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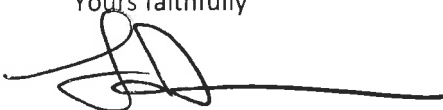
Environment Canterbury
P O Box 345
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Attention: Johanna Christensen

Dear Ms Christensen

Further to my letter 23 June 2008 please find enclosed written submission.

Yours faithfully



Frank Denson

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The Commissioners

CENTRAL PLAINS WATER
TRUST HEARING

Written Submission on behalf

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**The Commissioners
Central Plains Water Trust Hearing**

Our property is contained within the small "elbow" of land situated above the Waimakariri River Terraces. It was designated an "area of outstanding landscape" in the previous District Scheme when we purchased the property more than twelve years ago. It is directly adjacent to the area of river terrace that the holding canal and proposed tunnel portal.

We are bounded by an extremely narrow gravel road that falls steeply down to the Kowhai and Waimakariri river. The fall is over 50m for a distance of 700m. In the winter the road is prone to many slips and washouts and in the summer becomes very dry and dusty. There is no way that this road would be capable of sustaining heavy traffic and one of the "hairpin" bends cannot be negotiated in a single turning maneuver by heavy vehicles. Photographs included show the road to be 4.2 metres wide at the entrance to the steep incline, this narrows to less than 3m on many parts of the steep decline when washouts occur it is 4WD territory and passing in many places is difficult and requires nerves of steel.

Previously when the council used the Kowhai to crush metal and truck it out for roading repairs we lived in a virtual "dustbowl". That was for a very short period but to live under such conditions for the period of the CPW scheme would be unbearable.

None of the roads surrounding our home are capable of sustaining activity by heavy vehicles access to Keens Road is predominately by way of Wrights Road 11klms of which is shingle and at sometimes through the year it is almost possible to lose a small compact car down a pothole.

I urge the Commissioners to visit the area and take cognizance which is much more than Mr Marsh of the CPW ever has. When I approached him his reply was that he did not know a house "existed" where we live. This illustrates the typical attitude of CPW. We sincerely believe not enough "homework" or consultation with landowners has been put into this scheme and I fear the cost overruns and damage to the environment if it goes ahead will be enormous. Certainly the roading infrastructure surrounding our property cannot sustain this project.

Yours faithfully



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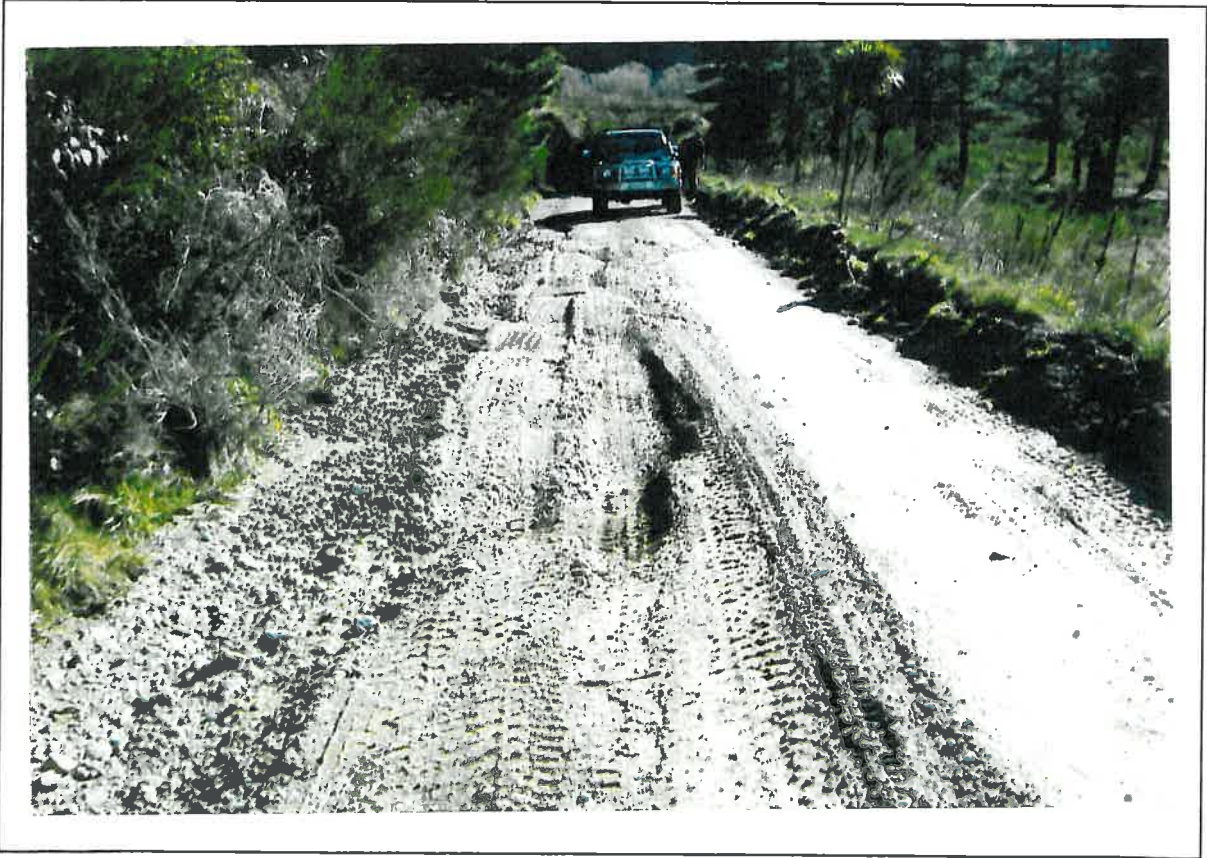
Keens Road before dropping down to River Terrace. Note Speed restriction and narrow road sign.

