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Dear Sirs

Resource Management Act 1991
Re Your 15th Minute relating to the Memorandum of Counsel on behalf of Southdown Holdings Ltd and Williamson Holdings Ltd

I refer to your Memorandum of 28th January 2010 re the request of the view of all parties to this proceeding on the issues forwarded by Mr C N Whata, Counsel for Southdown Holdings Ltd and Williamson Holdings Ltd.

I represent Mrs M Horo, the Trustee of Ohau Company Trust, a farming property on Quailburn Road, Omarama which adjoins the Glen Eyrie property owned by Southdown Holdings Ltd.

I am also aware of the land type and current productivity levels of the Killermont Station property owned by Williamson Holdings Ltd.

In terms of land inventory and soil types, it is considered that both properties would respond particularly well to irrigation. I refer to the Killermont property which lies at approximately 500 metres above sea level and contains free draining soils of very limited natural productivity. It is significant to note that there are several properties adjoining Killermont which are fully irrigated and showing good response. I believe Killermont could produce a similar agronomic response and that Williamson Holdings has every right to expect a fair and robust review of its irrigation application to develop this land for pastoral production.

With regard to the Glen Eyrie property, it has already been the subject of massive development and improvement since being purchased by Southdown Holdings Ltd. I refer to the removal of several hundred hectares of dense and in parts impenetrable Wilding Pines and the installation of

an infrastructure involving roading access and initial subdivision. Although most of this property lies at 600 metres above sea level, it contains soils which are more than useful and with the installation of irrigation would be a strong and viable pastoral farming unit. I have no knowledge of the Five Rivers property, although the fact that it adjoins Glen Eyrie and has similar altitude and soil types would suggest that it would also respond very favourably to irrigation.

I believe the irrigation applications should be considered along with other irrigation applications in the district and in isolation from the much publicised effluent consent applications.

I would be pleased to discuss any of the above details should you so require.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Ryan', written in a cursive style.

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