

**BEFORE THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONERS**

**UNDER** The Resource Management Act 1991

**IN THE MATTER** of Plan Change 4 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan

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MEMORANDUM ON BEHALF OF NORTH CANTERBURY AND CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND FISH & GAME  
COUNCILS PROVIDING CLARIFICATION ON MATTERS RAISED DURING THE PRESENTATION OF  
EVIDENCE IN CHIEF.

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1. On 4 March 2016 the Hearing Commissioners invited clarification of the objective referenced in the Evidence in Chief of Fish & Game in which it referred to an objective within the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement (CRPS). The objective in question is cited on page 12 of the evidence at paragraph 42.
2. Fish & Game has reviewed the submission point and wish to confirm that the Objective referenced as 7.2 should indeed read Objective 7.2.1. This was a clerical error.
3. Fish & Game were questioned extensively on the submission point referenced on page 5 of the original submission in relation to Rule 5.138 and the Code of Practice referenced within that rule. As noted at the hearing, Fish & Game were involved with reviewing the Code of Practice and gave input at different stages throughout the process. Fish & Game acknowledges a misunderstanding with reference to how comments on the Code of Practice for 'Defences Against Water and Drainage Schemes' (June 2015) could be lodged.
4. Fish & Game now recognises that the appropriate time for detailed changes to this Code of Practice is via a separate and formal local government process outside the bounds of Plan Change 4.
5. Fish & Game therefore withdraws its comments in relation to the detailed content of the Code of Practice as referenced in Rule 5.138, and will seek the alternative means to ensure its efficacy.
6. In weighing up the benefits derived from the Code of Practice in its current form, Fish and Game has a revised position to now "support in full" the inclusion of the stated Code of Practice in 5.138 and withdraw Appendix 1; in the hope that Environment Canterbury will formally revise this Code in the near future, outside of the Plan Change 4 process, given the amendments Fish and Game had originally sought.

Rule 5.138	Support in <del>part</del> full	This rule refers to the COP Defences Against Water <u>and Drainage</u> . Fish & Game has considered the document and believe its application as stated in the rule will contribute to the achievement of <del>amendments to reflect</del> ecosystem health and life supporting capacity. <del>as attached in Appendix 1.</del>	Retain
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