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Dear Sir / Madam

Submission

Please find enclosed my submission relating to the proposed change to Rule 7.10 (8) concerning restricted outdoor burning in rural areas.

Yours faithfully



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Form 5
Submission on publicly notified proposal for policy statement or plan

Clause 6 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

To Canterbury Regional Council

Name of submitter: *Ron Williams*

This is a submission on **Proposed Canterbury Air Regional Plan**

The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to are:

Outdoor burning in Rural Areas and Clean Air Zone 2 areas, in particular ***Rule 7.10 (8); within a clean air zone burning shall not take place during May, June, July or August.***

My submission is:

- I oppose the prohibition on outdoor burning in the clean air 2 zone during the months of May, June, July and August
- The clean air 2 zone to the west of Rangiora is Rural Zoned land under the Waimakariri District Plan. The prohibition during the above months will be prohibitive to normal farming practices, and prevent practices that have been carried out for over 100 years.
- The clean air 2 zone on the western side of Rangiora enjoys a predominantly easterly wind, carrying any smoke from outdoor burnings away from urban areas.
- The WDC summer Fire ban has just been lifted on the 18th April 2015, having been imposed in December (an annual occurrence). This allows 12 days to burn the summer and autumn organic material, and will force unsafe practices in order to accomplish the task in such a tight time frame.
- The beneficiaries of the prohibition are residential properties in Rangiora. The proposed plan notes at Page 4 that home heating is the predominant source of contaminants that exceed guidelines – not outdoor burning in neighbouring rural areas.
- The other rules controlling outdoor burning are tenable and would control effects to a more than minor level, especially given the predominant wind direction for the clean air 2 zone on the western side of Rangiora.

I seek the following decision from the local authority:

- Delete the rule 7.10(8) prohibiting outdoor burning during May, June, July and August.
- Alternatively, a permitted rule could be introduced for the specified months allowing outdoor burning in the rural zoned areas of the CAZ2 to the west of Rangiora, between 8am and say 2pm, allowing time for smoke to disperse in the predominantly easterly daytime wind.

I wish to be heard in support of my submission.

Signature of submitter
(or person authorised to sign
on behalf of submitter)



Date

23rd April 2015

(A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means.)

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