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From: Otago Regional Council <notifications@engagementhq.com>
Sent: Sunday, 3 May 2020 4:54 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

Anna Tyrrell

Name of organisation (if applicable)

N/A

Email

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Postal Address (or alternative method of contact)

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Phone number

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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')

1. I oppose the short term of replacement permits (maximum 6 years). 2. I oppose the limit on area permitted to be irrigated.

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

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

1. Remove the 6 year limit on replacement permits in favour of a longer term, or rollover existing permits as they stand to 31/12/2025 and reassess under the new Regional Land & Water Plan once that is operational.
2. Remove the restriction on area permitted to be irrigated.

Give reasons for the decision you want made:

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

1. Short term permits give no surety for the future so people will be reluctant to invest in infrastructure or other changes to improve efficiency for a relatively short timescale. Additional cost to having to reapply for permits twice in a short timescale. 2. If the aim is to leave more water in the river for environmental benefit, why limit the amount of land the extracted water is permitted to be spread over? I can accept the concept of receiving a smaller "bucket" of abstracted water for my quota... (hypothetically say I have an 8-litre bucket now, I may only be allowed a 5-litre bucket in the future). BUT, if I can be more efficient and spread my smaller bucket of water over a larger area that should be encouraged, not forbidden! Limiting the area to a historical fixed point provides no incentive for improvements in efficiency, as I cannot use any water I save in one area to benefit another. If I can spread the water over a larger area by being more efficient, that means less water applied per square metre of land, therefore less likely to be runoff, therefore less likely to be leaching of nutrients. Limiting irrigated area to the 2017-18 season makes no allowance for people who have ALREADY invested since then (eg newly planted cherry orchards, vineyards, land and quota already purchased). Under PPC7 rules these orchards and vineyards would no longer be able to be irrigated, EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE NOW IN PLACE.