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Please select the appropriate option from the following:

I DO wish to be heard in support of my submission;

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Subject: FW: Submissions to variation 3 of the land & water regional plan. EMAIL:01620508
Date: Tuesday, 26 May 2015 11:02:35 a.m.

Hello

Email relating to submission to Variation 3. Will send through second email with actual submissions shortly.

Thanks

Tess

----- Original Message -----

From: Bruce Gary
Received: 25/05/2015 5:49 p.m.
To: ECInfo; Environment Canterbury; Services Customer; Services Customer
Subject: Submissions to variation 3 of the land & water regional plan.

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Environment Canterbury
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I today have been writing important submissions to your document, Variation 3 to the land & water regional plan. Creating an account & logging in took time last night which included helping an elderly neighbour navigate your website so he could also log in to make a submission. The website that I have found usually very good to navigate had a distinctive grey line down the left side covering important headings impeding people with impaired eyesite to easily read the text. I do hope this is fixed. Going through the document clause by clause I made submissions where appropriate & upon my last the submission feature appeared to close down. Although there was a 5-00 pm deadline this is not good enough as although I was logged in your website prevented me filling in important contact details on the end of the form. I trust the 3 submissions that were received by your site will be accepted. Please reply to above e-mail address.

Regards,

Gary Bruce.

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Version	0.1

Support Oppose

Supports in Part or Opposes in Part

State concisely whether you support or oppose the provision being submitted on, or wish to have amendments made.

My submission is that: . Support Oppose

Please state your reasons for supporting/opposing/amendments sought

My reason(s) for supporting, opposing or requesting amendments to this specific provision are:

Availability of irrigation scheme water is not currently available in my area. Should it become available in the future there should be no compulsion to use it as any scheme is very expensive for water access. Also our farm has gone to considerable expense recently to comply with E Can water monertering. Our consent at present being a surface and shallow well take is swappable for a deep well take. We need assurance if we take this option we are not compelled to a scheme take in place of a deep well.

Please give precise details for each provision. The more specific you can be the easier it will be for the Council to understand the outcome you are seeking.

I seek the following decisions from Environment Canterbury:

I asked that existing consents be allowed to continue unimpeded for their duration with a standard right of renewal or if scheme water is compulsory financial compensation is given.

Choose one of the following three

Tick relevant topics

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Response Date	25/05/15 4:40 PM
Consultation Point	15.4.27 Paragraph (View)
Status	Submitted
Submission Type	Web
Version	0.1
Support Oppose	
Supports in Part or Opposes in Part	

State concisely whether you support or oppose the provision being submitted on, or wish to have amendments made.

My submission is that: Support Oppose

Please state your reasons for supporting/opposing/amendments sought

My reason(s) for supporting, opposing or requesting amendments to this specific provision are:

I oppose the excessive minimum flow restrictions required at Bradshaws recorder for surface & shallow water takes. 600 l/ps min is to high with water take reduction starting at 700 l/ps as refered to in table 15 (j). The original consent for the Morven Gleanavy discharge into the Waihao River was for augmentation for recreation, fish life & irrigation. Although this irrigation aspect has not been continued in the MGI company,s rewnewal of the consent in all practicallities this additional water in the Waihao ensures surrouding aquifers & spring feed streams are in a healthy state. The Willowbridge district is a natural high groundwater area. This is well known by local residents & indeed E Can who have monitered the districts shallow wells (including ours) for over 20 years.

Please give precise details for each provision. The more specific you can be the easier it will be for the Council to understand the outcome you are seeking.

I seek the following decisions from Environment Canterbury:

I would seek a reduction in minimum flow requirement at Bradsaws to no more than half of that required in this proposal.

Choose one of the following three

Tick relevant topics

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Support Oppose

Supports in Part or Opposes in Part

State concisely whether you support or oppose the provision being submitted on, or wish to have amendments made.

My submission is that: . Support Oppose

Please state your reasons for supporting/opposing/amendments sought

My reason(s) for supporting, opposing or requesting amendments to this specific provision are:

I oppose this rule on the grounds that should we have to swap our shallow well permits for a deep well we wish to irrigate all our properties from one deep well. This would require piping water through a neighbours property to reach our seperate 40 hectares which is consented shared 50% with a neighbour.

Please give precise details for each provision. The more specific you can be the easier it will be for the Council to understand the outcome you are seeking.

I seek the following decisions from Environment Canterbury:

Allow rule change to not just include community schemes but all property in one ownership.

Choose one of the following three

Tick relevant topics

From: [ECInfo](#)
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Subject: FW: Submissions to Variation 3 of the Land & Water Regional Plan. EMAIL:01620509
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Hello Mailroom

Submission below from Gary Bruce.

