



# Stormwater Bylaw Consultation

## What is being proposed?

Invercargill City Council is proposing a Stormwater Bylaw to help improve the quality of stormwater being discharged from the network. The bylaw would introduce a range of requirements, with a focus on industrial and commercial sites that are linked to higher levels of contamination.

## Why is this being proposed?

This bylaw will allow Council to improve the quality of stormwater that is being discharged in to the waterways. Council has a discharge consent from Environment Southland that requires Council to make improvements to the stormwater quality. Council does not currently have effective regulatory powers to address sites that discharge contaminants in to the stormwater system. The bylaw will provide more robust measures and controls.

## What will be the impact of the proposed Stormwater Bylaw to the community?

This bylaw will have minimal day to day impact for the majority of ratepayers. If the bylaw is adopted, developers of new buildings and sites will be required to consider stormwater discharge and may be required to implement methods to improve water quality before it reaches Council networks. It is anticipated some existing commercial and industrial sites will need to complete some remediation on their sites to mitigate the discharge currently coming from their properties. There will be some costs to Council to enable enforcement of the bylaw. These will not have a significant impact on rates.

## Why is Council consulting?

Council is interested to hear what the community thinks about this proposed bylaw and invites people to make submissions on it. The Local Government Act requires a period of consultation to be undertaken when we are looking to introduce bylaws and other significant regulations.

## How do I have my say on this proposal?

Please provide your feedback on this proposed Stormwater Bylaw to Council by **Monday 7 March 2022** via online form or by post.

**Online:** Complete an online submission via the link [icc.govt.nz/stormwaterreview](https://icc.govt.nz/stormwaterreview)

**Post: Submission – Stormwater Bylaw Form**  
Invercargill City Council  
Private Bag 90104  
Invercargill 9840

## Can I talk to the Mayor and Councillors about this proposal?

Hearings are planned for **Tuesday 22 March 2022**. If you wish to speak to your submission there will be the opportunity to do this in person, on the phone or via Zoom.

There will be an online Zoom event prior to submissions closing if you would like to ask questions.

## How can I get further information?

You can view the proposed policy on the Council website at [icc.govt.nz/stormwaterreview](https://icc.govt.nz/stormwaterreview)

Or contact the Invercargill City Council Strategy and Policy team,  
**Email: [policy@icc.govt.nz](mailto:policy@icc.govt.nz)**  
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