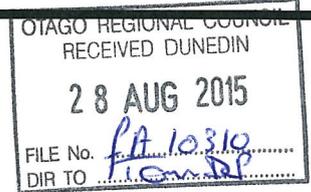


Tom De Pelsemaeker

From: Esther Whitehead <esther.whitehead@4d.org.nz>
Sent: Friday, 28 August 2015 6:45 a.m.
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Cc: vertigobikestim@gmail.com
Subject: Proposed Plan Change 5A (Lindis: Integrated Water Management)



To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you with regard to Submission Proposed Plan Change 5A to protecting the Lindis river's lower reaches and I believe that the ORC should set a minimum flow for the river, irrigation for farming has become so detrimental to the Lindis that there is very little left of the water's natural ecosystem in summer months and this river is truly endangered unless we act now. I am in favour of the ORC setting allocation limits. This submission is made in regard to

<http://www.orc.govt.nz/Documents/Publications/Regional/Water/Plan%20Change%205A/Form%205%20for%20making%20a%20submission.PDF.pdf>

I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission.

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Kind regards,

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Esther Whitehead
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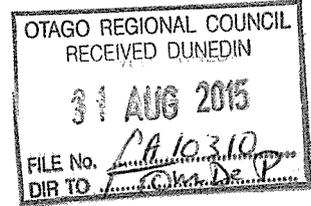
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Proposed Plan Change 5A (Lindis: Integrated water management)

Submission Form
(Form 5, Clause 6 of the First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991)



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A. A. Rutherford

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Trade competitor's declaration (if applicable)

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1. State what your submission relates to and if you support, oppose or want it amended:

e.g. Amend provision y

See attached file

2. State what decision you want the Otago Regional Council to make:

e.g. provision y should say

See attached file.

3. Give reasons for the decision you want made:

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Otago Regional Council – Plan Change 5A (Lindis Integrated Water Management)

	State what your submission relates to and if you support, oppose or want it amended	State what decision you want the Otago Regional Council to make	Give reasons for the decision you want made
1	<p>Plan Change 5A provisions referred to in this submission</p> <p>See below for specific provisions.</p>	<p>See below in relation to each provision</p>	<p>1. Inconsistent with RMA, ORC Plans and National Policy Statements</p> <p>Based on the reasons outlined below in relation to specific provisions of the Proposed Plan Change 5A, that are opposed or requested to be amended throughout this submission, We submit that these provisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) will not achieve the purpose of the RMA as it will not enable people and communities to provide for their social and economic well-being. b) will not achieve the objectives and policies of the Otago Regional Council’s Regional Policy Statement, Proposed Regional Policy Statement and the Water Plan for Otago. c) are based on an evaluation that was not carried out in accordance with section 32 of the Resource Management Act d) are inconsistent with the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPSFM) which: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. supports reasonable adjustment timeframes that take into account the economic effects likely to result from a change in approach to managing a freshwater resource; and ii. requires freshwater management to be informed by the best available information and scientific and socio-economic knowledge.
2	<p>Policy 6.4.5</p> <p>Oppose and want Policy 6.5.4 amended.</p>	<p>Include a longer transition period in this policy – to 2026 instead of 2021</p>	<p>1. Lack of a reasonable transition period</p> <p>Including the Lindis catchment in the existing paragraph (c) of this policy means the existing timeframes outlined in the explanation to the policy would apply to the Lindis catchment.</p> <p>This will result in a lack of a feasible transition period for irrigators to adjust to the minimum flow regime and primary allocation limit, change to more efficient irrigation systems and potentially transfer water rights to an alternative source.</p> <p>Until we know the minimum flow conditions, the amount of water allocated to us in the consent</p>

