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**Subject:** Submission on Proposed Plan Change 7 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan.  
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: closing date for Submissions on Proposed Plan Change 7 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan

On behalf of the Fairlie Primary School Board of Trustees, earlier this week I checked your website for the closing date for submissions for the above regional plan. It clearly stated **14 September 2019** at 5pm. I checked the date and time several times and carefully wrote it down. At the time I noted that it was not closing on a 'Black Friday'. However, this evening (Friday) I tried to submit a submission on behalf of the Board of Trustees and see that the time for submissions has closed. This is very disappointing as I was very careful to check the dates and remember clearly that it stated the 14th September not 13th September.

We would be very grateful if you would accept our submission as attached.

**Name of submitter:**

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*Contact:* Hamish Zuppich, Board Chair

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**Trade competition statement:**

The Fairlie Primary School Board of Trustees could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

**Proposal this submission relates to is:**

This submission is on proposed Plan Change 7 (PC7) to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan (PC7).

**Wish to be Heard:**

We wish to be heard in support of this submission.

We would be prepared to consider presenting a joint case with others making similar submissions at the hearing.

Yours sincerely

Helen Johnson (Fairlie Primary School Board of Trustees member)  
on behalf of Hamish Zuppich (Fairlie Primary School Board of Trustees Chairperson)

13 September 2019 at 9pm.

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12 September 2019

Proposed Plan Change 7 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan  
Environment Canterbury  
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To whom it may concern

Re: Proposed Plan Change 7 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan

This submission is from the Fairlie Primary School Board of Trustees in response to the Proposed Plan Change 7 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan, **which we oppose in its current format.**

Fairlie Primary School is a rural South Canterbury school serving the wider Fairlie area. The majority of our students live rurally with many families here because of the various employment opportunities our farming sector generates. These employment opportunities are a cornerstone to the success of any town in rural New Zealand. Our township has seen wonderful growth over the last decade and much of this is directly attributed to the successes of our farming community and their commitment to investing locally.

It is of great concern that if the farming industry is made less viable, as we believe would occur under the current proposed plan, there would be an enormous ripple effect to regional New Zealand due to a negative impact on employment, school rolls, and the ability of local businesses to invest back into their community.

Farming has long been the economic backbone of New Zealand with the Canterbury region producing the third highest GDP in New Zealand in 2018. Agriculture is a significant and growing contributor to this and every effort must be made to ensure a collaborative, balanced and sustainable solution is achieved regarding the Land and Water Regional Plan. The end goal must be to protect and grow our rural communities and farming generations of the future while also protecting the environment.

Yours sincerely



Hamish Zuppich  
Board of Trustees Chairperson