

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

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Submitter Identification number: **PC7-547**

Wishes to be heard: **Yes**

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

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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 75.1

Submission

My name is Andrew Stokes and a farmer in the Waimakariri district This is where i have grown up on the farm that i now farm trading as Stokes Farming Ltd with my wife Udetta and our 2 boys. The property is 780 ha in size and we run sheep deer and beef cattle with some winter dairy grazing. The property is part irrigated with my own consent to take water as well as shares in the WIL scheme. Being on this scheme i feel that we work hard at looking after nitrate loss potential as we are into water seiners and and soil temp and take advice from professionals as to when to put water on and when the best time to apply fert. Also we are doing farm environment plan (these i think are good to do so you look at you property from a different light) and also overseeer to see what we are losing. I am also running a farm program called Farmiq which records all for moves (fert applied and where stock movements and all chemical and animal health treatments)This program me gives me a good picture at what is going on.

I am always looking to do things better as I want to pass my farm on to my to boys

The planned changes will make it harder for me to farm and make a living for my family and to keep us together Yes things my need to change but i think it should be in a more step process as we make changes and the new technology that will come along in the future and how that will effect nitrate loss as testing and better modelling will show change So i believe that we should look at 5 or 10 year plans as things change

We as farmers are not the only people living in this zone so all need to be looked at Towns small lifestyle blocks and the other business

Relief sought

I be leave a more collective approach is needed with more of a step change measure results approach in a more manage time frame as like 5 or 10 year steps

Section: Section 8 Waimakariri

Sub-section: 8.3 Fresh water Outcomes

Provision

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