

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



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**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:

Freepost 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).

As Attached

(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.)

As Attached

(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.)

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1. The specific provisions of the Proposed Regional Plan that our submission relates to:

**That in Objectives 3 the social and economic benefits of groundwater abstractions from the Waipara River catchment are recognised and provided for.**

**Rule 6 – the taking and use of groundwater from the Waipara Groundwater Zone for existing groundwater users should be provided for and not made unreasonably difficult to obtain.**

2. Our submissions are:

I was born and raised in Waipara. When I got married, we built our home here, and we made our life here. The existing well that is on the family farm continues to supply water, not only for stock water but also to maintain the vineyard that my wife has worked so hard to achieve. I know how dry Waipara can get. The very climate that makes it one of the best wine growing areas in the country also means that water is essential, both to establish plants and as frost protection.

The existing farm well does not yield a lot (30litres per minute, less than 45m<sup>3</sup> per day at best) and we have put in a storage pond to have enough water when frost protection is required. This investment and hard work should be protected.

The economic (and social) benefits of the wine industry to this district in the last 10 to 20 years have been great, and will continue to be so but existing groundwater wells must be protected.

It shouldn't be more difficult than it needs be to maintain a groundwater supply, and the social and economic benefits of groundwater for the district that must be recognised in this Plan.

3. We seek the following decisions from Environment Canterbury:

**Recognise the important of maintaining existing groundwater wells in the policies and rules of this plan and don't make it too hard to get consents when they are required to maintain takes from existing wells and for anyone that is fortunate enough to find additional water.**

The consent process should be fair and reasonable and should be managed wisely by Environment Canterbury. For certainty, any consents should be granted for the maximum term allowed.