

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

By **Densem Contracting (2010) Limited**

Submitter Identification number: **PC7-560**

Wishes to be heard: **No**

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

Submitted on: **12/09/2019**

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- "I wish to be heard in support of my submission" ; and
- "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

To Environment Canterbury - Tavisha Fernando  
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Submission #90

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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  
- No

## Submission points

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### Point 90.1

#### Submission

## Plan Change 7: Submissions Template

### About me and my business

#### 1. Name and address

*Ian Densem – 267 Bealey Road RD3 Leeston*

#### 2. Describe your business

*Densem Contracting ( 2010 LTD ) is an earth moving contracting company specialising in irrigation dam and canal construction, dairy conversion and maintenance and subdivisions. Over the last year we have seen an 80% reduction in turn over, falling from 7.5 million to 1.5 million. We have also been forced to reduce our staff from 19 to 11 and further reductions will take place should the economic climate continue in this fashion.*

#### 3. Describe your connection with the land

*The Densem family have farms in the Ellesmere and Ashburton districts but Densem Contracting has services farms all over the South Island, from Nelson to Waitaki. Densem Contracting have provided farmers with the opportunity to introduce more effective and environmentally friendly effluent management and storage systems, irrigation systems which allow for more effective water use and other innovations such as feed pads which lowers the environmental impact the animals have on the ground. Densem Contracting also helps farmers forge connection between other professionals which can allow for even greater leads forward in environmental awareness.*

#### 4. Describe your connection with the community

Densem Contracting have donated to the lions.

## Reasons for my submission

### 1. Describe the aspects of Plan Change 7 that are of concern to you

*The main issues that are of concern are the fact that there is no fixed endpoint to the changes that can be made. This is causing a lack of confidence in the farming community as well as in the banks who are needed to lend money for the farming community to make advancements. This risks forcing the closure of many businesses across Canterbury that are similar to us, which would cause a dramatic increase in unemployment. This would also cause the innovations that are being made to improve the footprint of the farming community to slow down as they would become too costly.*

*The bills and plans in question are also rushed and have not been looked over hard enough. No one is looking at the impact these changes will have on rural economy and this will have a huge impact on New Zealand going forward. For businesses such as mine, rushed changes like this pose a huge risk as they have huge implications for our ability to keep staff employed and continue as we have been. Should our business continue to decline as it has been, we may be forced to reduce the size of our workforce even more which will have an impact on the community as there will be an increase in unemployment.*

### 2. Describe the aspects of Plan Change 7 that are of benefit to you

NA

## What I am requesting

I understand that Waimakariri Irrigation Limited and the Next Generation Farmers Trust have put forward an alternative Plan Change 7 framework. I fully support both their submissions and the outcomes sought.

### Relief sought

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**Section:** PC7 Planning Maps

**Sub-section:** General

**Provision**

General