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To: Policy Reply
Subject: Non consumptive water takes

Suction dredge gold mining and other land based mining operations are an activity that involves a non-consumptive take of water. We seek a revised set of policies and rules that acknowledge non-consumptive takes.

I oppose the blanket provision that limits new water permits for a duration of six years as non-consumptive takes have not been considered in this plan change. Non-consumptive takes should not be assessed as a non-complying activity,

I seek the following relief (Additions are underlined and in bold)

Policy 10A.2.2 Irrespective of any other policies in this Plan concerning consent duration, only grant new resource consents for the take and use of water for a duration of no more than six years, **except for non-consumptive takes which may have a greater duration.**

Rule 10A.3.1.1 Despite any other rule or rules in this Plan;
a) any activity that is currently authorised under a Deemed Permit; or b) the take and use of surface water (including groundwater considered as surface water under policy 6.4.1A (a), (b) and (c) of this Plan) that is currently authorised by an existing water permit where that water permit expires prior to 31 December 2025;

is a controlled activity provided the following conditions are met:

- (i) **Except for non-consumptive takes,** the consent duration sought is no more than six years; and
- (ii) The deemed permit or water permit that is being replaced is a valid permit; and ..."
- (vii) Non-consumptive takes will be assessed as a controlled activity**