



Submission on Proposed Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan

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Form 5: Submissions on a Publicly Notified Proposed Policy Statement or Regional Plan under Clause 6 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991

Return your signed submission by 5.00pm Friday 5 October 2012 to:
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Trade Competition

Pursuant to Clause 6 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, a person who could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission may make a submission only if directly affected by an effect of the proposed policy statement or plan that:

- a) adversely affects the environment; and
- b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Please tick the sentence that applies to you:

- I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission; or
- I could gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

If you have ticked this box please select one of the following: N/A

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Signature: Annabelle M. Edwards Date: 5/10/2012

(Signature of person making submission or person authorised to sign on behalf of person making the submission)

Please note:

(1) all information contained in a submission under the Resource Management Act 1991, including names and addresses for service, becomes public information.

- I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission; or
- I do wish to be heard in support of my submission; and if so,
- If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

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 Proposed ~~Plan~~ Canterbury Land + Regional Plan
and Water

(1) The specific provisions of the Proposed Plan that my submission relates to are:		(2) My submission is that: (include whether you support or oppose the specific provisions or wish to have them amended and the reasons for your views.)		(3) I seek the following decisions from Environment Canterbury: (Please give precise details for each provision. The more specific you can be the easier it will be for the Council to understand your concerns.)
Section & Page Number	Sub-section/ Point	Oppose/support (in part or full)	Reasons	
			My submission is set out on two separate pages, as it written as an argument/discussion on the overall effect of the Plan, and my request that WCO's be reinstated in their previous form; councillors are brought back to ECan; and various other aspects are considered very seriously.	Andrew Edwards 5/10/2012. 342 6013, UCan.

Add further pages as required - please initial any additional pages.

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Submission (partial) on Re Proposed Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan.

The 2012 ECan Act gave the ECan commissioners special powers, bypassed the Resource Management Act (RMA), and did a local rewriting of how Water Conservation Orders (WCOs) apply here in Canterbury.

The "Democracy on Hold" article by John McCrone in The Press of Saturday, September 29, 2012, explains what the ECan commissioners have done and what they apparently intend to do. It also includes some explanations of why the promised return of democracy has not eventuated.

One of these explanations is not among the ones given by the commissioners. It has to do with the alterations they have made to the Water Conservation Orders.

WCOs were weakened by replacing their preservation purpose with, instead, a sustainable-management purpose that requires them to look to the principles of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.

In John McCrone's article he quotes Eugenie Sage, Green MP and former ECan councillor.

"Sage says the words matter because they enshrine a right to exploit WCO-protected rivers, such as the Rakaia. The game shifts to arguing only balance" - (between, presumably, a reduced degree of protection and the push for much intensified agricultural production).

The usual rights of appeal to the Environment Court have been suspended, so that whatever the commissioners decide is final. "Objectors cannot dispute principles, only argue technicalities in the High Court."

"The powers (taken by the commissioners) snuffed out much of the potential for debate on factual issues, like what are the appropriate nutrient levels; is it right to have only X metres of riparian buffer; what is the substantive basis for the stock-access rules. All these sorts of issues have been struck out of the process" (unlike elsewhere in New Zealand).

Under the Water Conservation Orders as they were before the commissioners altered them, Canterbury's rivers, lakes and groundwater reserves had the special status of National Parks, and the Environment Court was the forum in which to attempt to defend these precious resources from degradation. Interested parties could oppose allocation and/or contamination, or at least plead for a reduced effect.

Canterbury's rivers, lakes and groundwater resources need to be given back their former WCO protection, and this needs to happen before the implementation of the commissioners' grand plans.

There are some more points I wish to raise, but I have not enough time

Unwell in January, etc

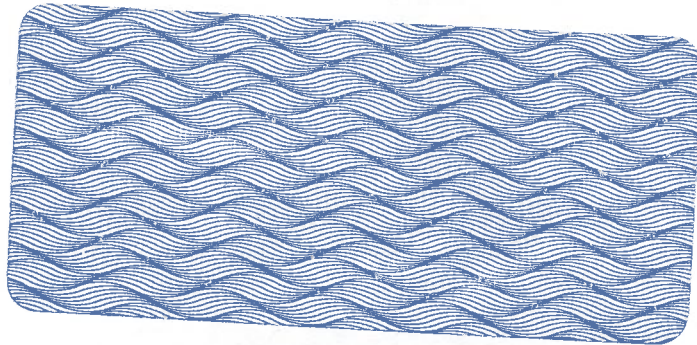


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