

**Submission on Plan Change 2 to the Waimakariri River Regional Plan and
Plan Change 7 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan**

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Submitter Identification number: **PC2-32, PC7-567**

Wishes to be heard: **No**

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

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Proposed Plan Change 2 to the Waimakariri River 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 2 proposes to remove from the Waimakariri River Regional Plan provisions that relate to the area covered by Section 8 (Waimakariri sub-region) of the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan (CLWRP). The WRRP continues to apply to the main stem of the Waimakariri River, the upper catchment including its headwaters, and an area of land south of the Waimakariri River.

- 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

Point 3.1

Submission

What is the problem here? Once there were mighty forests in Canterbury, dense wetlands and clean water. Then along came animal agriculture. No forests, no wetland and now no clean surface water. Science is telling us things are going to get worse. Our groundwater will be next. What this really tells us about is our values. Science got us in this mess in the first place. Pioneering history is littered with examples of landscape illiteracy. Have we learnt anything from these mistakes? As custodians of the environment Ecan needs to raise the bar and reduce significantly the animal agriculture on the Canterbury plains, now.

Relief sought

Debating levels of nitrates does not address the real problem that is intensive animal agriculture on unsuitable land. Commendable as it may be in the context of such destruction of a natural resource the proposals do not go far enough.

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