

- Chair, Don McFarlane
- CEO Bren Esler
- M P Joe Goodhew
- Invited guests and staff of CRT

- Thank you
- Present for a number of years
- Welcome to joining business community of Ashburton
- Heart of the mainland
- District
 - growth
 - location +/- — infill
 - road and rail
 - water
 - Canterbury 70% of New Zealand's irrigated land
 - 560,000 hectares (→ 1 m)
 - 71% of export earnings
 - Dairy
 - 10% of our arable land
 - Impact of Dairy and Arable seeds (sheep / beef)

- CSWS
 - sufficient water to meet reasonable future demands
 - not in right place at right time
 - need for storage for times of low river flows

- CRT
 - Right place a the right time to service our buoyant economy and with that comes an expectation that CRT will be a good corporate citizen as it undoubtedly has in establishing 30 Farm Centres throughout the South Island.
- You have attracted a very experienced front line team who I have no doubt will maintain the service levels your 22,000 shareholders have come to expect.

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