

BEFORE THE Canterbury Regional Council

IN THE MATTER OF: The Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER OF: The Proposed Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan

### **Evidence of Colin Bird**

#### **Qualifications and Experience**

1. My full name is Colin Alfred Bird. I am a Resource Management Officer – water metering within Extension Services, under the Resource Management Group, and based in Ashburton.
2. I hold a London City and Guilds – Electrical Technicians qualification.
3. Prior to coming to New Zealand in 2002, I held the position of Estate Electrical Manager on an Anglo-American owned sugar estate in Zimbabwe for 13 years. I was an owner/director of an electrical contracting company for two years and managed an irrigation company for three years.
4. Since coming to New Zealand I have worked with three irrigation service companies in the capacity of irrigation serviceman, designer and workshop manager. I have been involved in the consultation process, design and installation of water measuring and recording equipment as part of my work within the irrigation industry since 2006.
5. I joined Environment Canterbury in February 2011 to assist with the implementation of the RFP for water metering services in the Canterbury Region. I have engaged with consent

holders in an advisory capacity and industry providers in the areas of supply technology, installation services and data hosting and compliance reporting services. I have worked closely with Irrigation New Zealand on the formation of the “Blue Tick” national accreditation programme for water meter installers and have sat on the National Environmental Monitoring Standards team for closed pipe systems. I am part of the water metering team instrumental in the implementation of the Resource Management (Measuring and Reporting of Water Takes) Regulation 2010 across the region.

### **Code of Conduct**

6. I confirm I have read part 5 of the Environment Court of New Zealand Practice Note 2011 and agree to comply with it.