

Sample of the letter to General Stakeholders

7 August 2009

Dear

Proposed Plan Change 1 to the Waimakariri River Regional Plan 2004 (WRRP) - proposes changes to the flow and allocation regime for the Waimakariri River mainstem and other minor changes in the Waimakariri River Regional Plan 2004

You have been sent this letter and a copy of the public notice because you have been identified as a person/organisation who may be interested in or directly affected by this change.

The Waimakariri Regional River Plan manages the allocation of water in the Waimakariri Catchment (and stream depleting groundwater) for abstraction. The changes affect abstraction from the mainstem of the river. The main changes encompassed in Proposed Change 1 are:

- To introduce a "gap" between the A and B Block of 30 m³s⁻¹ and a B Block size of 40 m³s⁻¹;
- To introduce a rule requiring temporary cessation of water takes when a fresh comes through after a period of low flows (which will apply to both A and B block consent holders); and
- A proposal to move the flow recorder site from Old Highway Bridge to Otarama.

There are other minor or consequential changes to improve plan implementation.

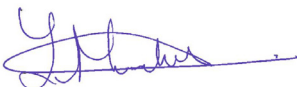
The Waimakariri River Regional Plan (2004) can be viewed on the Environment Canterbury website, www.ecan.govt.nz/Plans+and+reports/water/Waimakariri+River+Regional+Plan, or is available on CD free of charge from Environment Canterbury Customer Services.

In accordance with Clause 5 of Schedule 1 of the RMA, notice is given that Proposed Plan Change 1 to the Waimakariri River Regional Plan has been prepared by Environment Canterbury (the Canterbury Regional Council), and is now available for public submissions until **5.00 p.m., Friday 11 September 2009**.

The enclosed public notice explains where Proposed Plan Change 1 can be inspected, that any person can make a submission, the process for public participation, the closing date for submissions, and the address for service. It also explains how copies can be obtained, and the cost.

During the five week submission period, staff will be available to meet you or your organisation to discuss Proposed Plan Change 1. Please contact Anna Veltman on phone (03) 372 7081 if you would like to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely



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