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Please find attached a copy of DairyNZ's submission to ECan's LTP.

Regards

James

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Environment Canterbury
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13 April 2015

RE: Submission on Environment Canterbury's Long-Term Plan 2015-25

Dear Sir/Madam

DairyNZ appreciates the opportunity to submit on Environment Canterbury's Long-Term Plan 2015-25.

DairyNZ is the industry good organisation representing New Zealand's dairy farmers. Funded by a levy on milksolids and through government investment, our purpose is to secure and enhance the profitability, sustainability and competitiveness of New Zealand dairy farming. We deliver value to farmers through leadership, investing, partnering with other organisations and through our own strategic capability. Our work includes research and development to create practical on-farm tools, leading on-farm adoption of best practice farming, promoting careers in dairying and advocating for farmers with central and regional government.

TB funding

DairyNZ does not support Environment Canterbury's proposal to cut funding for vector/possum control activities undertaken by OSPRI and TBfree in support of the national bovine TB pest management plan. We encourage Environment Canterbury to rethink this decision for the 2015/16 year until long term funding arrangements can be agreed through the current bovine TB Plan and funding review process.

We note the desire of Environment Canterbury to prioritise funding for new pest incursions, but would highlight that funding the TBfree programme has a significant multiplier effect and benefit for Canterbury landowners in that Council investment is leveraged to secure other Crown and industry funds for local possum control activities. Further, we view the TBfree programme as supporting Environment Canterbury's biodiversity objectives.

The dairy industry is a significant sector for Canterbury and is a significant funder of the TB plan. We value the partnership that we have with Environment Canterbury in achieving and benefiting from the plan. We would be disappointed should the decision not to continue to support vector control work in Canterbury result in a likely scaling back of the TB plan activities and objectives in the region.

Increased focus upon implementation

With respect to improving water management, DairyNZ supports Environment Canterbury's increased focus upon implementation. In this regard, DairyNZ is committed to working with Environment Canterbury on the joint Environment Canterbury and dairy sector work programme. As the proposed Land and Water Regional Plan and its variations are decided on, we also see merit in the Council increasing its level of engagement with industry bodies and

other stakeholders in order to communicate consistent messages for farming activities that support the achievement of community outcomes.

DairyNZ wishes to be heard in support of the submission.

Yours sincerely

James Ryan
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