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**From:** Otago Regional Council <notifications@engagementhq.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, 27 April 2020 2:10 pm  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Anonymous User completed Submission Form – Proposed Water Permits Plan Change (Plan Change 7) to the Regional Plan: Water

Anonymous User just submitted the survey 'Submission Form – Proposed Water Permits Plan Change (Plan Change 7) to the Regional Plan: Water' with the responses below.

**Full name of submitter**

George Kent Anderson

**Name of organisation (if applicable)**

Almondell Farms Limited

**Email**

[Redacted]

**Postal Address (or alternative method of contact)**

[Redacted]

**Phone number**

[Redacted]

**Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?**

*(Being 'heard' means speaking at a hearing)*

No

**Could you gain an advantage in trade competition from this submission?**

No

**Are you directly affected by an effect of the plan change that:**

- a) adversely affects the environment; and
- b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition

I am

**State what your submission relates to and if you support, oppose, or want it amended:**

*(e.g. support rule 'x', or amend policy 'y')*

Oppose Plan Change 7 being implemented

**State what decision you want the Otago Regional Council to make:**

*(e.g. amend policy 'y' to say....)*

Plan Change 7 to be struck out completely.

**Give reasons for the decision you want made:**

*(e.g. I want policy 'y' changed because...)*

Plan change 7 should be struck off completely for a number of reasons which I will outline below. - There is considerable cost in both financial terms and the time required to renew a resource consent to take surface water for the use of irrigation, stock water and domestic water. To have to turn around and redo this whole process in 5-7 years is a waste of time, resources and money for all parties involved. - Banks and other financiers will not lend to business' who wish to spend large amounts of money on improving and upgrading irrigation systems (i.e flood to spray which is more water efficient and environmentally friendly). Therefore they will not support local businesses that advise and install such equipment and infrastructure. These farms/ vineyards/ orchards will also be less productive making less money and employing less people. Little consideration has been made for the flow on affects to the larger community of this change. ORC is unprepared for the volume of work required to complete all the deemed permits conversion to resource consents that are due in 2021. They will have to redo all this again once the proposed short term permits expire. There has been a lack of consultation on this matter. Short term consents will reduce on farm investment because of a lack of certainty and confidence with regards to available water for reasons outlined above. Any applications to renew lodged under previous rules should not be subject to plan change 7.