
**KEY POINTS OF DIFFERENCE:
RMIA – RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ISSUES OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR IWI
AUTHORITIES**

- 1 This note summarises the current position on this chapter.
- 2 All references to the pORPS are to the version dated 15 September 2022.

No points of contention remain

- 3 Two provisions in the RMIA section are covered by the FPI:
 - 3.1 RMIA-WAI-I1 – The loss and degradation of water resources through drainage, abstraction, pollution, and damming has resulted in material and cultural deprivation for Kāi Tahu ki Otago.
 - 3.2 RMIA-WAI-I3 – The effects of land and water use activities on freshwater habitats have resulted in adverse effects on the diversity and abundance of mahika kai resources and harvesting activity.
- 4 Submitters raised several points regarding these provisions, which are addressed in my s42A report.
- 5 My approach to addressing submissions on these provisions has been founded on recognising their purpose as issue statements from a Kāi Tahu perspective as mana whenua. Submissions that are not from a mana whenua perspective and that seek to change an issue’s focus need to be considered in this context, because they may not accurately reflect resource management issues of significance to iwi authorities in the region.¹
- 6 On reviewing evidence for the hearing, only witnesses for Kāi Tahu parties have made further comment on these provisions. I understand that these witnesses support the recommendations in my s42A report.
- 7 I do not believe any points of contention remain for the RMIA section.

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¹ Otago Regional Council; Section 42A Hearing Report Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement: Parts considered to be a Freshwater Planning Instrument under section 80A of the Resource Management Act 1991; 2 June 2023, p136, para 652.