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From: Otago Regional Council <notifications@engagementhq.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 28 April 2020 9:44 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

Alvin John Reid

Name of organisation (if applicable)

Cardrona Distillery Ltd

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 not

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

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

I oppose the move to introduce PC7 ... this plan as I see it gives a short term consent life which gives no certainty to water users as they move forward with business operations and development. The introduction of PC7, appears to me to attempt to provide an interim solution to water takes ... I do not think that this move has solid evidence supporting it. The introduction of PC7 will give more uncertainty to long term consent conditions ... at this time in our countries progress we need to rely heavily on a vibrant and prosperous agricultural industry to support this country. The recent events around COVID-19 show just how quickly high flying industries (such as tourism) can be bought to their knees.

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

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

I would seek that PC7 is declined entirely.

Give reasons for the decision you want made:

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

I believe that the issue can be addressed through planning channels that will result in Water users gaining far more certainty around long term consents than the proposal which would issue short term consents. Water users need certainty for the long term (25-35 year consents) in order to invest in their businesses. Rural businesses using our water resources need certainty to move forward ... not a short term holding pattern ... it had been outlined by ORC the steps involved to renew /replace water consents ... it seems that this new process has shifted those plans which will result in much uncertainty and increased cost in obtaining long term consents.