

ORC Water Permits Plan Change

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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 the plan change or the whole plan change.

Position

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

Notes

Proposed Plan change 7 sections:10A 2.2, 10A 3.1.1, 10A 4.1, 10A 4.4

Clause

The specific part(s) of the matter that my submission relates to are:

Notes

Resource consents, limits to land under irrigation, Maximum allocations,

Clause

What is your view on the matter 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 reasons for my views are:

Notes

10A 2.2 New Resource Consent only for 6 years. Farmers need long term planning, 6 years is far to short a time with major financial commitments. 10A 3.1.1 Why limit the land under irrigation. Surely with current climate for greater food production and export earnings greater than ever this country needs to continue to expand irrigation of dry land with plenty of potential to grow all sorts of produce. Unproductive land to productive land is common sense. i. The cost of doing this is out of hand already. Where is the actual accountability in monitoring costs. 10A 4.1 Maximum allocations: While it sounds okay in reality it can be unfair. Example on the driest year we have had in the last 7 years a mechanical breakdown of the Pivot caused the pivot to be unused approx. a month in the driest part of a very hot year the average maximum was not the true maximum. There needs to be a plus 20% for these allocations. 10A 4.4 Our farm is on a rural stock water scheme, if this scheme fails in any way our back up is using water from our permitted activity. We use it at times now to supplement our stock water. This is an important issue for us to have this as a backup as we have no natural water on the property, only the aquifer water.

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What decision would you like the Environment Court to make?

Position

Decline the plan change

Notes

As above

Clause

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

Notes

Many of the plans are not practical or workable.

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 do not wish to be heard in support of my submission

Notes**Clause**

Authority to act:

Position

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

Notes

The submitter have elected to withhold their personal details from publication.