

## Make Submission

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**Please select the appropriate option from the following:** I DO NOT wish to be heard in support of my submission; or

**If so**

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*State concisely whether you support or oppose the provision being submitted on, or wish to have amendments made.*

**My submission is that:** Oppose

*Please state your reasons for supporting/opposing/amendments sought*

### **My reason(s) for supporting, opposing or requesting amendments to this specific provision are:**

While there is much to be supported in this document, the new targets are not sufficient to balance the needs of users of the environment other than farmers. In many cases, farms could actually increase their environmental footprint under the proposed rules. In addition: 1) NIWA models clearly show that the plains are going to get hotter and drier. Farming on the plains must be changed to be compatible with the future environment. This means we should be changing the mixture of what is farmed away from products that require high water take to maintain them. The extra 30,000ha of new irrigation should NOT be allowed. The existing dairy should be reduced to a sustainable level ready for future climate change. As climate change advances, the dairy industry is going to struggle without continually taking more water or some farms hitting economic difficulty. It is unconscionable to set up farming to fail in this way, a profession that already suffers from high suicide rates.

2) The cleaning up of the water ways is being carried financially by me as a ratepayer and taxpayer. Radio NZ estimated a conservative \$500m to clean up a few existing lakes damaged by intensive farming. That means my household is subsidising farming indirectly by over \$500/year. Since the clean up costs do not appear to be paid by the polluter, environmental damage should be immediately reduced.

3) Table 11.4 has levels of nitrates at median 6.9mg/l. These are too high. perhaps maximum cattle densities should be reduced.

*Please give precise details for each provision. The more specific you can be the easier it will be for the Council to understand the outcome you are seeking.*

**I seek the following decisions from Environment Canterbury:**

Please reconsider the enviromental aspetcs of this change, and consider everybody equally, and do not favour the dairy industry. Specifically, lower pollution limits, do not allow more dairy conversions, with the aim of making farming on the plains sustainable for future climate change conditions.