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Your submission

First I have no problem with increased rates if it will be improved environment controls.

However, on page 10 is what appears to be an insignificant phrase "We will work with farmers, their industry bodies and advisers to find ways to support rural-sector growth without compromising water quality and waterway habitats."

This was noted more obviously on page 11

"It is Canterbury's unique response to tremendous growth in the agricultural sector that has created unprecedented demand for water."

I understand that the government's long term plan is to increase agriculture to 40% of the GDP. I personally do not see how increasing dairy and other animal associated industry in the Canterbury area is compatible with your plan to "restrict their nutrient discharges onto land and into waterways to the limits we have agreed on". I also understand that rural-sector growth in the Canterbury region will mean a significant increase in irrigated land....during a period when increased drought in the Canterbury district is predicted.

It appears to me that your goals and the government's economic plans for growth are directly opposed.

I'm all for encouraging more use of public transportation by the public, especially in the Christchurch region. However, some of the changes made to the Metro service within the past year has made use of public transport, particularly from the CDB to the Halswell neighbourhoods MORE difficult and time consuming, requiring two different bus routes instead of one. (instead of route 7, we are now required to take the Orange bus and bus 125)

What do you want Environment Canterbury to do?

I would request that your agency, no matter how unpopular, advocate against increased agricultural growth in the Canterbury district and against an INCREASE in irrigated land. I also advocate that there be strict regulations for pollutant runoff and strict penalties for failure to follow them.

I would also like to know how I personally can advocate for these changes to other government agencies including the economic growth agencies.

I also feel that encouraging people to use more public transport won't come unless the public transport is easy and convenient to use, especially for older people who have mobility problems. So, it would be important for your agency to advocate for better public transport routes.

I REALLY appreciate the opportunity to make a submission to your agency. THANK YOU!

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