



Submission on a Publicly Notified Plan Change

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the First Schedule to the Resource Management Act 1991

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This is a submission on proposed Plan Change 10 - Areas of Significant Nature Conservation Value.

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1. The specific provisions of the proposed Plan Change that my submission relates to are as follows:

see attached

2. My submission is that: See attached

(State in summary the nature of your submission. Clearly indicate whether you support or oppose the specific provisions or wish to have amendments made, giving reasons.)

3. I / We support the above application

I / We oppose the above application



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PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 10- AREAS OF SIGNIFICANT NATURE CONSERVATION

Fish and Game have reviewed and provide the following comments and suggestions on the amendments made through the plan change above.

In general Fish and Game support efforts made by the council to accurately define which areas should be protected as areas of significant conservation in order to avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects on the values identified. Indigenous vegetation surrounding and within water bodies and wetlands assist the functioning of in stream ecosystems. The vegetation provides organic matter as a food resource for invertebrates, shading habitat and most importantly maintains high standard water quality. Therefore Fish and Game believe safeguarding surrounding vegetation is essential to maintaining healthy fisheries.

Fish and Game have considered the plan change and while supporting the majority of amendments, have the following concerns:

Site 26-02-Melish Stream

Central South Island Fish and Game have significant values associated with Melish Stream and therefore have concerns over the group 2 ASCV's boundary change. Melish Stream is a significant salmon spawning area and can contribute up to 36% of surveyed Rakaia River spawning. In addition, trout from Lake Heron also use the stream for spawning purposes. Any land use change upstream of the spawning area has the potential to affect water quality and impact on spawning success. Because of Melish Stream's value to the salmon fishery and the potential for negative impacts, Fish and Game request the upper part of site 26-02 retained.

Site 28-02- Castle Ridge

Central South Island Fish and Game have significant values immediately adjacent to the proposed boundary change for this site. Lake Emily is an important fishery for Brook Char and any change in land use resulting from a boundary change may have affects in its water quality. The new boundary appears to identify wetland areas in association with Lake Emily. Providing this wetland is protected under the new

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boundary it is unlikely this will be an issue for Fish and Game. Therefore that clarification is needed on this point.

Fish and Game request the right to be heard in the event of a hearing.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Devon Christensen', written over the typed name.

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