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Dear Sir/Madam

Please find attached a Submission on Proposed Plan Change 7 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan in respect of our client Johnny Austin.

Regards

Grant Edmundson

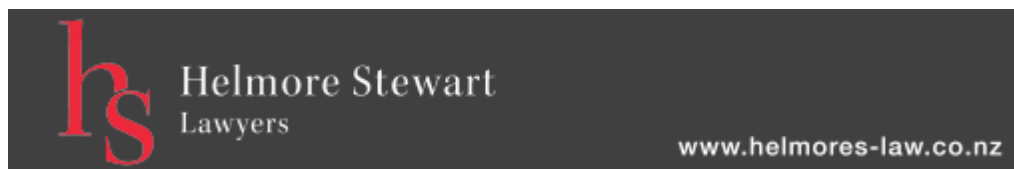
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Submission on Proposed Plan Change 7 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan

Submitter ID:

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Return your signed submission by 5.00pm Friday 13 September 2019 to:

Proposed Plan Change 7 to the Land and Water Regional Plan
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Schedule 1

Submission in regards to Plan Change 7 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan

This submission has been prepared and is submitted by me, Johnny Austin in respect of the Plan Change 7 ("Plan") to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan. I am duly authorised to make this submission.

1. Address: 431 Harmans Gorge Road, View Hill, Waimakariri District, Canterbury
Land Size: 600 hectares
Land Use: Dairy support, beef and cropping.
Irrigation: 110 hectares under pivot.

Reasons for Submission

- A. My grandfather purchased the above property in 1955 and my family has continued to farm productively in the region and in doing so, supporting local communities, businesses and towns.
- B. Our philosophy at the farm is to examine every aspect of our enterprise to establish whether we are operating in the most efficient and productive manner. These initiatives include all aspects which have an environmental impact on the land and water.
- C. Our management practices on-farm are carefully monitored on a regular basis and we plan for long term opportunities (and "headwinds"). These steps include the following:
- a. Fencing of all waterways;
 - b. Planning of trees and shelter belts (we have planted in excess of 10 kilometres of trees);
 - c. Wet areas are fenced off;
 - d. Winter feed is not placed on wet land;
 - e. Planting of variable grass types to match soil suitability; and
 - f. Deploying technology and science at every opportunity to eliminate guesswork in farming practices.
- D. Agriculture is a dynamic environment which requires constant re-evaluation in terms of on-farm management.

Submission

1. Submission 1

I support the submissions of the Next Generation Farmers Group.

2. Submission 2: Policy 8.4.25 – 8.4.29 / Rules 8.5.21 – 8.5.29 / Table 8-9 (Nutrient Management Provisions)

Considering the principles referred to above, it will be important for farmers to be able to adapt to the changes anticipated by the Plan. Science, monitoring, technology and data will in the next 10 years vastly change agricultural practices which will be of benefit both to the farmer as well as to the environment. Time is required to be able to learn these lessons while simultaneously trying to ensure that proactive farmers are supported and their viability protected. As a result, it is my submission that Table 8-9 should only extend to 1 January 2030 and for the data then to be reviewed at that point to ensure that reducing nitrate leaching is being achieved in the right manner.

Concluding Remarks

Thank you for considering this submission.

(1) The specific provisions of the Proposed Plan that my submission relates to are:		(2) My submission is that: (include whether you support or oppose the specific provisions or wish to have them amended and the reasons for your views)		(3) I seek the following decisions from Environment Canterbury: (Please give precise details for each provision. The more specific you can be, the easier it will be for the Council to understand your concerns)
Section & Page Number	Sub-section / Point	Oppose / Support (in part or full)	Reasons	
	Policy 8.4.25 – 8.4.29 Rules 8.5.21 – 8.5.29 Table 8-9 (Nutrient Management Provisions)	Oppose	Ensure the provisions and reduction regime takes into account the significant reductions that may be required even to reach Baseline GMP Loss Rate (or alternatively, delete the references to "Baseline GMP Loss Rate" and replace with "Good Management Practice"). Delete the requirement for reductions in Table 8-9 after 1 January 2030 (or 1 January 2040 if it can be demonstrated as a part of any hearing process that the extent of reductions required is achievable and reasonable). Table 8-9 should also not differentiate between areas.	The starting point for reductions is unclear. The reductions set out in Table 8-9 are not achievable and will have severe implications for farming. The focus of Table 8-9 on requiring reductions on farming alone is also not consistent with the wider community all working towards maintaining or improving water quality.

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