

IN THE MATTER OF the Resource management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER OF resource consent application CRC 060253 by
Falconer, Macassey and Cook Allan Gibson Trustee
Co. Limited for a water permit to take and use
surface water in the Upper Waitaki Catchments

To Canterbury Regional Council

RIGHT OF REPLY

My name is David Power and I am a farmer/consultant and part owner of the property.

- 1.** We agree with the recommendations from Councils consent officers in Section 42A addendums and recommendations from the Technical Reports especially the recommendations of Yvette Rodrigo and Mike Freeman, Chris Glasson and Dave Stewart.
- 2.** We have considered the submissions of Forest and Bird, Mackenzie Guardians, Aoraki Conservation Board and Department of Conservation. These submitters have not submitted against this application specifically. As a renewal with many improvements on the original contour flooding irrigation that has existed for many years it is accepted that the effects are minor and can be considered a baseline activity with 30-40 years of irrigation history on the landscape.
- 3.** We have considered the submission from Meridian opposing the granting of this consent but believe their sympathies lie with us. Meridian makes special mention of the situation of renewal applications. It is clear from their submission that they would not appeal this consent being granted and considers them (renewals) a baseline activity within the context of the Mackenzie irrigation area.
- 4.** We have considered the submission of Fish and Game and although we have requested a fish screen slot diameter of 5 mm as a consent condition however

we accept their recommendations of 2 and 3 mm depending on fish screen design.

5. We have considered the submission of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and fully acknowledge their history and association to the area and customary rights to Lake Benmore. Our application gives protection and enhancement to their values.

6. We request that the Commissioners grant this consent application.

Dated: 4th February 2010

David Power
Applicant