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Attached is a copy of a letter from Rob Young, Area Manager, DOC, Twizel in response to a request from Anita Wainrock on coastal land use permits, related to upper Waitaki consents. I have posted the original, but unsure whether it will arrive by Friday.

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Dear Ciana

RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS TO TAKE AND USE WATER IN THE UPPER WAITAKI CATCHMENT AND OTHER ASSOCIATED APPLICATIONS – Requirements for additional consents

I refer to a letter from Anita Warnock dated 11 February 2010 inviting comments on the above matter.

I advise that the emergence of the need for additional resource consents for minor diversions of surface water does not in itself raise any new issues in addition to those already raised by the Department through its submissions and evidence which have been provided to the hearing committee.

Issues relevant to the Department's interests raised by diversions and the installation of intake structures are addressed at paragraphs 38 of the evidence of Mr David Murray on native birds, and at paragraphs 75 to 88 of Dr Allibone's evidence on native fish. Dr Allibone and Mr Murray request in their evidence that robust conditions be imposed on any resource consents granted including the following key requirements:

- That the construction of water intakes be restricted to avoid the main bird breeding season of August to January
- that any works or excavation not occur within 100 metres of birds, while nesting or rearing their young
- that vehicles and machinery, as far as practicable, do not enter river channels containing flowing water and that machinery be thoroughly cleaned prior to entering the work sites to avoid introduction of weeds (Mr Murray in respect of birds); and
- the use of fine mesh screens to prevent fish entrainment
- maintenance of fish passage, and
- sediment control measures (Dr Allibone in respect of native fish).

I trust this information is helpful to the committee.

Yours faithfully


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