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Attention Johanna Christensen

Dear Johanna

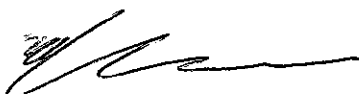
We think that a considerable amount of time at the Central Plains Water Scheme hearing was allocated to a small number of people who had personal concerns about their property or recreational opportunities etc. The vast bulk of submitters have had much wider and more important concerns but they have been relegated to the tail end and hearing their submissions appears to be little more than a token gesture.

We are concerned about the risks and impacts of the Scheme on the 350,000 people living in Christchurch and the 30,000 people living in the Selwyn area. These risks and impacts are far more important than any other considerations. Under normal circumstances the Christchurch City Council and Selwyn District Council would make a big effort to protect the interests of their residents but the Councils are in a compromised position because they are the promoters and supporters of the Scheme.

We have done a lot of research and our submission consists of 8 pages and 20 appendices. A significant amount of the information we have provided is not likely to be in any other submission so it cannot be prejudged as being a duplication of other submissions. We are not prepared to have the interests of the 380,000 people living in the area largely ignored so we want to make sure that the information contained in our submission is read and properly considered.

We think we should be able to make a 30 minute presentation before all commissioners. However, if this is denied we would settle for less providing all commissioners read the submission we have prepared.

Yours sincerely



Grant Nelson  
Secretary