

Tabled at Hearing
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they said "we could have done better there", there was no monitoring, no penalty this was bought to Ecan by the public. Consents don't give us water quality.

In Conclusion.

25. The Lower Waitaki provides us with a huge volume of water so it provides us with an ideal opportunity to be innovative and test a new direction.

26. Since 2001 there has been wall to wall consultation and through this there has been a natural attrition rate, some people drop off and some have got left behind, many no longer have the energy or the resources to continue, this is not their core business.

27. The issuing of, and monitoring of, consents or non consents is not possible by Ecan, they are not managing what they currently have and all these new ones would mean Ecan would be having to drive up every road, monitor every catchment and sub catchment be aware of every paddock on every farm changing. Consenting doesn't give good water quality.

31. *The feeling of "community" has gone from our area and this is largely because of water and water issues and the pressures and stresses placed on people, its all we talk about. Today irrigation companies are being given discharge consents that have the potential to set neighbour against neighbour. These Plan change 5 consents have the potential to do the same, neighbours will be looking over the fence and the Regional Council will be expecting neighbours to police what's happening but that doesn't make a community that makes enemies in a community.*

30. Fifteen years ago in the Lower Waitaki we all knew our neighbours and we all worked together to create a community and we all shared our water resource and looked after it. Today we no longer have this, instead we all live in fear that our resource is no longer ours, instead we are being told how we will share it, and how we will look after it by people who neither live in our community nor partake of our community. When I heard a planner at a Zone meeting say "this plan reflects what we heard from the community" I wondered had we attend different meetings because it wasn't what I had heard, so I asked all the other community members on the committee and some past members was it what they had heard, and it was unanimous we had heard something totally different and the plan did not reflect what we had heard.

31. So again I thank you for coming and for listening to us, for allowing us an opportunity to say what we really want in the Lower Waitaki. You are the people that can make the difference, you are the people that can recommend that a different way, an new innovative way be explored, and through this give us back our "community" and our social wellbeing.

Thank you