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Thanks
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On behalf of the Sheffield Water Users Group & P&E Ltd
Submission on Proposed Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan

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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We adopt the portion of the submission by the Primary Industries Sector Group (Federated Farmers, DairyNZ etc), including the reasons and relief sought (including the evidence of Ms Shirley Hayward), in relation to the objectives, policies and rules of the proposed Land & Water Regional Plan dealing with the impact of farming activities on water quality.

In addition, we make the following specific submission point set out below.

NB: Where there is any difference between our specific point below, and the submission made by the Primary Industries Sector Group submission, the former over-rides the latter.
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<td>Volume 1, Section 4, Policy 4.1 (page 4-1), Table1c (page 4-4), Policies 4.31 (page 4-7) &amp; 4.34 (page 4-9), and the “Nutrient Allocation Zones” map (page 4-8); and Volume 1, Section 5, Rules 5.44 and 5.49 (page 5-13); and Volume 2 — Map Volume</td>
<td>Oppose</td>
<td>We oppose the classification of areas of Canterbury as ‘red’ on the Planning Maps (i.e. “water quality outcomes not met”) as the s32 analysis (specifically Appendices 1 &amp; 6) provides insufficient technical information to afford any confidence that water quality outcomes are not actually being met throughout the whole of the nutrient zone. Given this lack, it is therefore totally inappropriate to classify any farming activities as “non-complying” under Rules 5.44 and 5.49 (especially as an interim approach prior to decisions being made on a zone-by-zone basis through the CWMS process), as this sets too high a threshold for consent applications to be granted. An example of a limitation of the process by which the nutrient zones have been delineated can readily be found in the Selwyn-Waihora Zone, where areas that drain towards the Waimakariri River (e.g. around Sheffield – refer to the evidence of Mr Julian Weir of Aqualinc given at the CPW consent hearing), have been classified in the same way as intensively farmed land immediately adjoining Lake Ellesmere / Te Waihora. While we appreciate that this kind of zonal scale “catch-all” planning approach has doubtless been necessitated by the very limited timeframe for preparing this plan, this has the potential to significantly impact both existing and proposed farming activities, many of which will arguably have no</td>
<td>Classify all ‘red’ nutrient zones as ‘at risk’ as the default position, until sufficient technical information has been provided through the CWMS process to justify a ‘water quality outcomes not met’ classification. Make the default classification for consent applications for ‘farming activities’ in ‘red’ nutrient zones ‘discretionary,’ to allow every application to be judged on it’s technical merits, as is the case for such applications in ‘orange’ nutrient zones, without having to argue that “exceptional circumstances” apply before it can be granted.</td>
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significant impact on groundwater quality either locally, or across the nutrient zone as a whole.

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