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

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Form 5: Submissions on a Publicly Notified Proposed Policy Statement or Regional Plan under Clause 5 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991

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

Proposed Plan Change 7 to the Land and Water Regional Plan  
Environment Canterbury  
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## Trade Competition

Pursuant to Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, a person who could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission may make a submission only if directly affected by an effect of the proposed policy statement or plan that:

- a) adversely affects the environment; and
- b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Please tick the sentence that applies to you:

- ☒ I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission; or
- ☐ I could gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

If you have ticked this box please select one of the following:

- ☐ I am directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission
- ☐ I am not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission

Signature: Gerard Scott

Date: 12/9/19

(Signature of person making submission or person authorised to sign on behalf of person making the submission)

Please note:

(1) all information contained in a submission under the Resource Management Act 1991, including names and addresses for service, becomes public information.

- ☐ I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission; or
- ☒ I do wish to be heard in support of my submission; and if so,
- ☒ I would be prepared to consider presenting my submission in a joint case with others making a similar submission at any hearing

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WE FARM AROUND 450 ha, ON SOUTH SIDE OF OPIHI RIVER, ON AROWHENUA Rd.

WE PRODUCE CEREALS, PASTURE SEED, VEGETABLE SEED AND FINISH STORE LAMBS.

MOST OF THE PROPERTY IS IRRIGATED, VIA PIVOTS, LATERAL AND HARD-HOSE IRRIGATORS.

WE ARE FULLY AFFILIATED TO OPUHA DAM AND SOURCE WATER FROM THE LEVELS PLAIN SCHEME & WELLS.

ALL COMPONENTS OF OUR FARM OPERATION ARE RELIANT ON IRRIGATION. ESPECIALLY THE VEGETABLE SEED.

WE HAVE INVESTED HEAVILY IN THE OPUHA SCHEME, BOTH THROUGH SHARES IN THE COMPANY, AND ON-FARM INFRASTRUCTURE - PROBABLY AROUND \$1.5 mill. FOR THE LATER.

MY POINTS ARE BRIEF.

- ① THE OPUHA DAM IS UNDER-VALUED IN YOUR ASSESSMENT.
  - THE COMMUNITY VALUE IS ENORMOUS
    - a) TIMARU CITY WATER.
    - b) RECREATIONAL & SPORTING - I HAVE SPENT MANY HOURS ON THE LAKE COACHING SCHOOL ROWING TEAMS!
    - c) MOST IMPORTANTLY - MAINTAINING RIVER FLOWS.
  - MY FAMILY HAVE FARMED HERE FOR 110 YEARS.
  - IN 1915 MY GRANDFATHER RODE A HORSE FROM MAIN HIGHWAY BRIDGE TO SALEYARDS BRIDGE AND NEVER SAW ANY RUNNING WATER! - LONG BEFORE IRRIGATION.
  - THE DAM HAS CREATED ABILITY TO HAVE MINIMUM FLOWS!
- ② THE OEFRAS GROUP IS AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY TOOL. I HAVE SEEN IT MAKE MEASURED, PRACTICAL RESPONSES TO CLIMATIC REALITY. LOCAL PEOPLE UNDERSTAND LOCAL CONDITIONS. THEY HAVE MADE THE INVESTMENT TO SUPPLEMENT RIVER.
- ③. LEVELS PLAIN NITROGEN CONCENTRATION.  
OUR NITROGEN APPLICATION IS DETERMINED BY:



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- SOIL TYPE

- TIME OF YEAR, SOIL TEMP.

ANY APPLICATION OUTSIDE THESE PARAMETERS IS NOT ECONOMIC.

WHAT SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE HAS SHOWN THE NITROGEN  
LEVELS IN LEVELS PLAIN WATER ARE ACTUALLY INTRODUCED  
IN THAT AREA? - MAYBE FROM SOURCE WELL BEYOND  
LEVELS PLAIN? WATER DOES TRAVEL UNDERGROUND.

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