve a cross boundary issue or in circumstances where the request may cause effects from resource use and development which cross the territorial boundary.

19.3.3 Liaison

Annual meetings, or on a more frequent basis as required, with Councillors and staff from adjoining local authorities and the Canterbury Regional Council to:

- a. identify potential cross boundary issues;
- b. monitor ongoing matters;
- c. work towards consistent approaches where appropriate; and
- d. assess the value of joint working groups involving one or more other Councils.

19.3.4 Transfer of Functions

Consider in conjunction with the Canterbury Regional Council the transfer of functions between the two local authorities.