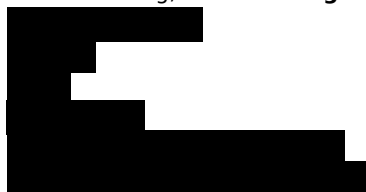


ORC Omnibus Plan Change - Plan Change 8

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Are you a trade competitor?

Position

I am a person who would not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission

Notes

Clause

What are you submitting on? You can submit on specific parts of Plan Change 8 or the whole plan change.

Position

I am submitting on specific parts of the plan change (please detail below).

Notes

Clause

The specific parts of the plan change that my submission relates to are:

Notes

Rural land use, 14.6 14.6.1 Section 32 Report sec 32 [2] 3.4.1.6 3.4.3.3

Clause

What is your view on the Plan Change 8 or the specific parts listed above? Please select one, if you have multiple views state clearly in the notes box below.

Position

Oppose

Notes

Clause

The reason(s) for my views are:

Notes

14.6.1. In Central Otago, winter root crops grown for the benefit of our livestock is a recommended good farming practice. Because we are an inland and often dry farming region, and because grass will not grow for at least 3 winter months, it is the winter feed value of root crops sown in October or November the previous year, which enable farmers to feed adequate farm grown produce, to prepare breeding livestock for the coming lambing or calving season. In addition daily rations of summer harvested hay or silage, both grass and lucerne, are fed, so obviously winter is an expensive period of the year in which to raise livestock. As has so often been shown by farm advisors, maintaining livestock in appropriate 'condition score' health, means better stock survival, and optimum production. You need to remember that all of these activities are paid for by the farmer, and if winter feeding supplies are lower than needed, it is the farmer who alone is visited by the person from M P I. An unintended consequence of regulation interference, would be enforcing maximum total area of winter feed grown, and having to apply for a consent to grow additional winter feed in a poor growing season. And who, among the Staff of the O R C. has the required qualifications and experience that farmers could trust, who would consider such a consent application. As an indication of our severe winter weather, we have to carry a 3 lb. hammer in our tractor, with which to break the ice on our stock troughs, each morning following severe frosts. Delete. Section 32 evaluation report. sec 32 [2] Section 32 evaluation report has been ignored by the O R C. There has been no attempt to inform Farmers or the Public, of the added costs and negative financial returns which would be expected, following these impediments to regular farming systems.. In my view, much of the mistrust of O R C. governance, can be put down to lack of face to face consultation, which leads to an unbalanced view, as these are not tested by actual experience. Produce the report. 3.4.1.6. The statement made more than once, that the risk of acting or not acting, is based on an alarming lack of knowledge, yet the determination to act based on scanty knowledge or unsubstantiated comment. That tells me, our farmers are given little consideration, despite the Prime Minister stating, farming exports will be essential to our future. Obviously, a comment made in disrespect... 3.4.3.3 Farm environment plans. We oppose as the

extravagant cost and auditing, are an imposition on farming families. In addition, it is all too easy to annually ratchet down that farms production, to the point of financial ruin. Offal holes. I note that offal holes are treated as suspect practices. Where else would you have us place farm items, such as dead livestock.??

Clause

What decision would you like the Environment Court to make?

Notes

As noted in text.

Clause

The reasons form my view and/or any amendment(s) I am seeking are:

Notes

I am concerned at the apparent dislike of agricultural production shown by this plan change 8, and kindly ask you to consider the welfare and benefit to the Central Otago community, from regular employment and an enlightened living experience given to ratepayers, through farmer and orchard or viticulture investment, often through the use of summer irrigation water aiding production, which is essential for active rural communities.

Clause

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? All submissions will be considered by the Environment Court. Please indicate if you wish to be heard in support of your submission.

Position

I wish to be heard in support of my submission

Notes

Clause

Please indicate your choice(s) below. If you do not indicate your intention to call experts, you can change your mind later and decide to call experts to give evidence in relation to your submission, provided you do so in time to meet any procedural direction the Environment Court might make.

Position

If others make a similar submission I/we would consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing

Notes

Clause

Authority to act:

Position

I confirm I have the authority to sign this submission on behalf of the submitter

Notes