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FUTHER SUBMISSION: Plan Change 5 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan

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Irrigation New Zealand wishes to be heard in support of its submission.

OVERVIEW

1. IrrigationNZ (INZ) is a national body that promotes excellence in irrigation. INZ represents the interests of over 3,600 irrigators (irrigation schemes and individual irrigators - the majority of these being in Canterbury) totaling over 360,000ha of irrigation (over 50% of NZ's irrigated area). It also represents the interests of the majority of irrigation service providers (over 150 manufacturers, distributors, design and install companies and consultancies).
2. An irrigators business is founded on certainty. This includes access to a reliable water supply for irrigation and the ability to farm their land with a degree of flexibility. It is this certainty that enables investment and continuous improvement in resource use efficiency. Without certainty they and the considerable flow-on benefits to the regional economy are severely impacted. The national economy would also be impacted upon given NZ is an agricultural export based economy.

Further Submission

| Submitter | Reference | Issue | Relief Sought |
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| PART A | | | |
| Irrigation New Zealand | Policy 4.11 | INZ overlooked the issues for investment certainty the proposed timeframe could create. This has particular consequence for investment in both farm and irrigation scheme infrastructure upgrade, both of which are a key component in improving farm environmental performance (reducing nutrient losses). | <i>Withdraw</i> |
| Federated Farmers New Zealand | Policy 4.11 | As above | <i>Support</i> |
| Barrhill Chertsey Irrigation Limited | New definition 'Nutrient User Group' | Nutrient User Groups, much like irrigation schemes and enterprises, provide a useful mechanism to help more effectively manage within a nutrient management regime. They should therefore be enabled. | <i>Support</i> |
| Barrhill Chertsey Irrigation Limited | New policy 'Nutrient User Groups' | As above | <i>Support</i> |
| Barrhill Chertsey Irrigation Limited | New rule 'Nutrient User Groups' | As above | <i>Support</i> |
| Barrhill Chertsey Irrigation Limited | Schedule 7 | Irrigation schemes now have practical experience in implementing the proposed Audited Farm Environment Plan regime. As a result, they have identified a number of 'teething' issues that need to be addressed in Schedule 7. | <i>Support</i> |