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SUBMISSIONS ON PROPOSED WAIPARA CATCHMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FLOW AND WATER ALLOCATION REGIONAL PLAN

Name: Winstone Aggregates, a division of Fletcher Concrete & Infrastructure Ltd

The Submissions of Winstone Aggregates on the Proposed Waipara Catchment Environmental Flow and Water Allocation Regional Plan are set out in Section 1 below:

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1.1 The provisions which are opposed are:

The proposed plan talks about non-consumptive users of water (refer page 16, Policy 1.6 and the associated explanation). It states that this term is defined in Section 9 of the Plan but it doesn't appear to be.

1.2 My submission is:

Aggregate Extraction and Processing Activities should be identified in a definition of Non-consumptive uses included in Section 9 of the Plan.

It should be recognised that the non-consumptive nature of these takes is not limited to surface water takes returned to the same body, but should also apply to groundwater takes where the water is returned to the same body via treatment ponds (i.e. after having been used for aggregate washing) or when used for dust suppression and therefore discharged back to ground.

1.3 The following decision is sought from Environment Canterbury:

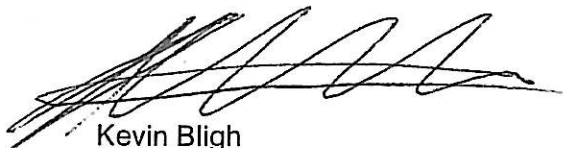
Include aggregate extraction and processing activities in a new definition of non-consumptive uses in Section 9 of the Plan. This definition should also reflect the non-consumptive nature of groundwater takes used for aggregate washing and dust suppression.

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I do not wish to be heard in support of this submission.

I would be happy to discuss these submissions with Council officers in more detail prior to the completion of the hearings report.

Signature:



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