

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

By **Stalker, R**

Submitter Identification number: **PC7-537**

Wishes to be heard: **Yes**

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

Submitted on: **10/09/2019**

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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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Submission #61

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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 61.1

Submission

I would like to look into the allocation for Mahinga Kai values for the Cam River because the flows that the 175 lps allocation is deducted from is not representative of the actual flow of the stream. The allocation of 350 lps for this stream is thought to be too high. Overestimating the water available reduces the reliability of irrigation, and risks making the investment put into irrigation equipment becoming worthless in what is an already tough farming environment.

Relief sought

The proposed allocation for Mahinga Kai is too high, as the flow in the Cam never reaches the combined limit of the Mahinga Kai allocation and the currently allocated irrigation consents. The allocation limit needs to be reset first, and then the Mahinga Kai allocation is the amount of water between current irrigation limits and the revised upper allocation limit.

The proposal refers to 8.9.4c. I support Mahinga Kai allocations, but the amount of water actually available for allocation to Mahinga Kai needs to be reassessed, based on a more realistic total allocatable water for the Cam.

8.4.9 Recognise and provide for the cultural importance of the waterbodies within the Waimakariri sub-region to Ngai Tuahuriri Runanga by:

- improving the quality of water in groundwater, and in hill-fed and spring-fed rivers; and
- improving flows in hill-fed and spring-fed rivers; and
- reserving an allocation of water from the Cam River/Ruataniwha, Ashley River/Rakahuri, and Silverstream for mahinga kai enhancement purposes; **and make sure that the allocatable water is set from an actual maximum allocatable limit, and not a past figure that is not reflective of the true flow of the river. (especially regarding the Cam).**
- extending the region-wide stock exclusion rules to springs (waipuna) and other surface waterbodies

Section: Section 8 Waimakariri

Sub-section: 8.8 8.9 High Naturalness Water Bodies

Provision

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Is willing to present a joint case? No

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- Yes

Submission points

Point 67.1

Submission

I am a dairy farmer in the Waimakariri region.

I strongly oppose the provisions of PC7 where some farmers need to reduce post 2040. This has created unnecessary hardship on these farmers, especially because we don't know what technology may become available.

Relief sought

I understand that Waimakariri Irrigation Limited has put forward an alternative Plan Change 7 framework. I fully support their submission and the outcomes sought

Section: General

Sub-section: General

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