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**From:** Otago Regional Council <notifications@engagementhq.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, 4 May 2020 4:06 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**

Sam Stevens

**Name of organisation (if applicable)**

Farmer

**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)*

No

**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')*

The Submitter opposes Plan Change 7. The Submitter wishes to have the Plan Change 7 revoked in its entirety. The Submitter asks the following questions: 1. Has a thorough economic analysis been undertaken of the costs to rate payers and businesses in the region that depend on water? 2. Does this plan change help our region with the National Freshwater proposals? 3. Does this plan change meet the long term economic and environmental needs of this region? 4. Does this plan change align with the objectives of the RMA? 5. How does a shortened time allocation of water consents enable water users to plan and develop effective and sustainable methods of water use? 6. How does not allowing water users to increase the area for irrigation encourage them to develop more sustainable and effective use of their existing water quotas? The Submitter respectfully asks the council to consider these questions carefully in their deliberations about the Pan Change.

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

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

To revoke in its entirety Plan Change 7 and to have water permit/consent applications heard and decided under the current planning documentation.

**Give reasons for the decision you want made:**

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

As a shareholder in the Ida Valley Irrigation Scheme I want this Plan Change to be completely abandoned until a proper economic analysis is done to ensure the survival of pastoral farming, horticulture and viticulture in our region. This plan needs to be changed as it is expensive and will potentially many layers of bureaucracy that will only benefit consultants, engineers, hydrologists and lawyers, without any benefit to the people working on the land to provide food and fibre for our export and domestic markets. In this time of uncertainty I feel that this plan will only hinder the economic recovery that this region will desperately need.