

# Protected Area Management Plan

## HIGH CONSERVATION VALUE FOREST AREA

### Protected Area: Office Creek Seepage – Berwick Cmpt 316, Maungatua Block

**Reference: E405, N101**

#### **Regulatory Requirements:**

Otago Regional Council – [regionally significant wetlands list](#).

NES-PF.

This Wetland is in the process of being established as a Reserves Act covenant area. Covenant conditions will be attached when formalised.

#### **Environmental Values:**

1. Water and soil values – Water and soil conservation, managing run off and essential for maintaining hydrological values.
2. Scenic values – Patches of regenerating and/or advanced wetland.
3. Recreational values – Walking, education.
4. Cultural/Historical values – Kai Tahu have asked for preservation of this area.
5. Scientific and ecological values - Patches of regenerating and/or advanced wetland, Dusky galaxias present in stream.

#### **Affected Stakeholders:**

Kai Tahu

DoC

ORC

University of Otago – Botany Dept.

### **Management Objectives:**

Protection of the stream and wetland to allow natural regeneration and enhancement of ecological values.

### **Management Guidelines:**

1. When replanting, set back 10m from the wetland edge.
2. When harvesting, directionally fell trees away from the wetland. Where a tree accidentally falls into the protected area it must be removed before trimming or left (whatever is to cause the least damage).
3. Keep machinery at least 5m back from the wetland.
4. Avoid sedimentation into the wetland through use of sediment traps, cutouts on tracks, slash or vegetation for water filtering etc.
5. The Harvesting Plan shall be submitted to the Woodflow Manager and the EMS Co-ordinator for approval and in sufficient time for stakeholders to be consulted before harvesting commences.
6. Use of chemicals within this site is to be strictly controlled to exclude damage to indigenous vegetation and drift into the waterway.
7. Tracked and wheeled vehicles are not permitted within the protected area.
8. Remove wildings.
9. Do not modify the drainage patterns of this site.

### **Monitoring Requirements:**

1. Monitor annually using the Wenita Forestry Natural Areas Assessment Form
2. Monitor for wildings annually and fell as required

### **References:**

**Species Survey Ref:**

[Berwick 316](#)

Kai Tahu: [Assessment of the cultural values of Berwick Forest. 2001](#)

[HCVF monitoring report 2014](#)

[HCVF monitoring report 2015](#)

[HCVF monitoring report 2017](#)

[HCVF monitoring report 2019](#)

[ORC Wetland Map](#)