

### **Policy 11.3.4**

**Avoid, remedy or mitigate the adverse effects of port activities.**

*Objective: 11.2.3*

*Method: 21.4.3*

### **Explanation**

Adverse effects on the environment can be avoided, remedied or mitigated by requiring compliance with specified standards. Monitoring procedures need to be established to enable the community to have confidence in the provisions of the District Plan. Regular measurement at defined sites would contribute to the monitoring of compliance.

### **Policy 11.3.5**

**Encourage the use of rail to service commercial port areas.**

*Objective: 11.2.3*

*Method: 11.4.1*

### **Explanation**

The movement of large trucks carrying cargo to and from commercial ports can impact upon the amenities of areas adjoining main traffic routes and damage the roads used. Rail is an alternative to road transport and is able to handle freight with the minimum of adverse effect on the community. While the final decision in respect of which form of transport to use is for the user to determine, the true cost to the community of such choice is a matter of concern to the Council.

### **Policy 11.3.6**

**Protect the existing character of Careys Bay from the adverse effects of change of use or development of the port activities at Port Chalmers.**

*[Amended by C66/2002]*

*Objectives: 11.2.3, 11.2.4*

*Method: 4.4.1*

### **Explanation**

It is recognised that Careys Bay together with its adjoining residential areas has a special amenity arising from the area's relationship to the bay, small scale maritime uses, its aspect and its topography. Careys Bay is generally less affected by port activities than other residential areas closer to the operational port area. This amenity should be protected. For this reason controls apply to the use of reclaimed land at Careys Bay which will be more stringent than other areas adjacent to port operations at Port Chalmers.

### **Policy 11.3.7**

**Public access to and along the coastal marine area margin should be provided except where it is inappropriate for public health and safety reasons.**

*Objective: 11.2.3*

*Method: 4.4.1*

### **Explanation**

Maintaining and enhancing public access to and along the coastal marine area is of national importance. However, operational port areas at times are unsafe for the general public, particularly when vessels are being loaded and unloaded. As a consequence it is inappropriate and impractical to make provision for the movement of people along the water edge of the operational area. Port operators informally allow access at times, especially during the fishing season, and the Council will encourage a continuation of this practice. In some instances it may be appropriate, as part of port development, redevelopment or expansion to set aside areas for exclusive public use which are free of port activities.

### **Policy 11.3.8**

**Work cooperatively with the Otago Regional Council and Port Otago Limited to address cross-boundary resource management issues deriving from activities undertaken within port areas.**

*Objective: 11.2.3*

*Method: 11.4.2*

### **Explanation**

Ports are a significant operation where the activities and their effects cross a territorial boundary which requires cooperation between the administrative authorities.

### ***Principal Reasons for Adopting Policies***

Port related activities are provided for at Port Chalmers and Port Dunedin. Flexibility is also provided in the manner in which they operate. Management of adverse effects from port operations will be required in order to ensure the retention of the amenity of adjoining areas. An area of special significance is Careys Bay and added protection in that area to avoid any further intrusion of adverse effects from port operations is justified. It is also appropriate to recognise that port activities take place on the boundary of the coastal marine area. Due to this there is a need to recognise that public access is to be provided along the coastal marine area and that there is a need for cooperation on cross-boundary issues in this area.

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## ***11.8 Anticipated Environmental Results***

The anticipated environmental results are:

### **11.8.1**

The protection of the natural and physical resources that are applicable to port areas in a manner that enables people and communities to provide for their economic and social wellbeing.

### **11.8.2**

The provision of port areas adequate to serve the future needs of port users.

### **11.8.3**

The avoidance, remedying or mitigation of the adverse effects of activities in port areas.

### **11.8.4**

Protection of the existing character of Careys Bay.

