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**Sent:** Friday, 24 October 2014 8:07 a.m.  
**Subject:** Taylors Drain User Group Submission  
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Attached is our submission on proposed variation 2.

Gar Wilson

**Form 5**  
**Submission on publicly notified proposal for policy statement or plan, change or variation**

Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

**To** Canterbury Regional Council

Name of submitter: Gary Wilson

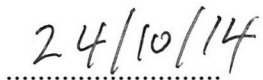
1. This is a submission on the following proposed variation to a proposed plan (the **proposal**):

*Proposed Variation 2 to the proposed Land and Water Regional Plan*

2. I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
3. The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to the provisions set out in Annexure 1.
4. My submission is as set out in Annexure 1. The Taylors Drain Water users group was set up by thirteen irrigation abstractors who obtain water from Taylors Drain. For some of these farmers this abstraction is their only source of irrigation water. The formation of the Water Users Group formalises a historic agreement that saw the users roster water use so as to maintain the minimum flow in the Drain. The total combined take of the users is currently 574l/s. At the User Groups expense we have installed a fully automated measuring devise on the drain to further ensure the required minimum flow is maintained
5. I seek the following decision from the local authority:
  - a. Relief set out in Annexure 1; or
  - b. Such alternative relief that has the same, or similar, effect as that suggested in this submission.
6. I wish to be heard in support of my submission.
7. If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.



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## Annexure 1: Specific Relief Sought

Amendments are shown either as ~~strikethrough~~ or underlined

Page	Reference	Issue/Concern	Relief sought
3	Policy 13.4.5	support	Support with the proviso that it is recognized that not all applicants will be able to access deep groundwater due to sand/salt intrusion and well interference effects
3	Policy 13.4.6	support	
4	Policy 13.4.14	Support (a) (c) & (f) with amendments	(a) <u>significant</u> adverse effects on cultural values, including those associated with unnatural mixing of water are satisfactorily avoided <u>or mitigated</u> ; (c) <u>significant</u> adverse effects on fish passage are avoided or mitigated; (f) adverse effects on people and property from raised groundwater levels and higher flows are avoided.
4	Policy 13.4.14	(e) appose	delete
5	Policy 13.4.15	appose	delete
5	Policy 13.4.19	Appose – timeline is too short to develop recommendations on minimum flows. MAR and TSA are expected to have a positive effect on surface flows but neither MAR or TSA be fully operational or measurable by 2020 meaning severe restrictions to abstraction.	delete
5	New policy	13.4.20 ensure continued farming activity is possible	Add following policy – <u>Manage water take and land use, water quality and land use activities in the Hinds/Hekeao Plains Area in a manner that recognises the economic significance and importance of continuing to provide for existing and consented farming activities.</u>
10	Policy 13.5.26	Delete reference to a drain	Within the Hinds/Hekeao Plains Area any reference to the bed of a lake, river or wetland in Rules 5.68, 5.69, 5.70 and 5.71 <del>also includes a drain</del> , but does not include any sub-surface drain, storm water swale or other artificial watercourse which is ephemeral in nature.