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Please refer to the attached document.

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Submission on Proposed Plan Change 5 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 Friday 11 March 2016 to:

Freepost 1201 Plan Change 5 to LWRP Environment Canterbury P O Box 345 Christchurch 8140

(1) The specific provisions of the Proposed Plan that my submission relates to are:		(2) My submission is that: (include whether you support or oppose the specific provisions or wish to have them amended and the reasons for your views.)		(3) I seek the following decisions from Environment Canterbury: (Please give precise details for each provision. The more specific you can be the easier
Section & Page Number	Sub-section/ Point	Oppose/support (in part or full)	Reasons	it will be for the Council to understand your concerns.)
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SUBMISSION: Plan Change 5 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan

Part A

Date: 11 March 2016

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Waimakariri Irrigation Ltd does not wish to be heard in support of its submission.

OVERVIEW

 Waimakariri Irrigation Ltd (WIL) is a cooperative irrigation company with 200 shareholders irrigating approximately 18,000 ha on the north bank of the Waimakariri River in North Canterbury. WIL is permitted to take up to 10.7 cumecs from the Waimakariri River for irrigation purposes, and in addition has a service contract with the Waimakariri District Council to deliver up to 2.4 cumecs for stockwater purposes over 44,000 ha.

SUBMISSION SUMMARY

- WIL supports any plan change that provides improved water quality and environmental outcomes. It strongly encourages policy that promotes improved farming practises in particular the action based approach of GMP. WIL is concerned that Plan Change 5 is moving away from an action based approach to a numbers based approach.
- The current deficiencies in OVERSEER and the Portal are adding layer on layer of unreliable data. There is genuine concern that the 'number produced' potentially does not reflect actual farming practise, particularly where a farmer is meeting GMP or better.

SPECIFIC COMMENTS

4. WIL is a member of Irrigation New Zealand (INZ) and has contributed to the preparation of the INZ Plan Change 5 submission. WIL will rely on the specific comments made in the INZ submission in support of its own submission.
