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Please find attached our submission to Variation 1, Proposed Canterbury Land & Water Plan.

Regards
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SUBMISSION ON VARIATION 1 – PROPOSED CANTERBURY LAND AND WATER REGIONAL PLAN

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Variation1, Section 11.4.34, Proposed requirement for a Resource Consent to discharge stormwater into the Halswell River/Hurutini catchment area.

The Lansdowne Environmental Issues Society **supports** the proposed change to require a Resource Consent to be obtained for discharges of stormwater into the above areas.

Reasons:

1. The existing Rule WQL7 does not recognise the cumulative effects of ad hoc subdivisions, particularly in parts of the catchment where stormwater discharges are already having significant adverse cumulative effects .
2. Any damage caused to the property of others as a result of authorisation under Rule WQL7 is not held to be the responsibility of Environment Canterbury.
3. Land or crop damage which has resulted from excess stormwater from discharges authorized under WQL7 is difficult or almost impossible to prove.
4. The existing Rule WQL7 authorization process effectively removes Environment Canterbury's control of river levels, and associated flooding and land drainage.

The Society wishes to be heard in support of this submission.

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President