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To: Hearing Commissioners for Plan Change 1 to the Hurunui Waiiau River Regional Plan.

As requested the following is the rule/policy changes in line with our submission.

1). Rule 10.1A

Replace the current Rule 10.1A and write a rule that reads:

“The use of land for dryland farming that results in a discharge of N or P which may enter water in the Nutrient Management Area shown on Map 4 is a permitted activity.”

2). Policy 5.5

A new policy 5.5 to recognise the need to work with landowners with actions on the ground that deliver freshwater & general environmental outcomes.

To recognise and support the initiatives being undertaken by landholders individually or as part of catchment or primary sector industry groups to undertake activities that maintain, restore or enhance the ecological, mahinga kai, or amenity values of land or waterbodies within the Hurunui, Waiiau or Jed catchments or their tributaries, and to encourage and support further initiatives as an effective way to maintain or enhance environmental values in the catchments.

3). Rewrite rule 10.1A, alter Dryland Farming definition & create a new definition for Low Intensity Irrigated Farming.

Our submission was that the 10% rule in its entirety is flawed and this needs to be addressed. Acknowledging that is a wider plan change than what has been notified, what we have outlined below goes part way to address concerns raised in our submission.

Relabel Rule 10.1A as Rule 10.1B and amend it to read:

“The use of land for any Low Intensity Irrigated Farming activity that results in a discharge of N or P which may enter water in the Nutrient Management Area shown on Map 4 is a permitted activity provided that:

a) Either (i) the property is registered in the Farm Portal; or

(ii) the property is subject to a Farmer Collective Agreement; and

b) A Management Plan in accordance with Schedule 6 has been prepared and implemented, and is supplied to the Canterbury Regional Council, on request, to be viewed only. The Canterbury Regional Council will not retain copies of the Management Plan.

Definitions

1. Add a new definition of Dryland Farming that reads:

“Dryland farming means the use of land for a farming activity without the application of irrigation water at any stage in any 12 month period and

a. the farming activity does not include the farming of more than 25 weaned pigs or more than 6 sows, or the farming of poultry fowl at a stocking rate of more than 10 birds per hectare, up to a maximum of 1000 birds; and

b. the farming activity does not include a component where livestock are confined within a hardstand area for the purpose of intensive controlled feeding with the purpose of encouraging high weight gain.

2. Amend the definition of Low Intensity Farming to read as a new definition:

Low Intensity Irrigated Farming means the use of land for a farming activity, where:

a. no more than 50ha of part of the property is irrigated and

b. the area of the property used for Winter Grazing is less than: i. 10% of the area of the property, for any property between 100 hectares and 1000 hectares in area; or ii. 100 hectares, for any property greater than 1000 hectares in area; and

c. the farming activity does not include the farming of more than 25 weaned pigs or more than 6 sows, or the farming of poultry fowl at a stocking rate of more than 10 birds per hectare, up to a maximum of 1000 birds; and

d. the farming activity does not include a component where livestock are confined within a hardstand area for the purpose of intensive controlled feeding with the purpose of encouraging high weight gain.

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