Thanks

Tess

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Further to my previous e-mail I now rewrite my submissions to Variation 3 of the Land & Water Regional Plan Section 15 just to make sure you have them on record. I trust the above information is sufficient for the mandatory field which the website cut off before my completion of it. The mandatory field asks if I wish to be heard in person in support of my submissions. The answer is yes I would like to be heard at any hearing. In my submissions I chose to comment on 4 clauses of the proposed plan. Having just completed the fourth one at 5-00 pm I clicked the send button to find everything shut down Which is not

acceptable while logged into the system And having not completed the mandatory field listed at the end of the submissions page. The following is my submissions for the record.

15.4 Policies

15.4.25 Over-allocation of water is reduced by requiring applications to water permits affected by section 124-124C of the RMA to use irrigation scheme water, where available, to the fullest extent possible.

Oppose.

Availability of irrigation scheme water is not currently available in my area. Should it become available in the future there should be no compulsion to use it as any scheme is very expensive for water access. Also our farm has gone to considerable expense recently to comply with E Can water monitoring. Our consent at present being a surface and shallow well take is swappable for a deep well consent. (Further comment was submitted in original website submission.)

I seek the following decisions from Environment Canterbury.

I ask that existing consents be allowed to continue unimpeded for their duration with a standard right of renewal or if scheme water is compulsory financial compensation is given.

15.4.27 Protect the ecological health of surface water bodies within the South Coastal Canterbury Area by requiring minimum flow conditions in accordance with the limits in Tables 15 (g) to 15 (j) on any groundwater permit where the abstraction point is located within any Flow Protection Zone, and where the top of the screen is less than 30 meters below ground level.

Oppose

I oppose the excessive minimum flow restrictions required at Bradshaws recorder for surface & shallow water takes. 600 l/ps is to high with water take reduction starting at 700 l/ps as referred to in Table 15 (j). The original consent for the Morven Gleanavy discharge into the Waihao River was for augmentation for recreation, fish life & irrigation. Although this irrigation aspect -

(The following is from memory of original web based submission.)

was removed from the consent renewal the fact is the 2 waters mix and maintain a steady flow in the Waihao from the rail bridge to Bradshaws. It is also a fact that surrounding spring feed creek tributaries are complemented by a flowing Waihao during the dry Summer months. To absract a little of this water during the Summer is not adverse to the environment.

I seek the following decisions from Environment Canterbury.

I would seek a reduction in minimum flow requirements at Bradshaws to no more than half of that required in this proposal.

15.4.30 Meet environmental flow and allocation limits by only allowing the transfer of water permits (other than to the new owner of the property at the same location), to occur where the transferred water is to be used for a community water supply.

Oppose.

I oppose this rule on the grounds that should we have to swap our shallow well permits for a deep well we wish to irrigate all our properties from one deep well. This would require piping water through a neighbours property to reach our seperate 40 hactares which is consented shared 50% with a neighbour.

I seek the following conditions from Environment Canterbury.

Allow rule change to not just include community schemes but all property in one ownership.

15.4.32 Environmental benefits from from the discharge of water from the Morven Glenavy Irrigation Scheme into the lower reach of the Waihao River are protected by avoiding the allocation of that discharged water for abstraction.

Oppose. This is where E Can cut me off so the following is my submission.

I oppose this on several grounds. As stated previously the augmentation of the Waitaki water into the Waihao via MGI overflow was intended for irrigation & environmental use. The wording in clause 15.4.32 suggests that abstraction (any abstraction) is detrimental to the environmental benefits the Waitaki water has on the Waihao. It is my view that the small take consented now is very minimal compared to the flow discharged into the Waihao. As well in an extreme dry summer as 2014 – 15 has been irrigation has had to be beneficial to the surrounding environment of the river. There would have been very parched dry pastures & crops without irrigation this summer that wildlife from bees to birds rely on. As stated earlier I fail to see the reason for the MGI discharge to be exclusively for Waihao River environment augmentation. It helps keep the surrounding creeks & shallow water aquifers healthy & flowing. To not to be allowed to use a little of this water for irrigation purposes as has occurred for decades is to the detriment of the greater environment surrounding the lower Waihao.

I seek the following conditions from Environment Canterbury.

Allow a portion of the MGI discharge to be included in the flow limits for abstraction cut off minimum recorded at Bradshaws

In summary I do trust my submissions will be accepted for consideration. As a farmer we know

that protecting the environment is good for the community but as farmers we also know it is good for ourselves because we wish to be there for the next year & years after that with good water soil & air health.

Regards,

Gary Bruce.