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# Foreword

Canterbury is rich in its variety of indigenous plants and animals, its historic heritage and relics, and its landscapes.

Its physical features are dramatic, ranging from the majestic Southern Alps to the Canterbury Plains, from forested foothills to rocky coastlines and sandy beaches. These features also provide a wealth of recreational opportunities.

The Department of Conservation's Canterbury Conservancy is responsible for some 1293 units of land, and for the protection of important natural resources generally.

To help manage these resources and activities the Conservancy, in consultation with the then North Canterbury and Aoraki Conservation Boards, has prepared a Conservation Management Strategy (CMS).

The CMS sets out the management directions the Conservancy will take for the next ten years, the objectives it wants to achieve and the means by which it will achieve these.

The draft CMS was released for public comment on 18 November 1995. Submissions closed on 1 April 1996, and 174 were received. Public oral submissions were heard in May and June of 1996. Consultation with Ngāi Tahu Papatipu Rūnanga occurred from July to December 1996, and with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu from July 1996 to May 1997. A summary of submissions and a decision schedule indicating the extent of acceptance of all submissions was prepared and given full consideration in revising the draft CMS.

The revised draft CMS and summary of submissions was presented to the Conservation Boards for their consideration. The Boards requested further amendments to ensure that the document paid due attention to public opinion as expressed through formal submissions and other consultation.

In April 1998, the Boards submitted the CMS to the New Zealand Conservation Authority for approval. The Authority consulted the Minister of Conservation and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and requested further amendments. The amendments were made and the New Zealand Conservation Authority subsequently approved this Conservation Management Strategy on 14 June 2000.



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New Zealand Conservation Authority  
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