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Person statement: after completing my agricultural science degree at Lincoln I have been an Agronomist based in Canterbury for 20 years. Working for vegetable process company, rural supply company and more recently agronomy services company. I have completed both nutrient management courses at Massey University and currently in the process of becoming a certified nutrient advisor.

Main crops looking at

- Potatoes for fry production and crisps
- Carrot for processing
- Wheat, feed and milling
- Barley
- Maize for silage
- Grass seed crops

This is a submission on the following proposed plan:

Proposed Plan Change 7 to the Canterbury Land and Water Plan.

I could not gain an advantage in trade competition in making this submission.

The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to are:

- Part A – Omnibus
- Part B – OTOP
- Part C – Waimakariri

My submission is that:

- Where this submission aligns with the PotatoesNZ and Horticulture NZ submissions, I support those submissions
- I have observed and implemented changes to production in Canterbury arable and horticultural production with a scientific approach and feel some of the significant gains made over the past 20 years are not recognised. Further gains will be made with technology, genetics and customer demands. As in industry we are heading in the right direction without these restrictions.
- Not all rural production activities are equal in value to the community or equal in environmental effect. The value of vegetable growing; including potato production for domestic food supply and security and the ability to feed people in the future is not reflected in proposed Plan Change 7. Nor are the effects of climate change considered in maintaining the status quo land use activity mix
- A tailored approach is required for commercial vegetable production if land with high production value is to be realised for its food production purpose, while achieving catchment wide water quality improvements and other environmental benefits in the longer term
- Rural production systems are very diverse with a wide range of fruits, vegetables and other crops being grown across Canterbury. Potato production systems rely on rotations; often enabled by

