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Hello.

I would like to oppose the change to Plan 7 dealing with nitrates and our aquifer. It is in my opinion that the plan is not in any way in favour of the public good. It is known that nitrates in our water will lead to higher instances of colorectal cancers. This is completely UNACCEPTABLE!

The state of our freshwater aquifers should be the biggest concern of our generation, so as to provide the safety and security for our next generations. We are nothing if we don't have safe clean drinking water.

I feel that E-can is overlooking this fact for the sake of a minority of farmers.

Nobody has the right to destroy our aquifers that provide the residents of Christchurch City and our surrounds, fresh clean drinking water.

The costs to the City council of this plan change, with respect to nitrate levels, in the future will be huge and that says nothing of the environmental and health costs added to this.

At this stage our nitrate levels are at an acceptable level. It does seem, in my opinion, that E-can should be making all efforts to protect our aquifer and the response needs to be swift so as to dramatically reduce the nitrate levels and that they DO NOT go above a level that is less than 1mg/l.

I am writing this email as your submission was hard to follow. I wholly embrace a democratic election for E-can and will hope that in the future the public are better consulted and made aware of these huge changes. To bury this in a 2 page leaflet is not good enough. I can see some good things in the plan BUT I should not have to worry about the future health of my child because certain facets of E-can seem to want to pander to a small minority of the population on the other side of the Waimakariri.

Yours sincerely  
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