

ECan PC7 Hearing Presentation notes

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I am the Environmental Policy Advisor – South Island with HortNZ. In this role I represent growers' interests in regional and district council processes across the South Island, as well as some in the North Island when needed, and central government processes when needed too.

I have been in role since Oct 2017 and PC7 was one of the first projects I was asked to work on.

I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge the efforts of others in getting us to this point in the process.

Slide 1 - Acknowledgements

ECan

November 2017 - **Tami Wood**, Principal Consents Advisor – Implementation Team

- Worked with me to identify the issues, prepared a report to Council that recommended a plan change and really got the ball rolling for us.

Early 2018 - 2019 - **Olivia Cook and Andrea Richardson**, Senior Planners - Policy Team

- Worked with us to establish the Growers Working Group. This was very helpful in refining the issues and testing potential solutions. ECan ran the workshops and we had a number of growers attend from across Canterbury and from a range of crop types.

Growers in the **Working Group**

- David Hadfield
- Allen Lim
- Peter McCracken
- John Evans
- Rebecca Turley
- Sarah Kikstra- Harnett and her daughter Jessica.

Thank the **Canterbury Horticultural Growers Society** for putting these growers forward for the working group.

Cr Clair McKay and the full Council

- Hearing our concerns regarding notification timeframes for PC7 and pushing to extend these. There was a lot of material to digest and the extension was appreciated.

Tavisha Fernando – Hearing Secretary

- Timely, accurate and professional. Very helpful to us as a submitter.

Primary Sector representatives

I would like to acknowledge the primary sector representatives that have collaborated with HortNZ in this process. They are fantastic to work with and I really appreciate that they come to me with their queries. We appreciate the support they have shown HortNZ in this plan change and also how they have challenged us when needed.

They are:

- Charlotte Wright, DairyNZ
- Lauren Phillips, Beef + Lamb
- Anna Wilks, Ravensdown
- Hannah Ritchie, PorkNZ
- Dr Lionel Hume, Federated Farmers
- Julia Crossman, Ophua Water
- Paul Reese and Laura Bunning, Water Strategies / Waimakiriri Irrigation Limited
- Carey Barnett, Ellesmere Sustainable Agriculture
- Eva Harris, Irrigo (Barrhill-Chertsey Irrigation Ltd, Rangitata South Irrigation Ltd and Action Farmers Irrigation Ltd)

We are very lucky to have such a great team of rural professionals working in Canterbury, and I believe the outcomes in the Canterbury Land and Water Plan will reflect this.

HortNZ Product Groups

Thank you to our product groups for their support in this plan change, in particular:

- Onions New Zealand
- Vegetables New Zealand
- Process Vegetables New Zealand
- Potatoes New Zealand

Special mention to PotatoesNZ for the science they have brought to the process, particularly how they are leading the way in working with OVERSEER to improve accuracy for their crop. Their leadership has stimulated investment by other product groups and been the basis for a new Sustainable Vegetable Systems project to improve the accuracy of OVERSEER for other vegetable crops. If the panel have questions about this, then Mr Andrew Barber is directly involved in that project and could comment.

Our Growers

Thank our growers for the time taken to submit and present to the hearing panel. This assists HortNZ in explaining the implications of PC7 to the reporting officers and hearing panel.

- Dave and Des Winter
- Sarah Harnett – Kikstra

And as mentioned by Helen Atkins, today we have 5 more growers presenting with us.

Through these presentations we want you to understand that there are some further amendments that can be made to provide the outcomes that can work for our growers.

Slide 2 – Product Groups

I've already mentioned our product groups, so will skip through this slide given the presentation was pre-circulated.

Slide 3 – HORTNZ Key outcomes

Slide list the key outcomes we seek. I realise this has been pre-circulated, so won't read them to you and Helen Atkins has already touched on this. I'll just reiterate that the presentations you will hear from our Growers and experts today will reinforce why we seek these key outcomes.

Slide 4 – What we are seeking

Another way to view the outcomes we are after is this flow diagram. We included a similar diagram in our submission. For ease of comparison we have highlighted in red text where the HortNZ position has altered from our original submission.

The changes have come about through review of the s42A report and development of the HortNZ evidence.

We have found the diagram a useful tool in explaining our position to growers and other submitters. We hope you find it of assistance also.

Slide 5 – HortNZ Strategy

This strategy provides HortNZ guidance for how we operate and sets our purpose and vision. It was adopted by our Board earlier this year, but I believe that our team have been working to these values thorough out PC7 anyway – particularly when it comes to the *'How we work'* :

- proactive engagement with ECan,
- pan-sector view,
- evidence based and
- future focused.

Being future focused is particularly important to ensure growth is possible in our sector to ensure that our growers can fulfil the HortNZ visions of ...

Slide 6 – HortNZ's Vision

'Healthy food for all forever'. And while this is our Vision, we acknowledge that to produce healthy food, we need a healthy environment, therefore to fulfil this vision, we must operate within environmental limits.

Thank you for listening to my presentation. I'm happy to take questions on my statement now, or at any point today, and then I'll hand it over to our next presenter – Mr Ben Scott from Scottfresh.