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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

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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')

Our submission relates to Plan Change 7 in its entirety

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

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

We oppose Plan Change 7 in its entirety

Give reasons for the decision you want made:

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

Locharburn Station has been in the Brown Family for 70 years and water for irrigation has given the property a balance for grazing merino sheep and Hereford cattle. It has always been the policy to use this resource efficiently to add value to the operation. A change in irrigation methods has seen wild flood with numerous water races replaced with border dyke and now sprinkler irrigation has allowed the same quantity of water to cover an increased area, but all these changes come at considerable cost and take time as finances permit. We have an allocation to irrigate 103 hectares which is essential to grow anything on the dry gravelly soils on the Pisa Flats. We have 2 small private Resource Consents and have an allocation from the Pisa Irrigation Company. The majority of our irrigation water comes from the Lochar Creek a tributary off the Pisa Range. The flow is variable and by January February it is necessary to manage carefully to enable all properties to have access to some water. The balance of our irrigation water comes from the Clutha River. The irrigation scheme was commissioned in 1954 to supply water to 6 soldier settlements for pastoral farming on the Pisa Flats, since then the same quantity of water is now used by 75 shareholders and covers considerably more area. The land use has changed and the need for a reliable water supply is more important than ever. Stock water is available to animals in all blocks, and domestic water is used by households. As farmers caring for the environment is a priority. We farm in a conservative way, fertiliser is only applied as the soils require it and on the recommendation of a consultant after soils have been tested. We have retained a considerable area of kanuka throughout the property as we see it as valuable shelter for our stock on the high country and a habitat for the bird life. We value the trees that have been planted for shelter as we believe all animals need shade from the hot summer sun. Decision sought * Continuation of existing allocations * Resource Consents for a reasonable time * Reasonable administration and compliance costs Locharburn Station support the Pisa Irrigation Company and the Otago Water Resource Users Group submissions.