

Cross Boundary Matters

The Resource Management Act requires that the Plan state the processes to be used to deal with issues that cross territorial boundaries (section 75 (2) (f)).

Territorial authorities that adjoin the Waitaki District are as follows:

- Central Otago District Council
- Dunedin City Council
- Queenstown Lakes District Council
- Mackenzie District Council
- Westland District Council
- Waimate District Council

Cross-boundary issues that may arise in respect of adjoining territorial authorities include the following:

- land use activities (including uses on the surface of rivers and lakes) and development strategies that may give rise to adverse environmental effects in another district;
- roading and transportation matters, drainage systems, water catchments and supply schemes, and other utility services that start in one district and cross over into another district;
- resource consent matters that may impinge on two or more territorial authority districts.

Notable cross boundary issues for Waitaki include ongoing mining activity at Macraes that involve Dunedin City and Otago Regional Council. Unique to the Waitaki, Waimate and Mackenzie Districts is the management of the Waitaki hydro lakes and their margins.

In dealing with these issues, Waitaki District Council will utilise the following process:

- notification of adjoining territorial authorities that may be affected;
- protocols with respect to joint processing of resource consent applications;
- pre-hearing meetings pursuant to Section 99 of the Resource Management Act between applicants/developers, submitters, and relevant territorial authorities;
- promote and participate in joint hearings pursuant to Section 102 of the Resource Management Act;
- undertake regular consultation with all agencies having responsibility for the sustainable management of the District's environment and to promote and encourage protocols and mechanisms to address and resolve cross boundary issues where they arise.

Waitaki District Council will also consider significant resource management issues arising in the district of an adjacent local authority which may have implications for the Waitaki District. In appropriate cases, submissions will be prepared and lodged with that local authority in relation to plans, plan changes, resource consents or requirements.

Such issues could include the following:

- land use activities that have implications for both the district and regional councils' functions in respect of soil, water, coast, natural hazards, and hazardous substances;

- resource consent matters that involve both the district and regional councils. Activities that may be permitted by the District Plan which may require consent from the Regional Council.

The same processes used to deal with cross boundary issues with adjoining territorial authorities will also be used in dealing with cross boundary issues between Waitaki District Council and the two Regional Councils – Otago Regional Council and Environment Canterbury.