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3	<p>Rule 12.1.4</p> <p>Oppose in so far as it is linked to the maps in B4 and B7</p> <p>Want Maps B4 and B7 amended.</p>	<p>Amend Maps B4 and B7 to include all of the true geographic area of the Lindis Catchment and retain the proposed changes to this rule.</p>	<p>renewal process and the total primary allocation on the river we cannot begin to design let alone arrange finance and construct a new efficient system. So it is ridiculous to think this will all be in place by 2021!</p> <p>1. Taking and Use in combination with Maps B4 and B7 This rule is linked to the B-series maps which identify the Lindis Catchment. Part of the true geographic area of the Lindis Catchment is excluded from these maps (the Tarras sub-catchment).</p> <p>This creates uncertainty for farmers who irrigate within this area, as this land has been arbitrarily excluded from the Lindis catchment area.</p>
5	<p>Schedule 2A (3) – specific minimum flows for primary allocation takes</p> <p>Minimum flow of 750 l/s (1 October to 31 May)</p> <p>Oppose and want amended.</p>	<p>Amend to a lower minimum flow during 1 October to 31 May</p>	<p>1. Effects of Proposed Minimum flow of 750 l/s Irrigators who will be subject to the proposed minimum flow would be significantly adversely affected socially and economically, including for the following reasons:</p> <p>The proposed flow would have a devastating effect on our farming viability. It is totally out of balance as it gives a huge boost to the natural and iwi values at the expense of social and economic ones. It does not reflect the consensus of the workshops that ORC held when the community was involved.</p> <p>2. The amendment sought - a lower minimum flow</p> <p>The amendment sought (setting a 450l/s minimum flow in Schedule 2A for 1 Oct to 31 May) would enable people and communities to provide for their social and economic well-being while also meeting all legislative requirements focusing on protecting natural and iwi values.</p>
6	<p>Schedule 2A (3) – specific minimum flows for primary allocation takes</p> <p>Primary allocation limit of 1,000 l/s <i>Lindis catchment from confluence with Clutha/Mata-au to headwaters.</i></p>	<p>Amended to a higher primary allocation limit.</p>	<p>1. The proposed primary allocation limit</p> <p>The proposed primary allocation limit will result in reduced water availability and does not accurately represent the history of use within the catchment, and what could be irrigated efficiently with this water.</p> <p>The proposed primary allocation limit will result in the following adverse social and economic</p>

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	Oppose and want amended		<p>effects: Once again this would severely penalise the social and economic values of the district as a cut from the current position of approx 4500 l/s to 1000 l/s is extreme and punitive.</p> <p>2. The amendment sought – a higher primary allocation limit The amendment sought (a higher primary allocation limit of 1500 l/s) would enable people and communities to provide for their social and economic well-being while also meeting all legislative requirements focused on protecting natural and iwi values.</p>
11	<p>Water Plan Maps: Minimum flow catchments and monitoring sites - Map B4 and B7</p> <p>Oppose catchment boundary and want amended</p>	<p>Redefine the catchment area to include the full extent of the true geographic boundary of the Lindis catchment (and exclude the Tarras Creek area consents from the minimum flow through a policy/rule linked to a mapped sub-area).</p>	<p>1. Implications of mapping The catchment boundary does not recognise the true geographical catchment boundary of the Lindis River. This will result in unnecessary complexity and uncertainty.</p> <p>The proposed boundary will result in significant adverse economic and social effects including: Dividing a small community by splitting it with an arbitrary boundary which denies some from reapplying for their water rights.</p> <p>2. Amendment sought – Map true boundary of Lindis catchment Creating an arbitrary boundary for the catchment to exclude the Tarras Creek catchment (see p 11 of section 32 report) from a minimum flow is a very blunt instrument to achieve this.</p> <p>The amendment sought is the inclusion of a policy and rule which would exclude consents in this area from the proposed minimum flow. This policy and rule could be linked to the Tarras Creek sub-catchment, as a mapped area within the wider Lindis Catchment.</p>

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Signature of submitter, or person authorised to sign on their behalf::

DUNCAN WILCOX

1. State what your submission relates to and if you support, oppose or want it amended:

I am in support of improving the minimum water flows to the Lindis River so that it is a viable water way that supports aquatic species, wild life and human recreation. I am against the abusive use of Central Otago waterways for solely monetary gains by a few to the detriment of the many. New Zealand's rivers are in a steady state of decline and any & all actions need to be taken to reverse this trend.

