

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

By **Johnston, M**

Submitter Identification number: **PC7-514**

Wishes to be heard: **Yes**

Would consider making a joint submission at the hearing: **Yes**

Submitted on: **08/09/2019**

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- "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 33.1

Submission

Policy 4.102 - Habitat of Indigenous Freshwater Species

Kia ora. I am opposed to the proposed plan to implement structures that enable the passage of indigenous fish whilst preventing the passage of so-called invasive, pest or nuisance fish. Your proposal to "design, construct, install and maintain new in-stream structures and modify, deconstruct/reconstruct or remove existing in-stream structures is opposed. I am opposed to anything that would inhibit the potential habitats of Trout and Salmon and inhibit the rights of all New Zealanders to enjoy a hobby such as fishing for Trout and Salmon.

As a keen fisherman I am concerned that this policy would result in a 'screening' or 'drafting' system that would block the passage of trout and salmon. Secondly I am concerned that the policy will ultimately apply to any waterway throughout the Canterbury District.

I am not satisfied that the proposed policy gives sufficient regard to section 7 of the Resource Management Act pertaining to the habitat of trout and salmon. It is also a concern to me that the proposed changes to the policy interferes with Fish and Game's functions under the Conservation Act (Section 26Q), that it interferes with the Department of Conservation's functions under the Conservation Act (Section 6(ab)), that it is contrary to Water Conservation Orders where outstanding values are recognised and waters are protected for spawning and angling, and finally, that it is contrary to the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement where values such as fishing are recognise.

I regularly fish in Lake Taylor, Coleridge and Pearson and I am strongly opposed to anything that would impact on sports fishing in these habitats. I'm looking forward to taking my grandchildren fishing in these lakes and am opposed to the change in the plans that would impact on this.

Nga mihi nui.

Malcolm Johnston.

Relief sought

I submit that the plan should be amended to read "structures that enable the passage of indigenous fish, trout and salmon, whilst preventing the passage of so-called invasive, pest or nuisance fish".....

Section: PC7 Planning Maps

Sub-section: General

Provision

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