

Summary - Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement (pORPS)

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Summary of HortNZ's submission

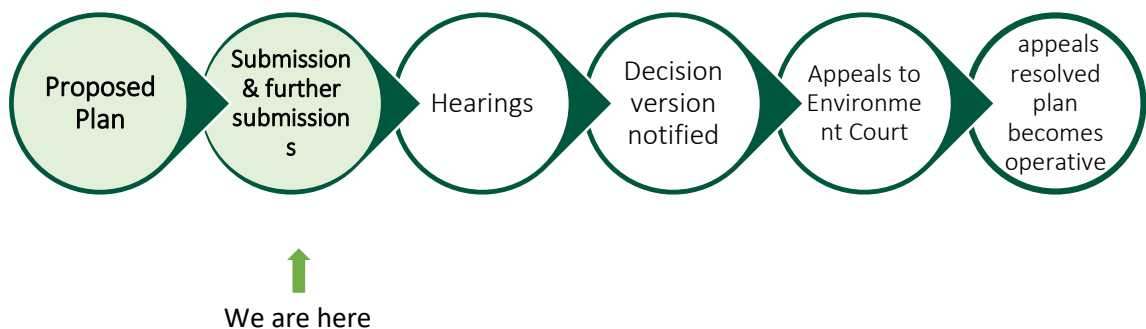
The High Court decision on Otago Regional Council vs Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society ruled that there needed to be separation of the freshwater and non-freshwater parts of pORPS and new submissions must be made on those parts of the pORPS deemed to be freshwater planning instruments.

Otago Regional Council went through a process of identifying the freshwater and non-freshwater aspects of the pORPS and re-notified those parts deemed to be freshwater planning instruments.

More information about pORPS, the High Court decision and fresh-water and non-freshwater parts of the plan can be found [here](#).

pORPS Freshwater planning instrument submission

Horticulture New Zealand resubmitted on the freshwater planning instruments aspects of pORPS 29 November 2022.



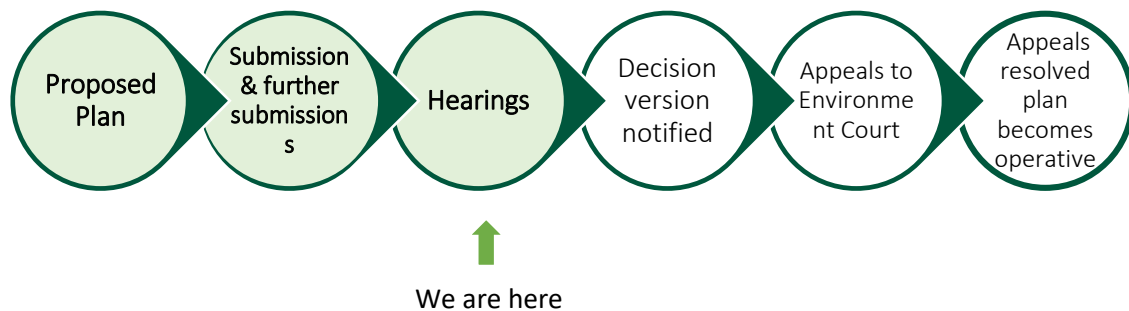
Our submission highlighted the following:

- Horticulture is a significant industry for Otago.
- Access to freshwater and ongoing water security is vital for horticulture.
- Horticulture is an efficient user of water resource and has an important role in the transition to a low emissions economy.
- Recognising and rewarding efficiency with increased reliability, increased consent duration and provision for root stock survival water.
- Horticultural produce grown for domestic consumption should be integrated into the second-tier of priorities in the Te Mana o Te Wai framework. The role of

domestic food production, and the direct links between the consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables and the health of the nation have particular relevance to the principles of Manaakitanga and Care and Respect under the Te Mana o te Wai framework

pORPS - Non-freshwater process

Horticulture New Zealand has continued through the process of the non-freshwater aspects of the pORPS. Currently, the non-freshwater parts of pORPS are in the Hearings stage of the process.



Our submission highlighted the following:

- The need for a Rural Chapter in the Urban Form and Development section to provide for production activities in rural areas of Otago.
- Giving effect to the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land (NPS HPL) and the importance of key horticultural production areas that are not Land Use Class 1 - 3, such as Central Otago, that could be captured by the NPS HPL when the unique climate is considered in conjunction with the free-draining soils.
- Impacts of climate change, including transitioning to a low-emissions economy and having regard to efficient users of resources. Consideration of Te Mana o te Wai as an integrated concept relevant to supporting human health particularly through domestic food supply.

More information about the pORPS non-freshwater hearings, including links to live streams and recordings, can be found [here](#).