

## Comments

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**Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?** Yes, I'm submitting on behalf of an organisation

**Which organisation are you submitting on behalf of?** Waller Farming Ltd

**Do you have any further comments on the activities proposed in specific portfolio/s (please select all those you wish to comment on):**

**Where do you live in Canterbury? Select your district below:**

**Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Kaikoura**

**Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Hurunui**

**Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Waimakariri**

**Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Christchurch**

**Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Selwyn**

**Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Ashburton**

**The Hekeao Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge is a pilot of environmental infrastructure to address water quality. To continue enhancing this infrastructure, the project would require ongoing targeted rates from the Ashburton district. Find out more [link]. Do you want to see this project continue?** Yes

**Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Mackenzie**

**Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Timaru**

**Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Waimate**

**Would you like to see us investing in the following initiatives in your area? Waitaki**

**Any further comments?**

We are concerned about the rate increase to deliver the proposals of the Governments Freshwater Plans even though Ecan and the ratepayers have worked through what was required to achieve the same outcomes already in place. We farm a mixed cropping and grazing operation in Mid Canterbury that is 37% irrigated. We have a current FEP that we operate with and are always involved in improving environmental outcomes that are helping to work towards the acceptable environmental outcomes already. I feel that the mooted rate increase that is to pander to the Governments Freshwater proposal is unnecessary as we already have the foundations and plans in place to achieve the outcomes. Using the science and current monitoring of nitrates in the groundwater in the Hinds catchment it shows improvements and there is inclusiveness of all parties working to achieve. Why should rural rate payers be shouldered with a rate increase to rewrite a policy already in place that is working to achieve the same outcomes? Farming and agriculture in Mid Canterbury have always been the cutting edge of new technology and innovation. I do not believe there is any farming business not involved in improving outcomes. In my own operation we use water probes to inform us when to irrigate, soil testing and agronomists to tell us when to supply nutrients at the level to only supply the crops/pastures requirements. My family has been farming for 4 generations on the land that we are passionate about. Why should we be paying twice for the Governments new Freshwater standards when we already have systems in place to achieve the right outcomes.

**Do you wish to speak to your submission?** No

**Would you like to be kept up-to-date with the outcome of this consultation?** Yes

**How did you find out about giving feedback?** . Email

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**There is personal information/contact details in my submission I do not want disclosed:** No

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