

Submissions on Draft Water Races Bylaw 2025

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Q1 1. What is your preferred option:

Multi Choice

Option one - "95%" status quo option (Council's preferred option)

Q2 2. Why did you prefer this Option?

Long Text

We believe that there will be retention of some of the races, and that ongoing ADC management will still be required into the future.

Q3 3. Please describe what you prefer and why you prefer it.

Long Text

Q4 4. What aspects of the proposed bylaw do you agree with and why? (please specify the topic and/or clause numbers)

Long Text

2.b. Provide for the cultural and ecological values of identified parts of the network... and any components of the bylaw which support this clause going forward beyond 2027.

Q5 5. What aspects of the proposed bylaw do you disagree with and why? (please specify the topic and/or clause numbers you would like council to change)

Long Text

Disagree with blanket exclusion of 6 m unplanted zone detailed in 10.1.15.2 (d) and Schedule 3 Figure 1. We are submitting that the proposed bylaw amendments provide for an owner to use an alternative method of race cleaning (usually for small areas) where a 6 metre clearway is not maintained e.g. use of a suction hose/truck. This is a method which is verified as achievable by contractors. The outcome achieved is the same and is consistent with Clause 7.2 (Owner/Occupiers Responsibility).

Q6 6. Do you have any other comments, ideas, or feedback?

Long Text

For context, this feedback relates specifically to the water course passing through a residential zoned property. On residential properties the damage resulting from digger operations can (and has previously been) significant, including deep wheel ruts and spilled material. In short, properties zoned residential are not compatible with digger and truck operations.

The proposed bylaw change reinforcing the 6 metre clearway will deter property owners from carrying out balanced riparian planting. Upholding the ecological values by enhancing the riparian habitat is a key component of the bylaw, and Community Outcomes. The bylaw changes in relation to the 6 metre clearway could result in the costly removal of enhancing features e.g. plants providing shading and structures, and combined with the uncertainty of race continuity, will discourage further investment of both effort and funds.

We are submitting that the proposed bylaw amendments provide for an owner to use an alternative method of race cleaning (usually for small areas) where a 6 metre clearway is not maintained e.g. use of a suction hose/truck. This is a method which is verified as achievable by contractors. The outcome achieved is the same and is consistent with Clause 7.2 (Owner/Occupiers Responsibility).

If existing/remaining races are going to be re-branded as non-stock water 'blue/green' corridors and community assets, then systematically damaging the race and any riparian planting with a digger is not consistent with ecological policy and values.

Q7 Name

Short Text

Stephen MacLachlan

Q8 Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?

Multi Choice

No

Q9 Organisation name

Short Text

Q10 Do you wish to speak in support of your submission? (If no boxes are ticked, we'll assume you do not wish to speak)

Multi Choice

No

Q11 Email

Email

Q12 Telephone

Telephone

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Q1

1. What is your preferred option:

Multi Choice

Option one - "95%" status quo option (Council's preferred option)

Q2

2. Why did you prefer this Option?

Long Text

Small improvement over option 2

Q3

3. Please describe what you prefer and why you prefer it.

Long Text

Q4

4. What aspects of the proposed bylaw do you agree with and why? (please specify the topic and/or clause numbers)

Long Text

Q5

5. What aspects of the proposed bylaw do you disagree with and why? (please specify the topic and/or clause numbers you would like council to change)

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Q6

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Q7

Name

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Keith Gunn

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Multi Choice

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Q9

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