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Personal Submission to ECan on Plan Change 7 to the LWRP

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

It is good that ECan is promoting better farming practices and cleaner waterways. However, a 3.8mg/litre limit is still too high, given evidence that amounts over 0.87mg/litre cause colorectal cancers.

The draft document must prescribe irate limits, and have provision for penalties in instances of non-compliance. The document **MUST** have teeth, otherwise it makes a mockery of intentions to reduce nitrate in waterways. Christchurch is downstream from dairy grazing paddocks and our rivers and aquifers are in jeopardy. We may not know how long we have, but the precautionary principle should make it obvious there needs to be fewer cattle numbers on Canterbury's alluvial outwash gravel terrain. The costs of decontamination will be far greater than sensible farming practices, which have also been shown to be more profitable for farmers incidentally. It is imperative to advocate for sustainable farming practices. People must come before immediate profit.

Thank you

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