



2 February 2010,  
Mrs Ciana Cerri,  
Consents Hearings Officer  
Environment Canterbury

**RE application to take water in the Upper Waitaki Catchment 15<sup>th</sup> Minute Of  
the Commissioners**

Dear Mrs Cerri,  
Thank you for the memorandum of counsel on behalf of Southdown Holding Ltd, Five Rivers Ltd and Williamson Holdings Ltd, which requests a response on their water right application by Thursday, 4 February. The position of the Mackenzie Guardians is that the committee should not make a determination on the applicants' water right application without a prior resolution of the effluent application. We thank you for informing the commissioners as to our position.

Yours faithfully,

Jane Zusters  
On behalf Mackenzie Guardians