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This is a submission on the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021

For some time now, I have been disturbed about the growth of dairy farms in this country. It seems this industry and associated industries have gone mad, out of control and lost sight of true health and wellbeing. As a child, I swam in clean rivers, drank from clean rivers and enjoyed and loved the life in them.

It is hard to understand how it got so bad and how come the turn around is so slow. I am grateful I don't have to drink the water in Otago. The people who do, must be very worried.

We need to move with the times and find other ways to work with nature. Nature will always have the last say. Time to get nitrates out of the equation, to grow up and become responsible guardians of the land and waterways, not disgusting polluters. Time to let the land rest and recover without the constant hammering of bovine feet and excretement.

This isn't just about clean water - it is about life, living creatures, plants, animal welfare, healthy humans enjoying the abundance of nature with the natural world.

Yours truthfully

Marj Marks

- I confirm that I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

- I am not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that adversely affects the environment and does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition

- I DO NOT wish to be heard in support of my submission

- If others make a similar submission, I will NOT consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing

Sincerely,

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