



SUBMITTER – Des J Conlan

- 1.0 I am the Spokes Person for the Maerewhenua Water Users Group which comprises of:
 - Steve Fenwick
 - Norm McKenzie
 - Ross McKenzie
 - Mike Moynihan
 - David Ruddenklau
 - Des Conlan

- 2.0 The Maerewhenua Water Users Group opposes Mr Gillingham's application for consents to take water from the Maerewhenua River.

- 3.0 We wish to preserve our current water allocation to the extent that the Waitaki Catchment Regional Water Allocation Plan allows.

- 4.0 We have extended an invitation to Mr Gillingham to join our group and work within our present consents but he has declined that offer.

- 5.0 Some members of our group have in the past surrendered water rights. R McKenzie, N McKenzie and M Moynihan voluntarily surrendered part of their consents as a result of discussion with the Waitaki Catchment Commission and Regional Water Board. More recently M Moynihan relinquished his mining privilege in favour of a new water permit issued under the RMA 91.

- 6.0 Members of our group know the value of their consents and have been, and are still, upgrading their irrigation infrastructures and looking at or under taking ways to add security to their consents, (water harvesting and storage, conversion of border dyke to spray including centre pivot irrigation, and introduction of 12 hour watering on one property).

- 7.0 We are mindful of our changing climate as witnessed by the changing rainfall figures from the Danseys Pass area. (Records attached).

- 8.0 In consultation with R J Hall from GHD Limited we have carried out river flow monitoring to better understand the river and what influence irrigation has on it.

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ON BEHALF OF THE MAEREWHENUA WATER USERS GROUP

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