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**From:** Otago Regional Council <notifications@engagementhq.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, 10 April 2020 1:07 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**

Tim Le Comte

**Name of organisation (if applicable)**

Recreational miner

**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')*

The Plan Change and s32 analysis does not acknowledge or understand the numerous suction dredge gold miners in Otago who are forced to seek consent, including for non-consumptive water takes. The proposed policies and rules do not provide any policy support to these non-consumptive takes and force them via a non-complying consenting pathway and a maximum duration of six years. Given the costs associated with renewing consents this presents an unnecessary burden on hobby gold dredgers with no environmental benefit.

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

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

Provide for non-consumptive takes such as suction gold dredging as a permitted or controlled activity and adopt a sensible term of consent for these takes rather than a blanket 6-year term that is commensurate with the (if any) effects on the environment.

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

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

Your plan change has not considered non-consumptive takes that have no impact on the environment but require a resource consent. It would be counter-intuitive to force a non-consumptive take via a non-complying consent process and require a maximum duration of 6 years. Many non-consumptive takes are in conjunction other consents, and a 6-year maximum term will require the cost and frustration of having to seek further consents from your Council outside the natural consenting cycle.