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From: Otago Regional Council <notifications@engagementhq.com>
Sent: Sunday, 3 May 2020 5:08 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

Timothy David Herbert

Name of organisation (if applicable)

Omakau Fuel Services

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

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

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

We Oppose The Full PC7 Plan Change

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

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

I would like the plan change to be removed completely it serves no positive purpose for our town, community or business

Give reasons for the decision you want made:

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

PC7 should be removed completely because it will result in a significant loss of income for our farming community with no environmental gain. The ORC have already caused a lot of stress and expense on the farming sector in our region and this Plan Change has further exacerbated the situation. The proposal to issue short term permits for a much reduced water allocation for an area that was irrigated one year 3 years ago is a nonsense. Farmers need long term permits so they can make capital investment decisions. If they are using the water efficiently and looking after the environment then they should be given the water back with long term permits. The success of farming is crucial to the vitality of Omakau. we provide a farm fuel delivery business to the wider Omakau region. We are able to employ 2 staff which helps support 1 family. Farmers would be 95% of our customers. petroleum products are used a fair amount in a farming operation from use in farm vehicles for cultivation to the use of pumping water to and the operation and maintenance of spray irrigators. In the summer months irriagation would be 60% of my total income with farmers using petroleum in vehicles to keep crop growing and also cultivating. the other 40% would be in winter when they use vehicles to feed this crop out to animals. The Manuherikia River is my backyard. We enjoy swimming, fishing and picnicking in and near the river. I have nearly spent my entrie life in Omakau and i wish to bring up a family here aswell. If This Plan goes ahead sadly I will not be able to to this as the plan changes will see my business crumble and almost not survive. This delay in updating the current Water Plan to be compliant with the National Policy Statement is the fault of the ORC not the farming community. The farmers should get their long term permits and any changes to those permits can be at the cost of the ORC at a later date once they have got their Plans updated. I plead with you to think about the impact this will have on not only my business but surrounding businesses, my family, my community our lives We need to support the backbone of our country, if it doesn't have the resources they need to produce what this country is known for how are the meant to support us and our communities. Remember if you've eating today thats thanks to a farmer.