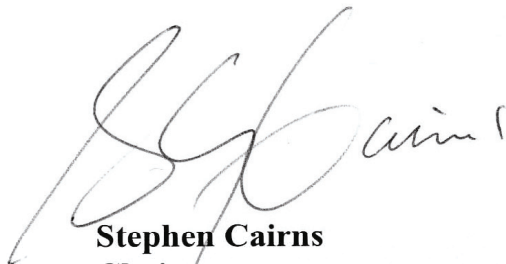



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Chairperson's Foreword

Clean, clear air is a resource that is unseen and taken for granted until it is lost. As soon as the air is not fresh and clear we all get concerned. Concerns about loss of air quality range across visual, property, odour and health effects, and even extend to climate.

Here in Otago the air quality is usually better than in many other parts of the world, but we do have areas where, at times, the quality of air is degraded. This Regional Plan: Air sets out the objectives, policies and rules the Otago Regional Council will use for keeping our air clean, and improving the quality of air where it has been, or is at risk of being, degraded.



This Regional Plan: Air ushers in a new era for air quality management in Otago and sets out clear directions for activities that might affect air at a local or regional level. The Plan provides an integrated approach to air management issues, the aim of which is to reduce the adverse effects associated with activities that affect air quality. For that reason backyard burning has effectively been banned in urban areas of Dunedin City.

This revision incorporates changes made in response to the Government's 2004 National Environmental Standards for Air Quality (NESAQ), which set standards governing ambient (outdoor) air quality and new wood burners installed in urban areas.

While prepared by the Otago Regional Council, the Plan belongs to the region. It was developed following extensive consultation, carried out over a number of years with the community, Otago's city and district councils and industry.

Maintaining air quality is in everyone's interest and we must work together to retain and improve our air quality.

I thank all those groups and individuals who participated in developing this Plan. Your comments have been invaluable and the Council looks forward to working with the Otago community in implementing the Regional Plan: Air.

Stephen Cairns

1 January 2009

How to use the Regional Plan: Air for Otago

This Regional Plan: Air for Otago considers the use and management of Otago's air resource. The Plan provides objectives, policies, rules and other methods of implementation to address the use and management of the air resource. The rules of the Plan determine the status of any particular activity and determine whether a resource consent will be required before that activity can be carried out.

A resource consent is required for any activity which this Regional Plan: Air specifies as being a discretionary activity.

In some cases, the Plan specifies certain activities as being prohibited activities. These are activities which may not occur and for which no resource consent will be granted.

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