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Subject: CRC Long-term Plan Submission

On behalf of the Wainono Area Drainage Scheme Committees, please find **attached** their joint submission for lodgement on the Canterbury Regional Council Long-term Plan 2015-2025.

Kind regards

Lisa Smith

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**JOINT SUBMISSION OF THE LOWER HOOK RIVER,
MORVEN DRAIN, WAINONO LAGOON, SINCLAIRS CREEK,
LOWER WAIMATE RIVER AND THE LOWER WAIHAO RIVER
DRAINAGE SCHEMES**



**ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY PROPOSED LONG-TERM PLAN
2015 – 2025**

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We **confirm** that we have undertaken consultation with our respective committees and have obtained their support to make these submissions on their behalf.

We **wish** to discuss our submission in person.

We **do not** wish our contact details to be made public.

Submissions:	Decisions Sought:
<p><i>Environment Canterbury Contribution to the 2014/2015 Maintenance of the Waihao Box</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Wainono Lagoon Catchment incorporates the whole of the Waihao River and its tributaries. The Waihao River flows directly into Wainono Lagoon. The Wainono Lagoon is a coastal lake which does not have a natural / permanent outlet to the sea and this 'opening' is facilitated through the operation and maintenance of the Waihao Box. 2. The Committees' do not dispute that the Waihao Box provides land drainage benefits. However, it is the Committees' submission that the Waihao Box and the Wainono Lagoon also provides important fish passage, migration, and the enhancement of habitat, biodiversity and recreational opportunities. 3. The Committees' agree that the Wainono Lagoon is an important community and cultural asset, and the successful operation of the Waihao Box offers more than flood protection, it provides active environmental management for the benefit of the entire ecosystem and, ultimately, the local and regional community. 4. It is submitted that it is inappropriate that land drainage funds are utilised to 100% fund works which also have environmental, cultural and recreational benefits. The maintenance cost of the Waihao Box should be appropriately apportioned between all beneficiaries. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That, in addition to land drainage benefits, the Waihao Box provides environmental and recreational benefits for the wider Wainono Catchment and Canterbury Region. 2. That it is inappropriate for rates collected to provide land drainage benefits to 100% fund works which also deliver significant environmental and recreational benefits. 3. That, it is appropriate to contribute \$200,000 from the Council's general reserves to partially fund the recent repairs to the Waihao Box.

<p>5. Therefore, the Committees' seek a contribution of \$200,000 towards the recent Waihao Box repairs (totalling \$425,000) from Environment Canterbury. The Committees' further submit that this contribution fairly recognises the environmental, cultural and recreational benefits this work provides to the entire community.</p>	
<p><i>Amalgamation of the Six Schemes</i></p> <p>6. Consistent with the Committees' respective submissions on the Environment Canterbury Annual Plan 2014 /15 (Annual Plan), the Committees' submit in support of the amalgamation of the six drainage schemes (Lower Hook River Scheme, Morven Drainage Scheme, Wainono Lagoon Drainage Scheme, Sinclairs Creek Scheme, Lower Waimate River Scheme and the Lower Waihao River Scheme) as one rating district called the "Wainono- Waihao Flood and Drainage Scheme."</p>	<p>1. That the six schemes, and the associated land area, be amalgamated into the Wainono-Waihao Flood and Drainage Scheme.</p>
<p><i>Proposed Funding Regime</i></p> <p>7. It is submitted that it is inefficient to create a new funding regime in this instance.</p> <p>8. Consistent with the Committees' respective submissions on the Annual Plan, the Committees' submit that the funding regime developed for Te Waihora is appropriate for application to the proposed Wainono-Waihao Flood and Drainage Scheme.</p> <p>9. It is unclear from the Annual Plan decisions and the Proposed LTP, why Environment Canterbury has not adopted this submission.</p>	<p>1. That the creation of a new funding regime is unnecessary and is inefficient in this circumstance.</p> <p>2. That the application of the 50:25:25 Te Waihora Funding Regime better reflects the benefits the operation of the amalgamated scheme provides to individual land owners, community, environmental management, fish passage, migration, habitats, biodiversity and recreation.</p> <p>3. That the proposed Wainono-Waihao Flood and Drainage Scheme be subject to the existing 50:25:25 Te Waihora Funding Regime.</p>

<p>10. Environment Canterbury has seen fit to create a funding system that appropriately addresses Te Waihora's needs. It seems, to the Committees', nonsensical to introduce a completely different funding proposal for a very similar, though smaller, water body with exactly the same issues and requirements.</p> <p>11. Te Waihora and the Wainono Lagoon are both coastal lakes, which require mechanical assistance to open to the sea, with significant water bodies flowing into them.</p> <p>12. They are both of cultural, recreational and environmental significance and their respective openings provide cultural, social, recreational and community benefits. These important lakes also support nationally significant native wetlands and bird populations. Both are also the subject/focus of significant environmental restoration projects.</p> <p>13. The Committees' submit that the creation of a new funding regime unnecessarily increases administration costs and adds an unnecessary complicating layer to the rating system.</p>	
<p><i>Local Target Rate</i></p> <p>14. The Committees' submit in support of the amalgamation of the six schemes and the preservation of the land classifications utilised to levy rates as proposed in the proposed LTP.</p> <p>15. The Committees' submit that Environment Canterbury continues to investigate simplification of the land classification regime for the amalgamated scheme to further reduce administration costs and opportunity for human error when collecting rates.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the proposed land classifications within the proposed amalgamated scheme are adopted. 2. That Environment Canterbury continues to investigate the simplification of the land classification regime within the amalgamated scheme area, in advance of the proposed Environment Canterbury Annual Plan 2015/16 being drafted.