

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

By **King, J**

Submitter Identification number: **PC7-522**

Wishes to be heard: **No**

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

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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 42.1

Submission

The point I wish to make relates to the adverse effects of willow trees growing along river banks. My wife and I owned and operated a farming property in the South Gippsland region of Victoria, Australia. It had a 3km frontage to the Bass River which was densely overgrown with willows; an introduced deciduous species prevalent in many NZ waterways. We were also within the very limited riparian zone of the rare indigenous Giant Earth Worm. Our local Catchment Authority undertook an extensive clearing operation and rid the entire length of (at least) our frontage of all willows. Detailed surveys of the river and it's close environment of the aquatic species before and some time after the clearing indicated a very significant improvement. This was entirely due to the adverse influence on steam flow of the willows and the effect of rotting leaf matter.

I have fished for trout for some 60 odd years (latterly with professional guides) in a significant number of NZ rivers and been disappointed at the increasing prevalence of willows throughout the country. The Grey is one that comes particularly to mind as the infestation is extreme.

I would accordingly encourage you to undertake whatever surveys are necessary to monitor a controlled eradication programme and carefully and progressively implement it. From my experience it would provide significant improvements to the health of the waterway and benefit to all of the aquatic species with it.

Relief sought

4.101

Improve the Freshwater Species Habitat by removal of all exotic vegetation particularly willows and avoid the damage or loss of Indigenous Freshwater Species Habitat caused by sediment discharges, vegetation clearance, excavation and deposition of material, or other disturbance in a surface water body, unless:

1. the effects of habitat damage will be remedied or mitigated; or
2. the habitat loss will be offset by the creation of new habitat in the same surface water catchment and with the same or improved habitat characteristics.

Section: Section 4 Policies

Sub-section: Section 4 Policies

Provision

4.101

Avoid the damage or loss of Indigenous Freshwater Species Habitat caused by sediment discharges, vegetation clearance, excavation and deposition of material, or other disturbance in a surface water body, unless:

- a. the effects of habitat damage will be remedied or mitigated; or
- b. the habitat loss will be offset by the creation of new habitat in the same surface water catchment and with the same or improved habitat characteristics.

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Submission points

Point 45.1

Submission

I am concerned that the proposed provisions will facilitate the construction of structures that could lead to the destruction of recreational fishing for trout or salmon species. I understand that this activity is a considerable contributor to your national economy and to unnecessarily destroy it would be to no-one's advantage. I am familiar with an example of this occurring in the Waikanae River (north of Wellington) where a dam structure across the river installed for the purpose of water catchment has completely removed trout from upstream and I'm unaware that it has made any improvement to the lot of indigenous species in the area.

I know of a significant number of my fellow Australians who spend thousands of dollars every year for the privilege of fishing in many of the fine rivers in your area. The possibility of taking this away for what is possibly of limited benefit would be most concerning.

Relief sought

4.102

Construct structures that enable the safe passage of salmonoid and indigenous fish, while avoiding as far as practicable, the passage of any invasive, pest or nuisance fish species by:

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

Section: Section 4 Policies

Sub-section: Section 4 Policies

Provision

4.102

Structures enable the safe passage of indigenous fish, while avoiding as far as practicable, the passage of any invasive, pest or nuisance fish species by:

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