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Submission on Proposed Plan Change 7 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan

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Form 5: Submissions on a Publicly Notified Proposed Policy Statement or Regional Plan under Clause 5 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991

Return your signed submission by 5.00pm Friday 13 September 2019 to:

Proposed Plan Change 7 to the Land and Water Regional Plan
Environment Canterbury
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Trade Competition

Pursuant to Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, a person who could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission may make a submission only if directly affected by an effect of the proposed policy statement or plan that:

- a) adversely affects the environment; and
- b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Please tick the sentence that applies to you:

- ☒ I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission; or
☐ I could gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

If you have ticked this box please select one of the following:

- ☐ I am directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission
☐ I am not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission

Signature: Ben Croft Wendy Croft Date: 13/9/19

(Signature of person making submission or person authorised to sign on behalf of person making the submission)

Please note:

(1) all information contained in a submission under the Resource Management Act 1991, including names and addresses for service, becomes public information.

- ☐ I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission; or
☐ I do wish to be heard in support of my submission; and if so,
☒ I would be prepared to consider presenting my submission in a joint case with others making a similar submission at any hearing

Plan Change 7: Submission

About me and my business



1. Name and address

Ben and Wendy Croft
142 Rotherham Road South
Culverden
North Canterbury

2. Describe your business

*Dairy and Beef grazing, 70 Ha, 1 full time part time employee and our business also financially supports Ben's parents who live in the Oxford Township.
Our property runs 100% of the young stock from our 900 cow, 250ha dairy farm in the Amuri basin which supports us and 4 employees and their families.
Our farm in Oxford allows us to be able to offer a 100% CLOSED HERD POLICY
For both properties, limiting disease introduction like M-Bovis or BVD, Johnies, IBR etc
Securing the health of our herd is securing the health of our business.
Current turnover is \$200,000. We aim purchase all our materials locally and use local contractors for any out sourced work to allow our business to flow into the community*

3. Describe your connection with the land

We have been servicing the farming community for 20 years (almost all of our adult life)we farm to our conditions ,structures ,weather, limitations and abilities ,as caretakers of this land we take our responsibility very seriously .being careful not to bend or break any rules or obligations and share in our trials and tribulations . We are constantly engaging with local farming reps and embracing new technologies, we have personally invested heavily in our property in the last 5 years changing our irrigation from gun irrigation to centre pivot irrigation and improved moisture monitoring, elimination of stock drinkers and sowing in better more efficient pastures and summer crops and ensuring we use "catch crops" to our best ability. We have seen many other farmers follow suit or do similar things to this in the greater farming community.

4. Describe your connection with the community

Ben was born and breed in this community along with his 4 other siblings, my mother and father and one of my brothers still live there, along with many of our close friends. My mother was a teacher for 40 years at oxford area school and my father and his father before him farmed this land and an adjoining property. We rear calves every year for the local community as fundraiser such as the oxford rugby club, Amuri area school PTA, Amuri show etc, so at any one time we can have a calf, a yearling, and a prime beast which the proceeds all go back into not only the Oxford but Amuri community. We aim to support and use local companies, contractors, engineers for our business.

Reasons for my submission

5. Describe the aspects of Plan Change 7 that are of concern to you

We are concerned that the long-term Nitrogen reductions proposed in table 8.9 will put many of our local businesses out of business. This will have a big impact on our business as well as the wider community.

We accept that water quality improvements need to occur, but you have been told there is much uncertainty around the science used to set the nitrate reductions. Given this you think an adaptive approach where farmers make some initial reductions and the effectiveness of this monitored is the way forward. Also, you have heard there is potential for methods such as Managed Aquifer Recharge and Targeted Stream Augmentation to help meet the water quality targets and these have not been considered in the plan.

6. Describe the aspects of Plan Change 7 that are of benefit to you

We support the overall water quality objectives being proposed as we want to see clean healthy rivers in our district for next generations to enjoy.

What I am requesting

I understand that Waimakariri Irrigation Limited and the Next Generation Farmers Trust have put forward an alternative Plan Change 7 framework. I fully support both their submissions and the outcomes sought.

