

**IN THE MATTER OF** the Resource Management Act 1991

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF** 61 consent applications to take, use, divert and dam water and 51 associated discharge and land use consent applications in the Upper Waitaki Catchment.

**Memorandum in response to Commissioners 25<sup>th</sup> Minute on behalf of the Director-General of Conservation**

**Introduction**

1. The Hearing Committee has directed submitters to report on progress on completion of draft consent conditions and any issues impacting the completion of this part of the hearings process.
2. Evidence and legal submissions on behalf of the Director-General of Conservation (the Department) were presented at the hearing particularly relating to the impacts of the proposed developments on water quality and habitats of threatened species. Consent conditions were raised as a possible mechanism to address some of those issues.
3. Since presenting that evidence and submissions, the Department has not been approached by the applicants or Environment Canterbury to be involved in any discussions relating to possible consent conditions. No draft set of conditions has been circulated to the Department nor advice sought on whether particular conditions would meet concerns raised by the Director-General.
4. Accordingly, the Department is unaware of what the problems might be preventing the completion of a draft set of conditions. The Department has had no involvement and is not aware of the current state of or issues covered by draft consent conditions.
5. The Department is and continues to be available to assist in the formulation of consent conditions.

Dated this 13 day of October 2010



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for the Director-General of Conservation