

Evidence from Kimberley Residents for Aug 5 hearings in Darfield

Commissioners for Central Plains Irrigation Hearings

We the undersigned are farmers or residents of the Kimberley area North of Darfield affected by the feeder canals designated to go down Auchenflower and Boultons Roads. See map-file 42156547 18/9/2006 URS Map 3 Rev B

We are all supporters of the Central Plains Irrigation Scheme but strongly request meaningful consultation both on any changes other than below, and on piping options to supply water to more distant users.

Previous representations to Walter Lewthwaite from a landowner of this area leading to scheme changes did not reflect the wishes of the majority.

Our strong preference is for Canal D2 to continue running down Tramway Road from the Kimberley/Tramway intersection to the Tramway/Addingtons Road intersection.

There are six houses on a stretch just under 2.5 kilometres long on Auchenflower Road plus Kimberley Domain. There are no dwellings on the preferred Tramway Road route, where there is an existing main water-race and Council reserve strip.

Also we wish Canal D3.1 down Boultons Road to be eliminated as unnecessary and an unfair imposition on property owners already obliged to accommodate another canal nearby on the same farm. The explanation that D3.1 is needed for by-wash purposes looks weak given its proximity to its source and the availability of redundant Council owned shingle pits adjacent to canals.

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