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Your submission

This is an addendum to my original submission. I understand from a 2014 article in New Zealand Geographic that the Government has a \$400 million Irrigation Acceleration Fund to increase the irrigated land in New Zealand by 420,000 hectares. I would like to suggest that the Government reconsider that plan. Instead, I would like them to consider using the money to subsidise the CURRENT farmers to make their farms more environmentally compatible and profitable in more environmentally compatible manner. Then the farmers won't be seen as the enemy but partners in making New Zealand a more sustainable environment

What do you want Environment Canterbury to do?

Advocate to the government and to the farmers to concentrate on making the current farms more environmentally more sustainable with government funds rather than increasing the land available for irrigation, a further burden on our already stretched water sources in Canterbury.

Once again, I really, really appreciate the opportunity that you have given to me to speak on this issue. Cheers,  
Margaret (Peg) Miller

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