



2 February 2010

Mrs Ciana Cerri  
Environment Canterbury  
P.O. Box 345  
Christchurch

Dear Mrs Cerri,

**UPPER WAITAKI WATER CONSENT APPLICATIONS**

Thank you for sending the Memorandum of Counsel on behalf of Southdown Holding Ltd, Five Rivers Ltd and Williamson Holdings Ltd, in which you have asked for a response on the respective water right applications by 4 February 2010.

The Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Board considers that the applications dealing with the effluent discharge from the intensive dairying proposals should be resolved prior to determining the applicants' water right applications.

Please forward our position on this request to the Commissioners.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Lowndes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Lowndes  
Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Board Chairman

