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Evidence for Opposing Central Plains Water Scheme.

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No mandate for CPW to be an Acquiring Authority

The CPW Trust has no legitimate right to become an acquiring authority because there has been no vote by the rate payers giving them the mandate to proceed with this irrigation scheme. I understand under the land Acquisition Act a vote resulting in a 70% majority of all rate payers has to proceed before land can be compulsorily acquired for any irrigation scheme. No vote took place so I believe, from my memory of the act, that they are proceeding unlawfully by gaining the power of being an acquiring authority.

Until a vote of all rate payers has been undertaken giving a clear majority in favour of this irrigation scheme the Application for Resource Consent by CPW should therefore be discontinued as of now.

CPW conspiring to home invade

The Waianiwaniwa valley cannot be flooded as it is a place of Human Habitation. Every one has the right to live with out fear of home invasion. No one can enter another persons house uninvited. Home invasion in society is regarded as a crime by the police. By threatening to invade another persons house the CPW should be charged by our independent Police under the home invasion act. They are conspiring to commit an unlawful act and therefore the police should act to to maintain the law of our land.

Peace keepers needed

I oppose this irrigation scheme by CPW because it could result in violence with the possible loss of life. When the Ashburton irrigation scheme was built a farmer stood in front of the Bulldozer with a shotgun. After negotiation the man changed his mind and let the bulldozer onto his property. Just six month ago I was told by an affected property owner " If they try coming on to my place I will get my gun out ". The only solution I can see to stop this type of action is to have a independent peace keeping force to protect property owners from the CPW. The United Nations should be asked to send Peace Keepers to protect the Public from the CPW earth moving machines.

Church Of the Open Door Te Pirita

I oppose the demolition of this Church to make way for an Irrigation canal.

Facts about the Church.

Opened in 1951 as a Methodist Church.

Paid for by the Te Pirita community.

Used for services until about 1993.

The church has a brass plaque on the wall in memory of Private C W Reddecliffe who was killed in action in Italy on the 20th June 1944. The Reddecliffes owned a farm in Te Pirita.

The Church was sold in year 2000 and opened as an Open Church.

Many people have past through the door since then with nearly 500 entries in the visitors book. People have come from all over New Zealand as well as the world. Holland, Ireland,

Australia, Germany, America, Sirlanka and England are all named in the visitors book.

These are some of the comments written in the visitors book,

Peaceful, Lovely, God bless us all, Bless the lord o my soul, Calm, Keep it up, Crikey, Good buy, Really cool and small, It is my God place, So peaceful, A place of peace, Awesome, Good place to visit and pray,A place of peace, I love this place, Beautifully, Serenity at its best, Thank you lord for answered prayers, Nice to feel Gods presence in a foreign land, An Island of peace, God is good, Fatal followed us in, Best church ever, wonderful, What a wonderful idea. My father built this church, Thankyou, Restful, We are eternal.

Steve Irwin " the Crocodile conservationist " Made an entry in the visitors book shortly before he died. I wonder if Steve noticed the Geckos that reside in the Church. These Geckos eat the flies that come into the building. Geckos are a protected native animal and I believe that their habitats are not allowed to be destroyed.

This Church has been described as a "Holy Place" by one person who had many answered Prayers that he prayed in this Church. I my self have had prayers answered from praying in this "Holy place ". Buying the Church was also an answer to my prayer, " God if you want me to preach then find me a place".

This is my place to preach the good news of Jesus and to praise his name. I will now Preach for Five minutes for you to hear the Gospel as it is preached in the Open Door Church at Te Pirita.5min preach.....

I ask that the Church building will not be harmed in any way by this Irrigation scheme.

Also that access to the site be not altered in anyway as alot off people that come just stop because the the Church is so assessable.

Also I ask that the Peace and Quietness remains around this Church. A person can not pray with all his mind on God when there is noise. I ask that no noise will be made on a Sunday that could be heard in side the church building.

I also ask that the Geckos be protected in the church and in the trees be hind the church.

In conclusion I ask that the church remains a place of peace, prayer and praise forever,

Thank you Christopher Dennis.