2. State what decision you want the Otago Regional Council to make:

Establish, maintain & enforce viable water flows for the Lindis River system and effectively manage extraction to minimise any detrimental environmental damage.

3. Give reasons for the decision you want made:

As Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. so rightly said - A river is more than an amenity, it is a treasure. It offers a necessity of life that must be rationed among those who have power over it. Mark his words & ensure that the Lindis River and other rivers like it are here to stay & not be part of the 'win the war (profits in the short term), lose the battle (loss of our environment)' mentality that dominates today's thinking.

Submission Date 01-09-2015 06:30:23

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Trade competitor's declaration (if applicable)

1. State what your submission relates to and if you support, oppose or want it amended:

I support the Otago Regional Councils Plan Change 5A with the exception of the proposed minimum flow provision of 750 litres/second.
I oppose the summer flow as drafted.

2. State what decision you want the Otago Regional Council to make:

I request the proposed summer minimum flow of 750 litres/second which would apply from from 1 October to 31st May be amended to a minimum summer flow of 1000 litres/second.

3. Give reasons for the decision you want made:

The full spawning potential of the Lindis has been historically compromised under depleted river flows.. There are significant mortalities, strandings and barriers to out migration of juvenile trout under low flows. An increase in the minimum summer flow to 1000 litres/second is far more likely to ensure connectivity to the Clutha River and consequently improve the sports fishery. Undoubtedly this would in turn enhance the recreational amenity afforded by the river.

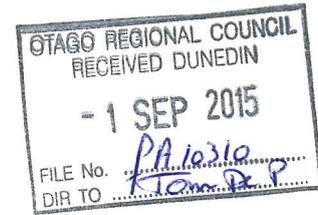
Both the local and wider communities of the area have a historic opportunity to restore river flows to more environmentally sustainable levels for long term wider community benefits. Ensuring connectivity with a small increase from the current proposal is paramount to that objective.

While it is recognised that water is a crucial factor to long term economic viability of the local community alternatives do exist. In my opinion, the limited potential contribution of the Lindis is insignificant compared to other water take alternatives.

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1. State what your submission relates to and if you support, oppose or want it amended:

This is a submission in opposition of the proposed minimum river flow limit with respect to plan change 5A (Lindis catchment minimum flow). In Summer I travel regularly to Omarama through the Linda Pass. The flow rate can be very low in mid-Summer. It is a magnificent part of the country and maintaining a reasonable flow is an essential part of the local ecology.

2. State what decision you want the Otago Regional Council to make:

To support a reasonable flow in the river I support a minimum flow of at least 1000 litres per second during the Summer period. That's what I would suggest is "reasonable" and does allow some capacity for irrigation.

3. Give reasons for the decision you want made:

A flow of 1000 litres per second is just over half of mean annual low flow for the river and given that the draft National Environmental Standard on Flow Setting (2008) recommends a minimum flow of 80% of MALF for rivers with a median flow of greater than 5 cumecs, it is difficult to understand why ORC should suggest a 750 litres per second summer minimum flow. It is out of line with national requirements and will have a substantially deleterious effect on the river ecosystem.



SUBMISSION FORM (Print clearly on both sides)

Proposed Plan Change 5A (Lindis: Integrated water management to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago)

(Form 5, Clause 6 of the First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991)



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Lewis: Verduyn-Cassels

01/09/2015

Signature: Date:

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1. State what your submission relates to and if you support, oppose or want it amended:

The primary mission of the Clutha Mata-Au River Parkway Group is to protect and enhance the natural, recreational, and cultural values of the Clutha River corridor. The values of Clutha, as an integrated system, depend on the health of its catchment, and as such, we have an interest in the flow of the Lindis River.

The Clutha Mata-Au River Parkway Group opposes the proposed 750 litres per second summer (1 October- 30 April) minimum flow (Option 3), as measured at the Ardgour Road flow recorder. Instead, we support a summer minimum flow of at least 1000 litres per second (amended Option 4), as measured at the Ardgour Road flow recorder.

