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We are compelled to oppose this application because of the proposed setting of a minimum flow of 550 litres per second.

Our reasons are as follows:-

- 1) A minimum flow of 550lps will allow the lower Lindis River, from SH8 bridge to confluence of Clutha River, to dry up, to become a dry stony riverbed.

The spirit and objectives of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management supports the health of rivers and the setting of a minimum flow to achieve healthy rivers and to address the issue of over allocation.

A minimum flow of 550lps does not address over allocation or support a

healthy river.

2) In 2016 all interested parties were able to submit on Proposed Plan Change 5A. (Lindis: Integrated water management) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago.

After hearing all submitters opinions and evidence, the ORC Commissioners recommended a minimum flow of 900 litres per second.

A minimum flow of 900lps will ensure the Lindis River has a healthy ecosystem, and all the objectives of the NPS for Freshwater Management can be met.

3) For many years the irrigators have pumped the Lindis River dry. The opportunity to swim in and picnic beside the Lindis River has been taken away from us.

The minimum flow of 900lps will give the river back to the residents of Tarras, campers and passing travelers.

A minimum flow of 550lps will result in a dry river and this treasured resource stolen from us once more.

In conclusion we state that a minimum flow of 550lps is too low.

The proposal of the Lindis Catchment Group is designed to give benefit to the irrigators alone.

The Lindis River will be compromised and degraded.

The residents of Tarras, the campers and passing travelers will all lose the opportunity to enjoy the waters of the Lindis River.

We oppose this application and seek to have the ORC decline RM17.301

We wish to be heard in support of our submission.