

**Statement from Warren Jowett to the Commissioners  
Hearing the applications to take, use and discharge water  
from the Upper Waitaki Catchment**

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*My name is Warren Jowett and I live in Staveley. I own and operate a business called "Tussock and Beech" Ecotours.*

*It frustrates me that we are in the adversarial situation regarding resource consents that have the potential of negative environmental consequences.*

*Has a clearly defined vision been agreed on for the Mackenzie Basin? If not, projects such as are proposed to introduce large-scale dairy operations should be deferred.*

*Is there evidence that scientific investigations have been carried out to determine that water quality will be maintained and even improved as a result of the proposal?*

*Has consideration been given to the effect such large-scale dairy developments will have on the natural landscape? The Mackenzie Basin has the appearance, at present, as appearing almost untouched and it is this that attracts many thousands of visitors to New Zealand. A significant number of them journey through the Mackenzie.*

*I am of the opinion that until a strong vision for the Mackenzie Basin is developed that decisions such as these proposals for large scale dairy development which have short and medium term economic gain as the main driver, be deferred. In today's day and age we should be more concerned with long-term sustainability.*

*These applications for Resource Consents should be declined.*

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