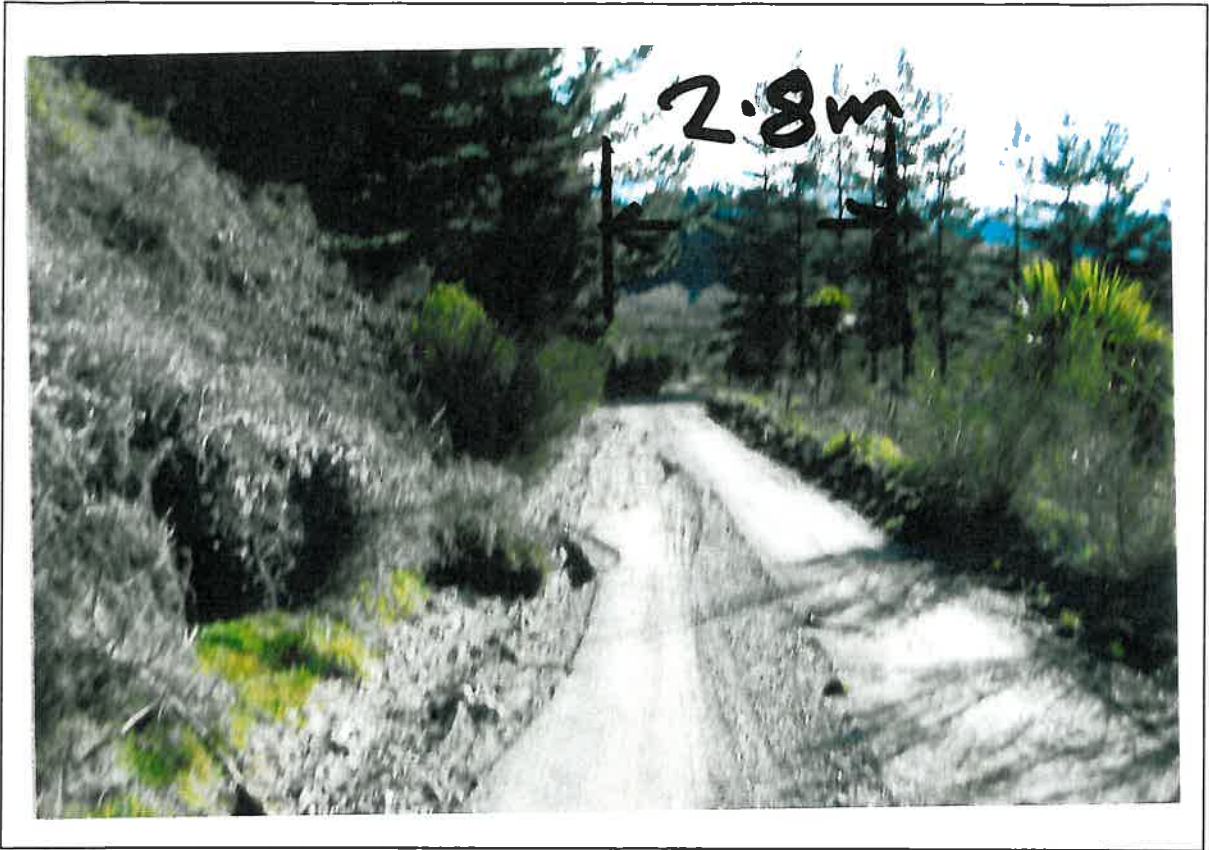


Road Boundary to T-papa and first sharp bend.



Entrance to steep decline and hairpin bend. 4.2 metres between posts from this point road drops 50m to river flat





Typical sections of steep portion of road.