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Sent: Tuesday, 20 January 2009 07:27

To: Policy Reply

Subject: Trotters Minimum Flow Draft Submission

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Minimum Flow Submission

Trotters Creek

My name is Glen Miller, I support the Trotter family and it's concerns on the minimum flow issue. I know they have lived and farmed beside Trotters Creek since the 1840s. The creek has significant historical, recreational and ecological values which are held in very high regard by their family.

The Trotter family supports the proposed winter minimum flow of 35 liters a second. I understand that the weir used to divert water into the storage pond is to be removed during winter and there will be no fish passage issues.

I also opposes the proposed summer minimum flow of 8 liters a second for the following reasons:

- 1. The Trotters Creek management flows report clearly identifies that at least 20 liters a second is required to protect the 13 different fish species that are known to live within the stream. These species include giant kokopu, long finned eel, short finned eel, koaro, Canterbury galaxias, common bully, upland bully, giant bully, redfin bully, bluegill bully, lamprey, brown trout and inanga. In addition to these species, flounder also reside in mouth of the stream. Such high biodiversity should be given significant consideration and protection when setting a flow regime.
- 2. During dry years the creek can become low naturally during summer. The proposed minimum flow would compound the effect of these low flows and result in the stream being flat lined unnaturally for extended periods. This would result in algal blooms, high water temperatures and low oxygen levels.
- 3. Many of the native fish species that live in the creek have a sea going life cycle stage. It is vital that water abstraction does not result in the blockage of the stream mouth near the ocean which would prevent fish access to and from the sea.
- 4. Some of the white bait species such as inanga spawn in the lower part of the creek. Good water quality and flow levels are an important part of their spawning and juvenile habitat requirements.
- 5. The proposed level would not provide for adult trout passage during summer.
- 6. It has been estimated that a minimum flow of 20 liters a second would only impact on water abstraction on 4 days a year. We understand that there is 3.5 days of storage in the dam beside the creek. With a slight increase in storage a minimum flow of 20 liters a second would allow for water abstraction and protect the health of the stream at the same time.
- 7. Flat lining of the creek at 8 liters a second for extended periods would destroy the natural character of the stream.
- 8. The mean annual low flow of Trotters Creek has been estimated at 23 liters a second. The ORC has questioned this value after flow comparisons with other nearby rivers. Although the catchment area of Trotters creek may not be as large as the Shag or Waianakarua Rivers, the surface flows between pools in Trotters Creek can be greater than these rivers during a drought. This may be related to localised weather patterns, the vegetation in the upper catchment and the geology of the stream bed.
- 9. The actual amount of water used for irrigation and the amount of water that has over flowed from the storage pond back into the creek is not known. When there is uncertainty about flow

and abstraction levels the Council should take a precautionary approach when setting minimum flow levels to allow for hydrological estimate errors and ensure the protection of the environment.

We would also like the council to note the following points:

The Trotters family was the first to be given permission to irrigate out of Trotters Creek. This permission was never used (and lapsed) because of concerns about the effects of abstraction during low flow periods on the health of the stream.

Our family was originally told that water for the irrigation take that is now active would only be harvested during high flow periods for storage, and that irrigation would not affect low flow levels. We were not given an opportunity to have input on minimum flow levels when abstraction for irrigation first began. Given the chance, we would have opposed abstraction from the stream at low levels from the onset.

We understand that the weir that has been used to divert water into the storage pond has restricted fish passage. It is important that fish passage is provided for at all times.

The minimum flow should be designed to mimic natural flow patterns and provide for flow variability as much as possible. During dry years flushing flows, small freshes and peaks are vital for the health of the stream. We understand that there has been over flows from the storage dam back into the creek several hundred meters further downstream. The point of take and the return from the storage pond should be located close together to avoid unnecessarily dewatering a significant section of the creek and allow overflows to refresh the stream.

Finally, the intrinsic, recreational and ecological values of Trotters Creek are important for many members of our local community and people from outside the area as well. A meaningful minimum flow is required to ensure that the abstraction of water does not jeopardize these values and the health of the stream. Any financial gains from irrigation of farmland by one member of the community will not benefit the greater community unless the health of the stream is protected the first instance.

Please except this as my submission.

Yours Sincerely

Glen Miller 5 Canberra Place Waldronville Dunedin.