

Sample of the letter sent to submitters.

16 October 2008

Dear

Acknowledgement of your submission on Variation 13 of the Proposed Canterbury Natural Resources Regional Plan

Thank you for making a submission on Variation 13 of the Proposed Canterbury Natural Resources Regional Plan. Variation 13 relates to Chapter 3, Air Quality, and proposes provisions to manage particulate matter in Ashburton. Please accept this letter as an acknowledgement of receipt of your submission.

Environment Canterbury staff have summarised the decisions requested in the submissions received in relation to Variation 13. Where necessary, clarification was sought from submitters. Enclosed please find a copy of the notified 'Summary of the Decisions Requested' (SODR). There is a period for further submissions in support of, or in opposition to, those submissions already made. The further submission period will close 21 November 2008, at 5pm.

Staff at Environment Canterbury will then prepare officer reports that evaluate the submissions and make recommendations on each submission. These officer reports are provided to assist the hearing panel who may consider them at a hearing. The reports do not pre-determine how a submission will be dealt with by the hearing panel as the panel can choose to reject or accept the officer reports, or modify them as they see fit in coming to their decision on each submission. The officer reports will be made available to submitters who wish to be heard, at least five days before the hearing.

Environment Canterbury will then hold a hearing into submissions. All submitters who gave notice of their wish to be heard will be advised of the dates, times, and places of the hearing.

After hearing submissions, Environment Canterbury will serve on every person who made a submission on Variation 13, a copy of its decision on each provision, with reasons for its decisions. In the light of these decisions, the Proposed Canterbury Natural Resources Regional Plan Chapter 3 will be appropriately amended and will be available for public inspection. Any person who made a submission on Variation 13 may lodge an appeal to the Environment Court against any provisions which they referred to in their submission and where they disagree with the Council's decision on their submission.

Following the resolution of any appeals to the Environment Court or subsequent appeals to higher courts, the final step in the process is for Environment Canterbury to make Variation 13 of the Proposed Canterbury Natural Resources Regional Plan operative.

Thank you for your time and effort in making your submission, it is appreciated.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact Customer Services on 0800 0800 324 636.

Yours faithfully



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