

1.3 CROSS BOUNDARY ISSUES

The Act requires that the Plan state the processes to be used to deal with issues which cross territorial boundaries (section 75(1)(h)).

Territorial authorities that adjoin the Central Otago District are as follows;

- Clutha District Council
- Dunedin City Council
- Queenstown-Lakes District Council
- Southland District Council
- Waitaki 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 which may give rise to adverse environmental effects in a neighbouring district.
- Roading and transportation matters, drainage systems, water catchments and supply schemes, and other utility services which start in one district and cross over into another district or districts.
- Resource consent matters which may impinge on two or more districts.

In dealing with these issues, Council will utilise the following processes;

- 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 Act between applicants/developers, submitters, and relevant territorial authorities
- Promote and participate in joint hearings pursuant to section 102 of the 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.

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

Cross boundary issues may also arise with Regional Councils. In the context of the Central Otago District, the Otago Regional Council is the relevant regional council. However, cross boundary issues may also arise with the Canterbury and Southland Regional Council's that administer regions that adjoin the District's northern and southern boundaries.

Such issues could include the following;

- Land use activities that have implications for both District and Regional Council functions in respect of soil, water, 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 but may require consent from the Regional Council

The processes used to deal with cross boundary issues between Council and the three relevant Regional Councils, are set out in the relevant Regional Policy Statements and Regional Plans, and the Council will have regard to these documents.