

Environment Canterbury
PO Box 345,
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Attention Ms Cerri

Hunter Downs Resource Consent Application - Call for Submissions

We write further to the invitation in your letter of 14 December to submit on 3 supplementary points regarding Hunter Downs Irrigation Limiteds application to take water from the Waitaki River.

If this application is to be granted, we simply wish to endorse the Commissioners wish to have the annual volume of water allocated to this scheme limited to that which will provide a reasonably reliable supply. Following this principle will mean no more water than is necessary is allocated to any given consent from the Waitaki River on an annual basis. Not only does this comply with the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Plan provisions for efficient use but we consider that maintaining water volume in the river is one of the key parameters to protect instream environmental values.

We also consider that a lapse period of 7 years is more appropriate than 10 as during this period there is inevitably uncertainty about the rivers future.

Please can you convey this to the Commissioners.

Thankyou very much.

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