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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please would submit my plan change 7 submission

Than you

Yours faithfully,

John Grigg

To: Environment Canterbury

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This is a submission to Plan change 7 of the LWRP

I am affected by some of the plan change as I am in the Selwyn/ Te Waihora Zone

The areas that I wish to submit on are the tables 8.9 and 8.7

My submission is:

My main area of concern is the unrealistic nitrate reduction targets in Table 8.9 and the nitrate limits in table 8.7.

The lack of scientific research into the health effects of nitrates has been noted by Environment Canterbury in it's letter to the Government requesting research.

No longer can it be said that Blue baby syndrome is due to nitrate levels (This has been acknowledged by the British Medical Office in 1985). Even the Danish study leaves more questions unanswered than answered. The current level was set by European officials trying to reduce the Butter and Cheese Mountains of the 1970s and 1980s, without the backing of scientific research. Thus there is no scientific basis for these limits.

It has been stated by many scientists that we cannot feed the number of people on the planet without artificial nitrogen. As many as 3 Billion people are alive today because of it. We need to be cautious on how we balance the needs of humans along side the effects of our environmental footprint.

Implementing such extreme targets not only denegrates the reputation of Ecan it also leaves them wide open to a compensatory legal challenge. This at a time when there are a number of areas that they are making some positive progress.

I would also ask why there are not such unrealistic targets in other situations.

Why is there not a microplastic reduction target for all the urban waste systems? This will be a much greater problem in the environment, and for a far longer time than nitrates.

Why is there not a heavy metal reduction for the urban systems?
I suppose it is because the sludge is dumped outside the cities!!!!
Just like the general waste is dumped on an ex farm in Kate Valley.

Why is there not a reduction target for nutrients pumped out to sea from sewerage systems?

Why is there not a reduction target on urban sprawl? More people, more houses equals more pollution and waste.

I seek the following decision from the local authority:

I therefore ask the commissioners to delete the unrealistic targets and replace them with realistic and scientifically based ones.

I wish to be heard in the support of my submission

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