2. State what decision you want the Otago Regional Council to make:

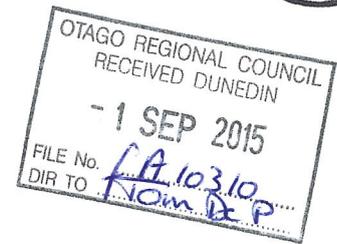
Accordingly, the Clutha Mata-Au River Parkway Group wishes the Otago Regional Council to decide in favour of a summer minimum flow of at least 1000 litres per second (amended Option 4), as measured at the Ardgour Road flow recorder.

3. Give reasons for the decision you want made:

- A summer minimum flow of at least 1000 litres per second would provide the minimum flow necessary to maintain the aquatic ecosystem of the Lindis River, supporting native species such as the Koaro, the endangered Longfin eel, the endangered Clutha flathead galaxias, the Common Bully, and the Upland Bully.
- Similarly, a summer minimum flow of at least 1000 litres per second would provide the minimum flow necessary to support the introduced fish, Brown and Rainbow Trout, during spawning and juvenile rearing. This would give some surety to the Lindis River as a fishery, and as a breeding habitat.
- A summer flow of at least 1000 litres per second would also maintain the natural character of the Lindis River and its general amenity values, providing local people and visitors with reliable sites for summer picnics and swimming etc.
- The farmers in the region are fully aware that the Lindis River is subject to low summer flows and that it cannot be considered a reliable source of irrigation water. Further, they have had 30 years to transition to alternative water sources and/or adapt their farming practices, knowing that deemed permits expire in 2021.

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1. State what your submission relates to and if you support, oppose or want amended: Oppose
The minimum flow of 750l/sec to be applied 2021

2. State what decision you want the Otago Regional Council to make: Recommend
A minimum flow of 450l/sec causes too much economic hardship

3. Give reasons for the decision you want made:
I started a new branch of my business 3 years ago, making a big investment into the area. I started with 1 employee and now have 5. We are looking to take on one more staff member before the end of the year.
Tarras/Lindis area is of great importance to my company, selling new and used machinery and servicing of equipment. While it maybe marginal, it is the difference between a profitable centre or one that may have an uncertain future.
If farmers have to cut production, it directly impact on future sales and servicing and also this would affect local contractors who we also work with in the Tarras / Lindis area.
In my view fodder beet will cease to be an option on farms as reliability of irrigation will not be sufficient to grow fodder beet economically. Reduction in cultivation as a result, increase in drought tolerant species. Economic viability of farms will decrease quite dramatically so less plant replacement, and likely less use of contractors as farmers will have to move to lower costs of production

Tom De Pelsemaeker

From: Gerald & Sue Telford <info@flyfishhunt.co.nz>
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To: Policy Reply
Subject: Fwd: Submission Lindis Catchment group.

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From: Gerald & Sue Telford <info@flyfishhunt.co.nz>
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Subject: Submission Lindis River

Submission to the ORC on the Lindis River .

My name is Gerald Telford, I am a full time fishing and hunting guide based in Wanaka.
I have been fishing the Lindis River for over 25 years.

For a fishing guide to support an irrigation scheme there has to be a significant reason, in this instance the reason is water flow.

Economics aside, for the roller coaster cycles of commodity markets can give no more assurance to farmers than the fickle and maybe more predictable weather cycles and discussion around climate change.

What is significant regarding the Lindis Catchment Group (LCG) is the rare opportunity to address water rights permitted for a practice long ago made redundant by economics, gold extraction.
The present water requirements of the Lindis have been recognized as uncertain for agriculture. This fact has necessitated many existing users to invest in more reliable water sources than those of the water flows offered by the Lindis River. With users choosing to invest considerable funds into water sourced from the Clutha River, which offers better long term investment outcomes, the draw down and demand on the inconsistent Lindis River will make more water available to the remaining users, users that do not have the options of alternate water sources.
What they have, are the Lindis flows.

