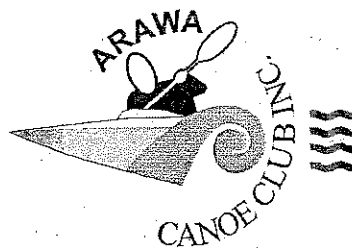


## **ARAWA CANOE CLUB**

**In the matter of the Central Plains Water Trust applications for Resource Consent to take and use water from the Rakaia and Waimakariri Rivers, and related applications.**



**Submission regarding the Minute/directions of Commissioners and Request for Further Information, dated 1 April 2009.**

This submission addresses the request for information, Associated Issues, section 28(d). It outlines our concerns about the possible effects on kayaking that might occur if the CPW project continued without the proposed Waianiwaniwa dam and reservoir.

### **Assumptions**

For this submission, the following assumptions are made:

1. It is assumed that the proposed Waianiwaniwa dam and reservoir, and the upper Waimakariri intake will not be consented, but that consents to take water, and related work will still be considered by the Commissioners.
2. It is assumed that micro-storage or alternative locations (such as the Lees Valley) aren't taken into consideration at this stage.
3. It is assumed that Central Plains Water (CPW) will still want to take up to 40 cumecs from the Waimakariri and Rakaia Rivers.
4. The evidence given by the Arawa Canoe Club in our original submission, and the points made, remain the same.

### **Implications of no reservoir**

5. With no major storage capacity, the CPW scheme will need to draw water at all possible times (i.e. residual flows greater than 41 cumecs) to ensure continuity and reliability of supply. In discussions during the initial hearings, CPW engineers expressed the possibility of reducing their take from the Waimakariri to allow for some kayaking activities, and the fear now is that this possible compromise may no longer be possible.
6. Kayakers have everything to lose from the proposed Waimakariri water take and nothing to gain, which made early discussions of a compromise with CPW engineers a small relief. The Arawa Canoe Club now fears that CPW will have less room to manoeuvre and the outcome of the 'no-reservoir' array of consents would mean considerably more days of low to very low flow in the Waimakariri River than were originally suggested.

## **Summary**

7. The lack of large scale water storage reinforces our fear that there will be an inadequate residual flow of the Waimakariri River (as described in our original evidence) which will have a dramatic effect on the recreational amenity of the river, and as a result we must recommend that consents for the entire scheme be declined.

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