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To whom it may concern

Please see attached submission regarding plan change 7

Thanks

SUBMISSION ON PUBLICLY NOTIFIED PROPOSAL FOR POLICY STATEMENT OR PLAN,
CHANGE OR VARIATION

Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

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This is a submission on plan change 7 to the operative Canterbury Land & Water Regional Plan (LWRP). An overview of our farming interests and operation, our concerns and our relief sought is set out below. We could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission. We do wish to be heard in support of the submission. We would be prepared to present my submission in a joint case with others making a similar submission at any hearing.

Signed by

S Tallott / J Tallott

13 September 2019

Overview of interests and farming operation

We operate a 240-hectare mixed farm near Cust. Comprising 2 blocks, 180 ha (of which 130 ha irrigated) and a 60 ha drylands block.

Under Proposed Plan Change 7, the farm is located in Sub-Area B & E of the Nitrate Priority Area.

The farm is partly irrigated, using water from the Waimakariri River via the Waimakariri Irrigation Limited (WIL) scheme and consented well water.

Our farm is mainly irrigated with Centre Pivot technology, we also use a ocmis gun to cover a 10 ha area that is not reached with the Centre Pivots.

With the support of WIL we maintain a Farm Environment Plan. We are currently installing a complete farm stock water trough system and extensive fencing to exclude stock from all waterways. We have also invested heavily in soil moisture monitoring, flow meters riparian plantings, and new technology to ensure we have modern and efficient irrigation.

Ensuring our farming operation remains environmentally sustainable is a top priority. We also believe it is important that farming in the Waimakariri District remains profitable to ensure that investment in technology and environmental initiatives can continue.

It is our goal to protect the environment and ensure the land remains viable for future generations and we want to be in a position to eventually hand over the farm in improved condition.

Reasons for my submission

We are concerned that Plan Change 7 does not take into account the level of investment that is required to achieve the proposed changes.

The planning maps should not differentiate between areas. It is unclear how the different sub-areas were determined and any reductions should be applied equally.

As farmers, we are prepared to make changes for the benefit of the wider community. We do not want to see, or be responsible for, increased nitrate levels in drinking water. However, the changes must be realistic and based on accurate data to be achievable.

Farming must remain profitable for change to occur.

I understand that Waimakariri Irrigation Limited has put forward an alternative Plan Change 7 framework. I fully support and adopt their submission and the outcomes sought.