

CROSS BOUNDARY MATTERS

Cross boundary matters may arise where:

- Land use activities and development give rise to environmental effects on a neighbouring district;
- Land use activities in neighbouring districts have environmental effects within Timaru District;
- Activities within the District have regional or national significance;
- Activities within the District may require a resource consent from the CRC Regional Council; and
- Activities and infrastructure such as roading and transportation, drainage systems, water supplies, and other network utility services start in one district and cross into others.

A cross boundary matter can therefore relate either to an activity that may have effects across a territorial boundary or to a plan policy that affects the policies of other territorial authorities or which is affected by the policies of other territorial authorities.

Timaru District adjoins Ashburton, Mackenzie and Waimate districts. There is the potential for activities within Timaru District to have effects on these adjoining districts, and vice versa.

In considering cross boundary matters, Council will be guided by the CRPS Canterbury Regional Policy Statement, relevant Regional Plans, the objectives and policies of the District Plan, and the provisions of the relevant neighbouring territorial authority District Plans. Chapter 3 of the CRPS Canterbury Regional Policy Statement outlines processes for resolving cross boundary issues. As all of the neighbouring districts are within the Canterbury Region (the Region), there should be a reasonable level of consistency in approach because the district plans are all required to give effect to the CRPS Canterbury Regional Policy Statement.

Council will consider submitting on publicly notified resource consents in other districts where they may affect Timaru District, and likewise, will notify adjoining districts if a resource consent is likely to adversely affect that District. Where appropriate, Council will defer notification decisions on applications that require resource consent from other consent authorities in accordance with section 91 of the RMA and participate in joint hearings with other councils. Council may also consider transfer of power in cases where an activity occurs across the District boundary, which would grant full power to the adjoining territorial authority to grant or decline the application for the activity on both sides of the boundary.