

Submission on Proposed Plan Change 4 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan

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Form 5: Submissions on a Publicly Notified Proposed Policy Statement or Regional Plan under Clause 6 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991

Return your signed submission by 5.00pm Monday 12 October to:

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Pursuant to Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, a person who could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission may make a submission only if directly affected by an effect of the proposed policy statement or plan that:	
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- ☒ I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission; or
- ☐ I do wish to be heard in support of my submission; and if so,
- ☐ I would be prepared to consider presenting this submission in a joint case with others making a similar submission at any hearing

The Canterbury West Coast Branch of the New Zealand Deer Farmers' Association welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission on the Proposed Plan Change 4 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan.

1) The specific provisions of the Proposed Plan that my submission relates to are:		(2) My submission is that: <i>(include whether you support or oppose the specific provisions or wish to have them amended and the reasons for your views.)</i>		(3) I seek the following decisions from Environment Canterbury: <i>(Please give precise details for each provision. The more specific you can be the easier it will be for the Council to understand your concerns.)</i>
Section & Page Number	Sub-section/ Point	Oppose/s upport (in part or full)	Reasons	
2.9 Definitions P 2-3	Earthworks	Oppose	This definition limits any land change after the 5 September 2015	Relief is sought through removing date. Land use changes should be based on risk analysis of individual cases.
5.68A Section-5 P 5-4	Stock Exclusion	Support	The amendment is supported	

General Comments:

The New Zealand Deer Farmers' Association (NZDFA) is a voluntary subscription funded incorporated society representing the regional and national interests of approximately 1400 financial members and an estimated 70 % of farmed deer. NZDFA expresses a political and functional view on behalf of all deer farmers and for industry good. It is governed by a national Executive Committee and has a strong regionally based Branch network of 20 autonomous groups.

The South Canterbury North Otago (SCNO) Branch of the NZDFA represents the national and regional interests of over 250 deer farmers in the South Canterbury Region. SCNO has a long association with Environment Canterbury (ECan) in the approaching environmental and land care challenges and implementing solutions in this sensitive environment (there have been many deer industry national environmental award winners from SCNO). In conjunction with Beef + Lamb New Zealand (B+LNZ) and New Zealand Landcare Trust, SCNO supports the workshop for farmers to develop their own Farm Environmental Plan using B+LNZ's Land Environmental Plan template: The Canterbury Farm Environmental Plan has been adjusted for Canterbury conditions and agreed upon by ECan. These workshops are ongoing with excellent attendances. A non-regulated approach allows farmers to develop their own Land Environmental Plan based on their own specific property requirements.

Our farmers take particular pride in farm stewardship and regard their responsibilities under ECan regional policies seriously.

While deer farming is a relatively new and small primary industry in New Zealand (the first licence to farm deer was issued in 1970), the New Zealand industry is the world's largest exporter of venison and deer velvet and arguably the biggest producer of deer velvet. The industry's resource is predominantly based in

the South Island (over two thirds of the national herd) with Canterbury having the largest herd size (30 % of the national herd). The region also serves as the major collection, grading and processing hub for velvet, is a significant venison processing region and has industry-leading deer stud specialisation.

Deer farming systems are based on the annual production of venison, velvet and deer co-products; as such they share many similarities with sheep and beef systems and can be focused on breeding or finishing, and located in fertile plains or South Island high country areas. It is estimated that about 70 % of deer farms are actually mixed livestock (sheep, beef or dairy grazing) and arable cropping can also be incorporated. As such SCNO supports B+LNZ's submission in regards to the Proposed Plan Change 4 and supports in principle the Proposed Plan Change 4 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan.

Kris Orange

On behalf of the South Canterbury North Otago Branch Committee



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