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**Directly affected:** Yes

#### **Consent support/hearing details**

• CRC190445: oppose | WANT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing

**Reasons comment:** Refer to attached Submissiom

**Consent comment:** Refer to attached Submission



# **Joint Submission to Environment Canterbury**

On behalf of Avon-Ōtākaro Forest Park, Avon-Ōtākaro Network, Greening the Red Zone and Travis Wetland Trust

**On Resource Consent Application** 

# CRC190445

of Christchurch City Council to discharge from the comprehensive stormwater network

### We wish to be heard

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# We **OPPOSE** this application

### **Our Shared Vision**

We each share a similar vision for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor (OARC): to make the most of the current opportunity to return the corridor to its natural indigenous ecology as far as is possible, including restoration of biodiversity, river health, mahinga kai values and resilience from hazard.

## **Reasons for our Opposition / Decisions Requested**

 We do not accept that "overall potential adverse effects on the receiving environment will be <u>minor</u>." This assessment is based on the current already significantly degraded condition of the receiving environment. If any test of adverse effects on the receiving environment is to be meaningful, the reference point must be the original native condition of the waterways, not their current contaminated state.

Much more stringent conditions and targets must be imposed to establish a very clear trajectory and timeframe for reduction in contaminant loads entering the Ōtākaro and its tributaries within this generation to the extent that they are swimmable and can safely support mahinga kai values. Without these conditions and targets the application should be declined.

2. We note the high contaminant loads entering the Ōtākaro particularly from the Waikakariki/Horeshoe Lake outflow identified in the application. We also note the difficulty in retro-fitting stormwater remediation measures in established residential areas and the need to make the most of any potential to do so as result of land becoming available. The applicant has not identified the potential of the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor (OARC) regeneration zone to do this, particularly where the contaminant load in the receiving environment has been identified as particularly high eg at the Horseshoe Lake outfall. Neither has the applicant recognised the OARC Regeneration Plan which is currently being drafted and will offer significant opportunities for stormwater and flood mitigation measures throughout the corridor.

As a condition of any consent the applicant must recognise the OARC Regeneration Plan as a relevant future planning instrument for consideration and identify the potential of the OARC, and Horseshoe Lake red zone in particular, as an area of exceptional value for stormwater remediation and as such be prioritised for this above all other future land uses.

Signed:

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Date: 22 August 2018

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Date: 28 August 2018

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Denise Ford Avon-Ōtākaro Forest Park

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