RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991
CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT PLAN

PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 17:
FLOOD MANAGEMENT AREAS, ACTIVITIES NEAR THE WAIMAKARIRI RIVER STOPBANKS, AND EARTHWORKS

Christchurch City Council has prepared a change proposed to the Christchurch District Plan.

Plan Change 17

This proposed plan change relates to flood management areas, activities near the Waimakariri River stopbanks and earthworks.

Flood management areas:

- Provide for earthworks for post-earthquake land repair
- Allow for consideration of vertical land movement, sea level rise and other sources when considering flood risk
- Remove the fixed minimum floor level overlay
- Align the flood management area with current modelling
- Change the system for updating the flood management area so that it can be updated without a schedule 1 process
- Rename the Flood Management Area the Christchurch Inundation Area
- Update, clarify and improve consistency in wording of provisions, policies and definitions

Activities near the Waimakariri River stopbanks:

- Reword provisions to reflect the primary function of the stopbanks.
- Correct planning maps
- Reintroduce and clarify rules downstream of the Christchurch Northern Motorway
- Clarify provisions

Earthworks:

- Update references and standards
- Provide for earthworks for post-earthquake land repair
- Introduce standards to control sediment run off and water quality effects
- Remove exemption from permitted activity standards for earthworks associated with building consent
- Amend objective and provisions to address water quality outcomes
- Address inefficient regulation of small scale earthworks
- Introduce standards to avoid redirecting, impounding or displacing flood water
- Introduce standards to improve privacy and amenity outcomes
- Clarify protocol for managing archaeological discoveries during earthworks.

More information

You can view the proposed plan change and other associated information on the Council website at www.ccc.govt.nz/PC17, in hard copy at the Civic Offices on Hereford Street or at any of the Council's service centres and libraries during normal opening hours.

Submissions

Any person may make a submission on this proposed plan change, either in writing or electronically. Online submissions can be made at https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/PC17 or by emailing PlanChange17@ccc.govt.nz You can also download a form, or collect a hard copy form from the Civic Offices at 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch or from Council service centres and libraries.

For details of your nearest service centre or library please visit ccc.govt.nz/contact-us or phone 03 941 8999. Paper submissions are to be posted or receieved at the Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch.

Submissions must be received before 5.00pm on Friday, 11 December 2026.

Process for public participation

Once all submissions have been received, they will be made publicly available. Further submissions will then be invited, allowing certain persons and organisations to support or oppose any of the initial submissions.

If submitters wish to speak to their submission a hearing will then be held to consider all submissions, and a decision will be made following this hearing. Anyone who has made a submission has the right to appeal the decision to the Environment Court.

This plan change will have immediate legal effect on notification in accordance with Section 86B(3) of the Resource Management Act 1991. This does not apply to proposed Rules 8.9.2.1 P3 and 8.9.2.3 RD3 which will not have legal effect until the Council gives public notice of its decision on the plan change and matters raised in submissions (under Section 9 and Clause 10(5) of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act).

If you'd like more information, please contact Abby Stowell, Senior Policy Planner at (03) 941 6272 or email us at PlanChange17@ccc.govt.nz

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