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From: Otago Regional Council <notifications@engagementhq.com>
Sent: Sunday, 3 May 2020 9:25 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

Philip and Janet Smth

Name of organisation (if applicable)

Cairnhill

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')

we oppose the whole of plan change 7

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

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

We implore the ORC to continue the work on allocation and minimum flows in the Manuherikia based on sound hydrological, ecological, cultural and social assessments. This is work that we and others in the community have been striving to complete up to now.

Give reasons for the decision you want made:

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

All of the work for our application for the renewal of our water right is completed and lodged with the ORC. It has been a very expensive and lengthy process. We have attended every community meeting held by the ORC over the last 3 years with no progress being made and at personal cost to us. We have been working with all the irrigator's in the Manuherikia catchment in preparation of the renewal of water right in 2021. We have completed science reports, field days with affected parties, and we feel that we will be penalised because the ORC have not got their own water plan up to date, and are trying to issue us short term permits. Along with all the irrigators in the Dunstan catchment (with ORC's encouragement) we formed the "Dunstan Water User's group", to work together to gather scientific data to compile reports on ecological and environmental effects. We hosted all affected parties (Department of Conservation, IWI, Fish and Game) on site the Dunstan Creek, stopping at all permit sites. And in 2019/20 irrigation season we trialed a flow sharing agreement between all irrigator's on the Dunstan to keep a proposed Residual Flow. We (Cairnhill) have invested heavily (in excess of \$1 million) over the last few years to update our irrigation system and infrastructure to spray irrigation to improve ecological outcomes and increase efficiency of our irrigation system. Our irrigated land on our traditional Sheep and Beef farm makes up less than 20% of the total land area. This area is vital to us to ensure winter feed and the drought proofing of our farm in one of the driest areas of New Zealand. We are not asking for permits with no conditions, but we want long term permits of 35 years, (as set by the Environment Court for the Lindis Catchment) with fair and balanced environmental conditions.