Please find attached submission on proposed variation 1 to Proposed Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan.

regards

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Submission on Proposed Variation 1 to the Proposed Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan

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In making this submission I could not gain advantage in trade competition;
I wish to be heard in support of my submission;
I would be prepared to present my submission in a joint case with others making a similar submission.

I have numbered issues in my submission that I wish to speak to and will endeavour to provide further information at the hearing.

1. In General - Public Communication

Generally the purpose of variation and intent as such is supported however I am disappointed in the information sent through to the ratepayer (February 2014) as it was difficult to understand and gave very little time to research or make a submission.

2. Drains:

- No acknowledgement appears for the work already undertaken by land drainage committees and related infrastructure and the need to maintain waterways and rivers under the Land Drainage Act 1908. These drains are necessary as is the infrastructure required in inhabit and farm the area. Removing of weed and silt is a necessary part of this.
- No mention is made of power outage access for drinking water
- Improvements to management of land drainage schemes need to be recognised in the policy.

2.1 Exclusion of Stock

- 11.4.12 (d) Pg 4 - 6
  definition of drain needs to be clarified
  some have flowing water constantly, others are intermittent. What is an artificial water course?

Relief sought;
  Amend to say exclude stock from drains that flow all year round or clarify the definition of a drain.

- 11.5.18
  Recognise that a power outage may cause temporary need for stock to access drains

Relief sought;
  Amend rule to include that on notification to the consenting authority that stock can access water in same terms as a stockwater race.
2.2 **Policy 11.4.3 and 11.4.4 Cultural Landscape Values Management Area page 4-5**

Within the Cultural Landscape area there exists communities with sewage infrastructure and land drainage networks.

Relief sought
Amend policy 11.4.3 to read a new section (c) recognising existing communities and infrastructure resources located in this area.

Amend policy 11.4.4 to read a new section (e) recognising existing communities and infrastructure resources located in this area.

2.3 **Drainage Water**

Rule 11.5.21 page 4-14

Under this rule there is a need to have a resource consent and management plan to operate these drains for surface and sub surface drains, however these cannot be stopped especially from Springs by the landowner. The nutrients contained within are not under the control of the landowner.

Relief sought;
Delete rule and include a new rule for a permitted activity.

2.4 **Siltation Indicator – Fine Sediment Page 4-28**

This is not applicable for many rivers in the area as they are completely silt based. Springs emerge and deposit silt
- Build up needs to be reviewed
- Indicator does not consider natural state of the river

Relief sought;
Delete the siltation indicator for fine sediment from table 11(a) or have an exclusion for rivers as part of any existing land drainage network

2.5 **River Zone in the Cultural Landscape/Values Management Area Table 11(n) Page 4-36**

The location of the river zone is 20 meters either side of their source through to the Lake.
What is the definition of a source? (every spring in every paddock is a source)
Also vague as to what this actually means to those within the 20metres. What activity limitations are on them?

Relief sought;
Include in maps a definite source.
Decrease the 20 metres down to 5 metres

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