What is important, is, that what water requirements they have, they must use wisely and to provide for the best outcomes of the whole community
I choose to support the LCG in the firm believe that their livelihoods are connected to the river flows and with this comes the responsibility to ALL users both commercial and recreational and that no one owns the water, it belongs to the community, locally and nationally.

I have fished the Lindis as a professional fishing guide since 1992, a time that coincided with the final filling of Lake Dunstan (1993). Over 25 years you begin to accumulate considerable knowledge of the nature of the fishery, and the Lindis is a fine ,if not always consistently healthy, self sustaining fishery. To clarify this point a fishery requires 3 key components , water, fish and people.

I have chosen to believe the LCG can continue under new and better practice to draw the water deemed necessary to support their agricultural operations and also deliver consistent water to maintain and enhance the present Brown and Rainbow trout fishery. I believe the increased flows outlined by the group will have considerable benefit for the continued health of the present fishery.

In particular I support a minimum flow of 450L/ sec(being more than double the existing 200L/sec),a primary allocation of 1500L/sec(being appreciably less than existing), providing a pathway to balance the enhanced river low flow and ensure continuation of farming with efficient water practices,and fair transition times to make necessary changes.

Add to this a requirement for proactive management by ORC, who at times seem out of step with local communities to enhance the recreational usage. There is also the potential to highlight the Lindis as a model to showcase a new regime and desire by all groups involved in this process to deliver positive community outcomes and environmental standards .

Just as no one can gaze into the crystal ball with any certainty for the continuing growth of the agricultural sector, we cannot foresee that the current growth in tourism numbers will not have an impact on other recreational users.

The important point to consider is that we can manage with some degree of certainty are the water flows. The rest is an educated guess and a guess that needs to have considerable flexibility to change as the usage and community expectations shift.

I look forward to many more days of successful fishing on the Lindis and carry an expectation that the only way forward is to improve the management of the flows to cater to all users.

What is a river without water?

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1. State what your submission relates to and if you support, oppose or want recommended:

The proposed Minimum flow in Lindis River

2. State what decision you want the Otago Regional Council to make:

Maintain the minimum flow 450L/sec,

3. Give reasons for the decision you want made:

From a farming prospective this will drastically reduce the the productivity of my land, due to restrictions of on irrigation. We have great soils, with huge potential.

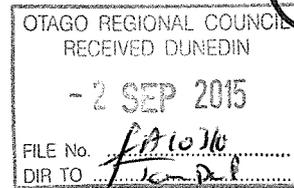
I believe this will reduce the value of my property, due to a lack of profit produced.

As the father of a 1 year old and with a child on the way I feel this will have a social impact on the number of people moving to the area. The school needs more kids for teachers etc.

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1. State what your submission relates to and if you support, oppose or want it amended:

I oppose the following:

- a. The minimum flow of 750 to be applied in 2021
- b. The primary allocation of 1000L/sec
- c. The maps excluding the Tarras area
- d. The lack of any transition rules to assist the change

2. State what decision you want the Otago Regional Council to make:

- a. A minimum flow of 450L/sec
- b. Primary allocation of 1500L/sec to more accurately align with current primary block
- c. Geographic maps to be used instead of the proposed maps with random exclusions
- d. Longer time frame for change as so much has to be done that requires, cohesion, money, time, access, etc 2026 at least till minimum flow applies.

3. Give reasons for the decision you want made:

The proposed change of 750L/sec that is currently in the plan will hugely affect the community in a very negative way. This will lead to loss of jobs in the area, loss of farm viability, the community will become fragmented and many people will be forced to leave the area.

Currently, we have a strong community which is growing and this provides a sense of wellbeing for all that live here. We have a school that has been a major part of building our strong community. This will no doubt close should the proposed change of 750L/sec be adopted as people will leave the area. My husband and I have one child and one on the way and are planning on sending our children to Tarras school. We would be hugely dissapointed if this had to close as we want our children to experience going to a rural school and learning the values that can only be provided by a small rural community.

