

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

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Submitter Identification number: **PC7-555**

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 85.1

Submission

This is a submission on proposed Plan Change 7 to the operative Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan. We could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission and we do wish to be heard in support of this submission. We would also be prepared to present or submission in a joint case with others making a similar submission in any hearing.

My partner and I lease and farm a 160ha property in the Sub-area E zone. Our farm is irrigated with water from the Waimakariri River via the Waimakariri Irrigation Limited scheme. Irrigation is with Southern Cross irrigators and some K-line, and with progressive efforts and maintaining a good GMP we have achieved a B+ audit. We having invested in improvements with riparian planting, fencing off of waterways, regulation of water input and moisture probes. We also have made reductions in nitrogen inputs into our farming system. With the current proposed plan, our plans for buying this farm that we have invested time, money and effort int are now no longer an option due to the uncertainty of the further financial viability of this land. We are a young family that want to stay part of our community and contribute socially and financially, and the proposed PC7 is going to render that impossible for us.

We have ensured our farming system remains environmentally sustainable, as our children and animals also have access and enjoy the waterways that travel through our farm and across our community. However, farms also have to be financially sustainable, or the land becomes unusable and the economy of our communities with suffer.

We agree as farmers that waterways need to be protected farming needs to be held accountable. But plan change is based on a model, and we believe that at 2030 after the initial 10years reductions have been implemented, we need hard data and full analysis of that data regarding nitrate levels in water. To ask farmers to comprehend a 90% with a lack of further evidence of nitrate levels in water and a lack of transparent monitoring is concerning. This will make many farmers bankrupt, and will contribute to an already alarming level of mental health illness amongst rural men in our communities.

We as farmers want to make changes for the benefit of our communities and the future of our children, however the changes need to realistic and evidence based. Farming also needs to remain profitable for the benefit not only of our communities, but for our country.

Relief sought

Relief sought is to obtain data and evidence of the impact of the proposed changes by 2030.

Section: PC7 Planning Maps

Sub-section: