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Christine

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From: Mr P Irving & Ms KA White
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**Submission on Proposed Plan Change 5 to the Canterbury Land and Water
Regional Plan**

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

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I wish to be heard in support of my submission

Trade Competition

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:

- a) adversely affects the environment; and
- b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

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Signature:  **Date:** 9 March 2016

(Signature of person making submission or person authorized to sign on behalf of person making the submission)

Please note: (1) all information contained in a submission under the Resource Management Act 1991, including names and addresses for service, becomes public information.

My Submission:

About me and the Lower Waitaki Zone

I have lived in this region for 26 years.

I am a partner in a beekeeping business and we have hives in the Waitaki and Hakataramea Valley's

I own a 70 hectare irrigated farm on the south bank of the Waitaki River, under the LWRP my farm is located in a green zone. My farm has shares in the KDIC.

I have been involved in water issues in the area since Project Aqua in 2002, I initiated the Kurow Aqua Liaison Committee, was a member of Waitaki First, was a founding member of the Lower Waitaki River Management Committee, have been on the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee since its inception and am the current Chair of the committee.

I am an environmentalist and have been a producer of Natural History films.

Reasons for my submission

Support

I wish to support the part of the plan that asks farmers to farm to good management practice. I believe the majority of farmers want to farm profitably whilst looking after the environment.

I wish to support the part of the plan that introduces the Farm Portal and audited Farm Environment Plans (FEP's).

I believe that the Matrix of Good Management, the Farm Portal and audited FEP's is innovative and groundbreaking.

I support restrictions on farming practices in the River Zone of the Hakataramea Valley.

I support water quality being the foremost reason for any restrictions.

Oppose

I do not support the plan requiring farmers to get a consent to carry on farming as they currently are.

I believe giving farmers a baseline number will encourage farming to the maximum of that number and not farming to Good Management, they will always be trying to beat the number.

I believe that farming to a N number is not innovative, and that water quality sampling is a better option.

I believe the Zone Committee recommendation was that for the Green Zone a resource consent would only be required for a farm changing its activities e.g. from sheep to dairy.

I also believe that farmers in the Hakataramea asked the Zone Committee to allow farming in the Flat Zone to continue as it is but using MGM and the Farm Portal and that no consent would be required unless there was a change in activities.

I do not believe that the 4% of headroom in the Hakataramea should be allocated out I instead believe this should remain as a safety measure in the river.

Conclusion

That there is a real opportunity here for Ecan to be innovative and proactive as it has been in setting up the CWMS and initiating and MGM and Farm Portal. I do not believe an Overseer budget should be the only tool for water quality instead audited Farm Environment Plans will produce good farming practices resulting in better water quality.

I support the alternative rule framework as submitted by the Waitaki Irrigators Collective.