

2. THE MANAGEMENT OF CHRISTCHURCH'S SURFACE WATER ENVIRONMENT

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INTRODUCTION

Christchurch is rich in surface water and groundwater, and a diversity of water environments exist. In October 2000 the Council adopted a strategy for the sustainable management of the natural and physical resources that make up Christchurch's system of waterways, wetlands and drainage.

This strategy involves changing the Council's capital investments away from utility structures and towards protection and restoration to achieve sustainability and multiple benefits.

The presentation will illustrate the issues that influenced the Council's strategy, eg floodplain management, ecology, urban growth and how the strategy should be implemented as part of both Greenfields development and urban consolidation.