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Please find attached our submission to the Air Plan 2015

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## **South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce Submission on Environment Canterbury Air Plan 2015.**

### **Introduction**

The South Canterbury of Commerce (SCCC) is the leading business focussed organisation in the region serving the interests of more than 460 local businesses. While many of our members are in the small to medium enterprise category (SME), our membership includes most of the largest corporations in the district and reflects the diversity of the business sector in South Canterbury. The SCCC is led by highly skilled board of nine members, who represent a wide range of business interests in South Canterbury.

SCCC is also a member of the New Zealand Chambers of Commerce (Inc), NZCCI, is an umbrella organisation serving the interests of 29 Chambers of Commerce nationwide, which represent over 24,000 businesses around the country. As such, SCCC is regularly in discussion with other Chambers around the country and able to gain valuable feedback and gauge current trends and issues for businesses, including those related to logistics and international transport.

SCCC is grateful for the opportunity to make this submission on the Environment Canterbury Air Plan 2015.

### **Our submission**

Within the context of Environment Canterbury's review of the Regional Air Plan, the Chamber is cognisant of the diversity of its membership and, as such, the potential diversity of views of the Proposed Plan. The Chamber respects that diversity and has encouraged its members to consider and submit individually on matters that affect their business interests. The Chamber has therefore focused its submission on high level matters.

Overall, the Chamber accepts the need to maintain good air quality and improve degraded air quality within the Canterbury Region. For that reason, the Chamber generally supports the intention of the Proposed Plan and the outcomes it seeks to achieve.

However, the Chamber is concerned to ensure that:

- The Proposed Plan represents the most appropriate means of exercising Environment Canterbury's functions under section 30 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**);

- The provisions of the Proposed Plan are the most appropriate for achieving the sustainable management purpose of the RMA and give effect to the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement;
- The standards contained within the policy and rule framework of the Proposed Plan, and the information requirements for resource consents and management plans, and assessment, investigation, testing and auditing criteria contained in the schedules to the Proposed Plan, are based on accurate and robust science and/or established industry practice;
- The timeframes for compliance with standards contained in the rules of the Proposed Plan are reasonable and realistic; and
- Environment Canterbury adopts the correct legal planning process for the Proposed Plan, namely the process set out in Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Overall, the Chamber is concerned to ensure the Proposed Plan strikes an appropriate balance between the need for stringent standards for existing and new air discharges in order maintain community health and wellbeing on the one hand, and enabling industrial and economic growth on the other.

The Chamber of Commerce seeks that the Proposed Plan achieves the outcomes set out in this submission.

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