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Page 1: Have your say - draft Revenue and Financing Policy - Methven-Springfield Water

Q1

Do you agree with adding Methven-Springfield to the District Water Group?

No, I prefer something else (comment below),

Other (please specify):

Ashburton District Council, aka ADC, and its staff have yet to identify the ongoing failure of the Ashburton District Council Water System in Methven or get to grips with the cause of the bad water and the continuing need for boil water notices. I filed a Witness Statement with ECan on November 7, 2022, with supporting lab results from Hill Laborties confirming my finding for Escherichia coli, aka, E-Coli in the Methven water system. Copies of my filings can be requested from ECan directly. Council engineers have referenced the E-Coli issues to turbidity activity in the water. We disagree. I supplied Hill Laborties with samples taken below the Mt. Hutt Ski Field and discovered E-Coli was present in the samples. Upon further research, I found RMA Authorisation Number CRC001958.1, Client, NZ Ski, Location: Mount Hutt Consertion Area, MOUNT HUTT. Issued & Active. Commencement Date: April 9, 2001. "The discharge shall be only domestic sewage effluent from the ski fields facilities."Further, CRC001958.1 states, "To discharge contaminants to land in circumstances in which those contaminants may enter the water." ADC needs to further investigate the causes of E-Coli in the water system before making financial decisions impacting the Ashburton District ratepayers. If my findings are correct, the user would put the onus back on the NZ Ski and Mount Hutt skiers to pay for purification from its discharge activity on DOC land, not the ADC ratepayers. This requires further due diligence. Additionally, Aquifer Locations Limited offered the Methven Community and ADC the opportunity to drill for good, clean water at no risk to the community for drilling costs. If my water divining skills provided a successful solution for Methven, the prices would have been a fraction of the costs of the microfiltration plant and ongoing maintenance and filter replacement costs that the ratepayer is now on the hook for. You can pay me now, or you can pay me later; no substitute for good, clean water provided by Mother Nature. Kia ora, Pete Donald Aquifer Locations Ltd. Methven

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

If you agree with adding Methven-Springfield to the District Water Group, what is your preferred policy setting in regards to allocation?

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Q3

I get my drinking water from:

District Water Group (Council supplies at Ashburton, Chertsey, Fairton, Hakatere, Hinds, Lake Hood, Mayfield, Methven, Mt Somers and Rakaia)

Q4

Do you have any other comments?

No

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Q5

Contact Details

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Organisation (If applicable)

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Q6

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?

Yes: The hearing is expected to be held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 31 May 2023. Please note that hearings are live-streamed to our online channels.

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Q7

In Person

Would you like to present:
