

11 February 2010

**Letter mailed to Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu,
Department of Conservation,
Central South Island Fish and Game**

Dear Sir/Madam

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991
RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS – TO TAKE AND USE WATER IN THE UPPER
WAITAKI CATCHMENT AND OTHER ASSOCIATED APPLICATIONS
Requirements for additional consent**

It has been identified as part of the audit of applications for water and land-use permits in the Upper Waitaki Catchment that a number of applicants are proposing minor diversions of surface water to undertake works associated with the installation of intake structures.

Unlike the Proposed Natural Resources Regional Plan (PNRRP) that permits these minor diversions subject to conditions, the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan (WCWARP) does not include rules permitting any diversion of water. Consent for these activities is therefore legally required under the plan.

The applicants have described these diversions, provided mitigation measures and assessed the impacts of these diversions to varying degrees in their applications or in evidence presented at the hearing, however have not yet applied for applications to carry out these activities.

It would assist the Commissioners hearing these applications if you could provide your opinion on whether you consider that these diversions could have any impact on your interests as a potentially affected party.

If you do have concerns or wish to express an opinion on this matter, please respond in writing directly to Ms Ciana Cerri at Environment Canterbury by Friday the 26th of February. If we do not hear from you by this date, it will be assumed that you do not consider that the activity will have an impact on your interests.

Yours sincerely

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CONSENTS PROJECT LEADER

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