



Otago Regional Council

SUBMISSION FORM – Proposed Plan Change 7(Water Permits) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago

Form 5, Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

Full name of submitter: Jeff Hall.....

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Telephone: [redacted].....

I ~~wish~~ ^{do not wish} (circle preference) to be heard in support of my further submission.

If others made a similar submission, I ~~will~~ ^{not} consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing. (Delete if you would not consider presenting a joint case)

Trade competitor's declaration (if applicable)
I could ~~could~~ ^{not} (circle one) gain an advantage in trade competition from this submission

- I am (circle one) 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.

Signature of submitter:J W Hall..... *J. Hall*
Date: ...3/5/20.....
(Or person authorised to sign on behalf of person making submission.
Signature not required if you make your submission by electronic means)

Please note that all submissions are made available for public inspection.

State what your submission relates to and if you support, oppose, or want it amended:
(e.g. support rule 'x', or amend policy 'y')

My submission is in regard to our water permit 2002.365 and the proposed plan change which I oppose !

My first point is that over the years we have been given direction from the ORC along the way about how things would change regarding efficiency in water use . Since very early on we have struggled financially but have chipped away and organised our farm wether it be re fencing to fit a more efficient irrigation scheme or re pasturing to increase profit or by draining areas to make more profitable land .

Finally we put our infrastructure in at great cost ., this was done in consultation with members of the ORC who told us that this was the correct course of action .

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Fast forward a year and a new employee of ORC as the previous person had moved on told us that we should have built a dam first and stored water !

This shows just how different individual opinions can be in getting the right information . We have invested 20 years in getting to this position and a huge amount of finance to get to where we are now which is about 60% of the way . We will need to invest a huge amount of money to build a dam for storage but this will give us certainty of supply over the summer and also put a second irrigator in . This will not be financed for a short term permit .

The ORC has dissardged the efforts of farmers and consultants over the last few years where we have supposed to have been working to an objective and at the last minute having the goal posts shifed just before we present a case and the same is happening again . .

We have improved the way we farm the way we irrigate and made everything we do more efficient . The way I see it the ORC has done the exact opposite as it is now the most inefficient council probably in the country . Everyone needs to communicate better as we are all wanting to just get on with things and with the economy heading towards a nose dive we really do need some long term security over our water to proceed with what we are needing to do .

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State what decision you want the Otago Regional Council to make:
(e.g. amend policy 'y' to say....)

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Cancel the plan change !!!.....

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Give reasons for the decision you want made: .
(e.g. I want policy 'y' changed because...)

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- 1 We have spent enough already so to do so all over again in 6 years would be prohibitive
 - 2 We have spent a huge amount of time on this which in effect will have just pushed pause !
 - 3 Investment will stop if we only get a short term permit !
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Please attach any additional information.

SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5.00 PM ON Monday 4 May 2020

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Please note:

Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the authority is satisfied that at least 1 of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission):

- it is frivolous or vexatious;
- it discloses no reasonable or relevant case;
- it would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further;
- it contains offensive language;
- it is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.

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