

Upper Waitaki Hearing – 15th Minute of Commissioners

Dated 28 January 2010

In response to the request from the counsel representing Five Rivers, Southdown Holdings Limited and Williamson Holdings Limited seeking determination from the committee to make a decision regarding the water right applications without the resolution of the effluent applications.

By way of introduction I am Jenny Howey representing “The Blue Family Trust” immediate neighbour to the proposed site for the taking of water by Southdown Holdings Ltd. for the proposed irrigation of dairy farms on Glen Eyrie Downs.

-We (The Blue Family Trust) remain against the application by Southdown Holdings Ltd. To take water from Lake Ohau from the proposed site in Boat Harbour (Maori Bay) for **ALL** the reasons stated in our submission presented to the Commissioners at Twizel Monday 16 November 2009.

-The taking of water is inextricably linked with the production of effluent, its storage and dispersal/disposal. One is a consequence of the other such that one simply cannot be taken on its own.

-We therefore believe this whole case should be discussed with the Minister for the Environment as to process.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond
Blue Family Trust