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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

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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:

I oppose the provision setting nitrogen load on years 2009-2013. It rewards those who have intensified unlimitedly and basically stops those who haven't or have been unable to change land use to farming unprofitably forever if that is the way the market leads.

We have been operating in a red zone since 2009 and been unable to develop irrigation in that period. The only way to insure dry/light soils against drought is to irrigate, crops can be grown that are not an option otherwise. Irrigation has let farmers survive not necessarily ruin the environment.

Existing water rights should not be adjusted down just because they haven't always been used. Irrigation isn't used unless necessary, some crops don't require it all the time. That is the whole point of good irrigation management. At the same time you need the maximum limit for the dry seasons when it is required.

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:

Set nitrogen limits on a per hectare basis and let farms develop if necessary but bring the big loaders back faster. It has been a mad rush to intensify. But it should be possible to reasonably change landuse otherwise the world will stand still and more people will starve. The nitrogen cycle is a good principle and indeed nitrogen is essential for plant growth.

Don't withdraw water rights because they haven't been used, it goes against good irrigation practice.