

**Submission on Proposed Waipara Catchment Environmental Flow and Water Allocation Regional Plan**



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Signature: [Signature] (B.S JOHNS - Director)

(Signature of person making submission or person authorised to sign on behalf of person making the submission)

Please note: (1) all information contained in a submission under the Resource Management Act 1991, including names and addresses for service, becomes public information.

**Form 5: Submissions on a Publicly Notified Proposed Policy Statement or Regional Plan under Clause 6 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991**

- Tick this box if you do not wish to be heard in support of your submission;
- Tick this box if you do wish to be heard in support of your submission; and,
- Tick this box if you would be prepared to consider presenting your submission in a joint case with others making a similar submission at any hearing.

Return your signed submission by Monday 14th June 2010 to:

Freeport 1201  
 Proposed Waipara Catchment Environmental Flow and Water Allocation Regional Plan  
 Environment Canterbury  
 P O Box 345  
 Christchurch  
 Email: mailroom@ecan.govt.nz

(1) The specific provisions of the variation that my submission relates to are: (Specify page number and subsection numbering for each separate provision).

- (i) Policy 1.10(b) - page 14
- (ii) Policy 3.4 - page 16
- (iii) Policy 3.8 - page 17
- (iv) Appendix 4 - page 28
- (v) Rule 6.1(c) - page 19

(2) My submission is that: (State concisely: the nature of your submission, and clearly indicate whether you support or oppose each separate provision being submitted on, or wish to have amendments made, giving reasons.)

- (i) Not necessary to increase the minimum flow for such activities.
- (ii) Should not be required for takes, where they do not exceed the 3/5 stream depletion threshold.
- (iii) 5 year time limit unnecessary & arbitrary in the interim.
- (iv) Consent details incorrect.
- (v) Inconsistent with the definition of hydraulically connected groundwater - part 9.

(3) I seek the following decisions from Environment Canterbury: (Please give precise details for each provision. The more specific you can be the easier it will be for the Council to understand your concerns.)

- (i) Policy 1.10(b) should be deleted.
- (ii) Policy 3.4 should be amended to exclude takes that do not exceed the 3/5 stream depletion threshold; data loggers only.
- (iii) Policy 3.8 should be deleted.
- (iv) We seek amendment to Appendix 4 (page 28) reference the Waipara 'A' blocks to show (see over) Definition Page 22

Add further pages as required. (v) Rule 6.1(c) should be amended to read: if the groundwater take has a stream depletion effect > water then 3/5, otherwise use water holes in the...

Water Mainlines & Blocks

(a)

Consent	Water source	Min. flow	Min. Flow Restrictions	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	Ann. Vol.
CRC 020962.2 (Boundary Kemsham at main SS JOHNS & LWT-DICK)	Excavated pond gallery	50 l/s	White gorge	3	3	3	3	3	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	3	3	3
CRC 940475.4 Fiddlers green mineshaft	Excavated pond gallery	50 l/s	White gorge	3	3	3	3	3	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	3	3	3
				Daily Volume	130	130	130	130	540	540	540	540	540	130	130	130
				Max rate	3	3	3	3	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	3	3	3
				Daily Volume	130	130	130	130	540	540	540	540	540	130	130	130

Notes: These two consents are concurrent and can be exercised separately or jointly, provided that, if exercised jointly then the abstractions are not to exceed a combined rate of 3 l/s and a combined volume of 200 m<sup>3</sup> per day between the months of October to May (inclusive) and a combined rate of 12.5 l/s and of combined volume of ~~1080~~ 1080 m<sup>3</sup> per day between the months of June to September (inclusive). The annual volume for the combined takes should be set at 163,480.

(b)

The consents, as above, should both be classified as groundwater takes which are taken from the same excavated pond/gallery that successfully intercepts shallow groundwater beneath the surface of the ground and not surface water from over the ground. This interpretation has been investigated & acknowledged by Ecan.

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