

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

By **Jones, J**

Submitter Identification number: **PC7-502**

Wishes to be heard: **No**

Would consider making a joint submission at the hearing: **No**

Submitted on: **06/09/2019**

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- "I wish to be heard in support of my submission" ; and
- "If others make a similar submission I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing".

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Proposed Plan Change 7 to the Land and Water Regional Plan

Form 5 Submission on publically notified proposal for policy statement or plan, change or variation

Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

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Wishes to be heard? No
Is willing to present a joint case? No

Proposed Plan Change 7 has been developed to respond to emerging resource management issues, to give effect to relevant national direction, to implement recommendations from the Hinds Drains' Working Party, and to implement recommendations in the Waimakariri and Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora (OTOP) Zone Implementation Programme Addenda (ZIPA).

- Could you gain an advantage in trade competition in making this submission?
- No
- Are you directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that
(a) adversely affects the environment; and
(b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition
- Yes

Submission points

Point 20.1

Submission

I have no issues with the general aim of the policy that seeks to protect native fish species and improve their environment, as I believe is intended by section 4.102. However, the wording of the section, and a lack of supporting detail, or any higher guidance on what constitutes invasive, pest or nuisance species of fish is alarming. As written, the valuable sports fishes of salmon and trout could easily be construed as species that should be eliminated from our water ways. Some absent minded, or indeed malicious interpretation of the rule in the future, if passed in its present state, could see the destruction of many valuable angling locations, which currently provide rest and recreation for many thousands of fisherman and their children.

Relief sought

4.102

Structures enable the safe passage of indigenous fish, **trout and salmonids**, while avoiding as far as practicable, the passage of any invasive, pest or nuisance fish species, **(as defined in XXXXXXXX)** by:

1. the appropriate design, construction, installation and maintenance of new in-stream structures; and
2. the modification, reconstruction or removed of existing in-stream structures.

Section: Section 4 Policies

Sub-section: Section 4 Policies

Provision

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