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Your submission

What do you want Environment Canterbury to do?

① We purchased our property in 2012. We were told (incorrectly) that we could irrigate at 100 litres a minute. After two summers of irrigation "someone" complained and we were advised that we could only use 10 cubic m per day.

Properties with any such restrictions should have that information recorded to alert the purchaser, eg the LHM. The vendor did have water to transfer to us but we didn't think it necessary.

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<p>② We have engaged consultants, our solicitor and we have been in regular contact with Ecan. We have been told an application for a Resource Consent would be costly and unlikely to proceed. Our consultants estimate the cost to "buy water" would be \$25,000/\$40,000.</p>	<p>We only want to go to say 1100 cum a day. Ecan should lower the costs & make it easier for lifestyle blocks to increase their available allocation.</p>
<p>③ Not until you own 20ha does the allocation go to 100 cum. Deepere everyone from 1ha to 19.9ha gets 10 cum.</p>	<p>As a minimum the allocation should be at least pro-rata the block size. Our 6.05 ha should have 60 cum and the 19.9ha should have 99.9 cum</p>

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4. We have spoken to a lot of people on small blocks of land and not one of them was aware that the restriction we have was in place. We are aware that lots of small block land owners irrigate 24/7 and are unaware of any restrictions.

If ECAN is to continue with similar restrictions in the District it needs to be far better communicated to small block owners so they don't get caught like us. It is not very pleasant getting letters threatening 2 years in prison or a \$300,000 fine.

5. I have been told by the staff of ECAN and our consultants that one of the reasons we have this restriction is that there are lots of wells in this area. When we were given the plan of our property to place our new well, there were 4 wells shown on the plan that did not exist. There is also concern that the water table may suffer if I was granted an increased allocation. In one of the driest summers (this last few months) our water table has only fluctuated between 2.5m and 2.8m.

Are ECAN sure that their decisions are being made with the most up to date and correct information.

6. Further to 5 above I did irrigate in the summers of 2012/2013 and 2013/2014, and we did not receive any complaints from neighbours. If my usage of water at that time was depleting the water table surely my neighbours would have been the very first to let me know. We understand the complaint which brought to my attention the irrigation restrictions was made by an ECAN staff member driving past on their way to work.

If the taking of additional water for irrigation does not effect the supply to wells in the surrounding area, why is there a need for such a restriction.

Note. I am happy to discuss this submission in person and try to find a amicable solution without the need for incurring excessive costs as alluded to earlier. Please note that I will be out of the country 11th April to 14th May and again 20th June to 1 August.

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