

**Otago Regional Council Submission on the Proposed National Policy
Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation**

Sections 49 and 57, Resource Management Act 1991

Name of submitter:

Otago Regional Council

This is a submission on the following National Policy Statement:

Renewable Electricity Generation

This submission is:

The Otago Regional Council supports the intent of the Proposed National Policy Statement.

Discussion:

The Otago Regional Council (Council) agrees in principle with the national significance intent of the Proposed National Policy Statement for renewable electricity generation.

Otago's regional policy statement and plans are generally effects based, and therefore Council is of the opinion that they do not contain unnecessary barriers to renewable electricity generation.

Council supports policies 1, 2 and 3 requiring decision makers to recognise the national significance of renewable electricity generation, when considering any resource consent application for renewable electricity generation.

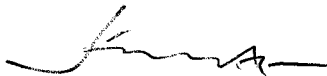
Council opposes policies 4 and 5 as these do not contribute to recognition of the national significance of renewable electricity generation. Council's opposition is based on the weight to be given to the National Policy Statement when making decisions on any resource consent application.

In the case of proposals involving renewable electricity generation, policies 1, 2 and 3 of the Proposed National Policy Statement would prevail over provisions within any regional or district plan document, when consent authorities are making decisions on resource consent applications.

The Otago Regional Council seeks the following decision from the Board of Inquiry:

- Retain policies 1, 2 and 3 requiring decision makers to recognise the national significance of renewable electricity generation, without making changes to policy statements and plans
- Delete policies 4 and 5

The Otago Regional Council wishes to be heard in support of this submission.



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