To: Environment Canterbury  
PO Box 345  
Christchurch

Name of Submitter:  
D. O. & M. D. Brooker

This is a submission on the following proposed plan - Proposed Canterbury Land and Water Regional

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

The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to are:

Rule 5.29 and Rule 5.125.

My submission is:

I support the rules allowing for the establishment of offal pits and the removal of small amounts of gravel from riverbeds as permitted activities. However, I oppose condition (3) of Rule 5.29 limiting farms to one 50m$^3$ offal pit per annum; and condition 4(a) of Rule 5.125 limiting the volume of gravel extracted to 5m$^3$ in any 12 month period.

My reasons are:

- Both offal pits and gravel extraction are essential parts of day to day farm management and it is sensible that they are permitted activities subject to conditions which on the whole appear reasonable.
- However, the condition restricting farms to one offal pit of no more than 50m$^3$ per annum is insufficient for extensive farming operations. It is also impractical on large farms to have only one offal pit and having to transport carcasses from one end of the farm to another.
- The limit of 5m$^3$ for gravel is insufficient for even basic driveway repairs let alone farm tracks and is substantially less than the volume allowed in the Natural Resources Regional Plan.

Therefore, I do not agree the rules as written achieve the purpose of the Resource Management Act 1991 or that the Council has fulfilled its duty under section 32 to be satisfied that the rules in this form are the most appropriate method to achieve the plan's objectives.

I seek the following decision from the Council:
Delete Rule 5.29 condition 3.
Amend Rule 5.125 condition 4(a) to read 100m$^3$

Any consequential amendments required to give effect to this submission.

I do wish to be heard in support of my submission.

We are prepared to make a joint case with other parties.

Signature of Submitter

Date: 4th October 2012

Address for Service of Submitter:
{Include postal address for where you want your correspondence to come to, fax, e-mail; and name of contact person}

David & Melanie Brooker
307 Broxton Road
Hawarden
7385

03 3142533
mdbrooker@amuri.net