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From: Otago Regional Council <notifications@engagementhq.com>
Sent: Monday, 4 May 2020 4:08 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

Quentin Ross

Name of organisation (if applicable)

Avalon Station 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)

Yes

If others have made a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?

Yes

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')

My submission relates to the plan change in its entirety. I oppose the plan change in its entirety.

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

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

To not proceed with Plan Change 7.

Give reasons for the decision you want made:

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

There is no need for this plan change. The current framework enables deemed permits to be replaced with resource consents. This plan change has major adverse effects for my property and other irrigators in the region. I have spent over \$2,000,000.00 on irrigation and this plan change will make this investment a total waste of money. This plan change could make my farm go broke and not be a sustainable business. I have borrowed money to pay for irrigation and I will not be able to repay my loans. This plan change has many unforeseen consequences not just for me but many entities in the region. This plan change likes inefficient users of water and penalises me as an efficient user of water. The plan change forces a reduction in allocation irrespective of efficiency of application or the need for water. The plan change fails to recognise seasonal variation in water use data. The plan change fails to recognise different demand for irrigation throughout the season. The plan does not take into account the actual need for water use. The plan change does not take into account issues with irrigation where I do not take water for some reason outside of my contract, for example power cut, breakdown of plant and equipment. The plan looks at constaining area to 2017/2018 years. This may not be the best result as in the future there may be alternatives to irrigating and use of water whereby application may be reduced and therefore you may be able to irrigate a greater area with the same amount of water. The plan change may make some users waste water to make it look like they are using more than they are to inflate their usage for future year's benefit.