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Re: Your Consultation Document.

My Submission concerns only fresh water management.

DAIRY FARMING

With intensification of dairy farming on the Canterbury Plains my concern is that due to the nature of the ground and need for much irrigation that urine and faeces produced by the cows will eventually seep down into the aquifers serving Christchurch and other nearby towns. This may take several years but if it does happen that will create a huge problem for drinking water, because once it gets there it will be many years before it may clear. Can we be absolutely certain that this will not happen. If we cannot then surely we should not take that chance.

WATER BOTTLING

I am truly at a loss to understand how consents to take billions of litres from aquifers near to Christchurch was granted. Apart from the ridiculous situation of no charge for the water taken (surely fresh water is a strategic asset to New Zealand).

- a) We don't know what our needs will be in 5, 10,15 years time with population growth, climate change etc. If we do need the water can the consents be withdrawn or will we have to buy it from the consent holder
- b) At a time when the world is awash with plastic this business will be producing millions of plastic bottles to add to the problem.
- c) What benefit is their for New Zealand. They talk about a few jobs when we are bringing in tens of thousands of immigrants each year to fill jobs already available.

There was an interesting article in The Press on Wednesday regarding a scheme to monitor household water use. I quote the last paragraph:

"Christchurch and Canterbury needs to watch its water. It is vital that we can accurately measure [and manage]... this precious resource for the future."

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