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To whom it may concern

The rise in dairy farming in Canterbury has been terrible for the environment and now threatens our health as unsafe levels of nitrate are found in our drinking water. We should also be reducing stock levels if we are to avoid the worst effects of climate change.

To this end I submit the following for the Orari, Temuka, Opihi, Pareora and Waimakariri sections:

- I support the cap on any new water allocation. Too much water has already been allocated.
- I support further reduction in nitrogen losses and is the setting of nitrate limits for rivers and groundwater.
- There should be minimum of flows to protect the health of waterways in Canterbury

And for the Waimakariri section:

A nitrate level of 3.8 mg/L is not safe. There may be some doubt over the finer points of the research but when we are considering the long-term health of residents the precautionary principle applies. There is a significant lag period between putting animals and fertiliser on the land and those nitrates reaching the deep aquifers. We need to act now to prevent serious problems in the future.

I hope you consider these points because I am appalled at how difficult it has been to make them. Your online submission process is unusable at worst and overly complicated at best. I hate to think that you're doing this to obfuscate the process and make it hard for people to make submissions.

Sincerely

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