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Good Afternoon,

Please find attached the combined evidence in chief for Part A of the Land and Water Regional Plan (PC7) for the following submitters:

- Acton Farmers Irrigation Co-Operative (submitter ID 154)
- Barrhill Chertsey Irrigation Limited (submitter ID 153)
- Ashburton River Irrigators Association (submitter ID 343)
- Greenstreet Irrigator Society (submitter ID 312)
- Rangitata South Irrigation Limited (submitter ID 235)

Note I am providing a separate evidence in chief document for Rangitata South Irrigation Limited through Tavendale and Partners in relation to Part B (OTOP) PC7 provisions.

Regards,

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**BEFORE INDEPENDENT HEARING COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY THE  
CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**IN THE MATTER OF** The Resource Management Act 1991

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF** Submissions and further submissions by Rangitata South Irrigation Limited, Barrhill-Chertsey Irrigation Limited, Acton Farmers Irrigation Co-Operative Limited, Greenstreet Irrigation Society, and Ashburton River Irrigators Association on Proposed Plan Change 7 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan

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**STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF EVA MAY HARRIS**

**17 JULY 2020**

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## STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF EVA HARRIS

### Introduction

- 1 My name is Eva May Harris. I am the Environmental Manager at Irrigo Centre Limited (**Irrigo**), which is responsible for the environmental management of Rangitata South Irrigation Limited (**RSIL**), Barrhill Chertsey Irrigation Limited (**BCIL**), Acton Farmer Irrigator Co-Operative (**AFIC**), Greenstreet Irrigation Society (**GIS**) and Ashburton River Irrigators Association (**ARIA**). For the purpose of this evidence, I refer to the group of irrigators I represent as “*Irrigo Irrigators*”.
- 2 I hold an MSc in Applied Science, a PGCert (Resource Studies) and a PGDipSci (Chemistry) from Lincoln and Canterbury Universities. In 2017 I completed the Kellogg Rural Leadership Programme, with a research focus on the development of systems which support positive behaviour change within the agriculture centre.<sup>1</sup> For the past 15 years I have been working in resource management, with a focus on auditing and implementation.
- 3 I have worked at Irrigo for over five years as the company’s Environmental Manager developing and implementing the Audited Self-Management programmes for the six member irrigation schemes. This work includes the development and implementation of Environmental Management Systems, Farm Environment Plans (**FEPs**) and audit programme. My role has also covered consent management, catchment group facilitation and stakeholder relations.
- 4 Prior to my work at Irrigo, I held positions in compliance at ECan, Northland and Hawke’s Bay Regional Councils as well as supported Silver Fern Farms with developing their plant environmental management systems and resource consenting requirements throughout the North Island. In my role with Silver Fern Farms, I was also trained in the internationally recognised ISO9000 and ISO14000 systems development and auditing standards.
- 5 My evidence relates to Part A of Plan Change 7 (**PC7**) to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan (**LWRP**) and its effect on Irrigo member shareholders. Specifically, the definitions, policies and rules relating to Commercial Vegetable Growing Operations.
- 6 I am authorised to give this evidence on behalf of RSIL, BCIL, AFIC, GIS and ARIA.

### Support of other submissions

- 7 I have submitted evidence separately on behalf of RSIL on matters specifically related to Part B of the Land and Water Regional Plan (Chapter 13, OTOP).

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<sup>1</sup> Project Title: *Strategies for the Implementation of Sustainable Change Programmes.*

- 8 The Irrigo Irrigators have worked closely with HortNZ to provide case studies and technical support in their evidence. We wholly support the evidence they have provided on commercial vegetable growing operations.
- 9 The Irrigo Irrigators also support all evidence provided by Federated Farmers in relation to our submission points on matters relating to protection of waterways.
- 10 We support Hekeao Hinds Water Enhancement Trust on any evidence provided in relation to Managed Aquifer Recharge.

**Scope of Evidence**

- 11 The Irrigo Irrigators have worked closely with other industry representatives and have no further evidence to provide. I am happy to speak with HortNZ on the matters and case studies where we have provided to support their evidence.



**Eva Harris**  
17 July 2020