

**KAIKOURA  
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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Dear Sarah,

**Kaikoura District Council Comments  
Land and Water Regional Plan - Group 2 Hearing**

The Council have indicated in our submission dated 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012 that it wished to be heard in support of our submission. To date Jane Whyte has been used to speak to the Group 1 matters and Group 3 matters are currently being reviewed.

Turning to the Group 2 matters, since lodging the submission the “Section 42A Report Volume 2 – Proposed Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan” has been reviewed. Rather than attending the hearing I would like this letter to be tabled at the hearing.

Our submission in relation to farming was concerned with Rules 5.39, 5.46, 5.47, 5.48, 5.49 and Schedule 8. Our concern is the lack of definition of farming results in the need to apply Overseer to all farming types regardless of size including carbon farms, organic farming, protected areas and QEII covenant areas.

The section 42A report recommends that the following definitions be added:

*Existing farming activity means the use of land for primary production (excluding forestry) that is not a “changed farming activity”.*

*“New farming activity means the use of land for primary production (excluding forestry) where no primary production has occurred on that land in the previous three years.”*

*“High nutrient risk farming activity means any one or more of:*

- 1. feeding cattle on a fodder crop that has been established on irrigated land;*
- 2. arable farming or horticulture (excluding grapes);*
- 3. farmed pigs; or*
- 4. irrigated dairy”*

The use of definitions is supported but a clarification is sought as to what “*changed farming activity*” means. Also arable farming is not defined and it is unclear how it would differ from a fodder crop, as arable farming by definition, growing of crops, would include fodder crops.

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In addition to farming definitions the 42A report recommends changes to rules 5.39 to 5.51. In general this will result in farming being a permitted activity provided:

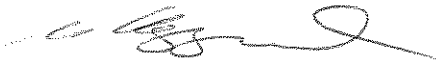
*5.39 The use of land for an existing farming activity, a changed farming activity or a new farming activity is a permitted activity provided the following conditions are met:*

- 1. If the land is not in a Lake Zone as shown on the Series A Planning Maps and:
  - (a) the area of the property is less than 5 ha; or*
  - (b) the area of the property is more than 5 ha and less than 50 ha and there is no high nutrient risk farming activity occurring on the property.**
- 2. If the land is in a Lake Zone as shown on the Series A Planning Maps and:
  - (a) the area of the property is less than 5 ha; and*
  - (b) there is no high nutrient risk farming activity occurring on the land.**

Although this recommend does not address farms greater than 50ha with no nutrient inputs for example carbon farms. Council is supportive of the changes proposed as part of the S42A report.

I no longer intend to travel to Christchurch to speak to our Group 2 submission and am happy to answer any questions the committee may have.

Sincerely



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District Planner