



Do you want to play a part in the future of Southland's water?

➔ Then join the Regional Forum



Southland's water is important to us all. As a member of the Regional Forum, you will have a unique opportunity to make an enduring contribution that will benefit the lives of Southlanders today and for generations to come.

If you have a keen interest in our communities and our water, submit your expression of interest today. In this important role you will get to play a part in shaping how Southland's water and land are managed now and in the future.

Applications close Friday 15 February. Apply today!

? What is the Regional Forum?

The Regional Forum is a panel of Southlanders, being set up as part of the People, Water and Land Programme – *Te Mana o te Tangata, te Wai, te Whenua*. This programme is a partnership between Environment Southland and Te Ao Marama (the environmental arm of Ngāi Tahu ki Murihiku).

The Regional Forum will advise Environment Southland's council and Te Ao Marama board members (Governance) on the methods to achieve the communities' values and objectives for freshwater. It will consider the policies and rules as well as the on-ground initiatives required to make change. Those considerations must include setting limits (e.g. water quality and quantity).



Who will be on the forum?

The Regional Forum will be a community-based group that reflects the diversity of our region. Members will be capable, open-minded, able to work as part of a team and passionate about Southland and the legacy we leave for future generations.

It will have an urban/rural balance, a broad geographic distribution, and a defined role for tangata whenua to reflect the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.



What will the forum do? What are the key issues/questions that it will consider?

The forum will take the information gathered from the community about how they value water and consider the options available to achieve the communities' objectives (which includes setting limits).

The forum will work through the options and talk more with Southland communities as these are developed. There will be assessments before the forum puts forward options to Governance.

It is anticipated this work will require meeting for two days every three months (or more as required), with completion expected by 2022.



Apply today!

This is an exciting and unique opportunity. In this important role you will play a key part in shaping how Southland's water resources are managed now and in the future, all while learning more about our region and growing your skills.

Submit your expression of interest via our website – www.es.govt.nz or phone 0800 76 88 45 for an information pack.

What is the People, Water and Land programme – *Te Mana o te Tangata, te Wai, te Whenua?*

The programme is about taking the next steps to improve Southland's water and land. It is a partnership between Environment Southland and Te Ao Marama (the environmental arm of Ngai Tahu ki Murihiku) and takes a 'mountains to the sea approach: ki uta ki tai'.

The programme's vision is 'inspiring change to improve Southland's water and land'.

For more information about the Regional Forum go to www.es.govt.nz

