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Please find attached our submission currently opposing the Resource Consent Application of the Lindis Catchment Group Ltd.

We seek responses to a range of concerns as detailed in the attached submission.

Please note that we have attached our submission in two files types in case you have difficulties opening in one of the formats.

Regards

Grant, Kate & Ross

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File No: RM17.301

Application Number: RM17.301.01 – RM17.301.19

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Submitter Property Location: 2059 Tarras Cromwell Road, Lindis Crossing, Cromwell. This borders the Beggs Stacpoole race, State Highway 8 and the Lindis River below the Lindis Crossing bridge.

We Currently Oppose the Submission

We are looking for two core outcomes:

- a) Confidence that Best Efforts are made to ensure the continuation of water flow below the Lindis Crossing Bridge enabling us to access this water
- b) Surety that water will be able to be abstracted for domestic purposes and stock below the Bridge at Lindis Crossing (at SH8)

We note several key concerns:

- a) There is no rationing regime detailed in the plan, only a pledge that such a scheme “will be developed”. Given that mitigating the risk of low river water flow is a key aspect of the legislation – this should be a core requirement of any application.
- b) There are no technical hydrologic reports associated with the proposal that are available for public scrutiny. This creates a lack of credibility that a reduction of flow from 900 to 550m/s under the new irrigation plan will achieve similar outcomes to the original 900 m/s figure.
- c) We note there is no express commitment by LCG to keeping the river flowing. Previously the river has frequently dried up suggesting little commitment to keeping the river flowing. This should be a core criteria in the application.

d) There are no consequences for not using Best Efforts to keep the river flowing through to the confluence.

Consequently we seek the following responses from the consent authority:

1. *Does a flow rate of 550 m/s provide for a healthy river with continual flow to the confluence of the Clutha? Please provide independent scientific evidence that a flow of this rate would only dry up the river bed in extreme drought conditions. Similar tolerance levels to the '100 hundred year flood', would be a sound working variable, i.e. the river might dry up in a 100 year drought.*
2. *Please detail modelling showing the impact of global warming on the new proposed flow rate. For example, are drought conditions likely to increase?*
3. *Please provide full details of the rationing regime that will be employed. Also please respond with the m/s level when rationing begins.*
4. *Who will administer and enforce compliance and act as a representative for the river to flow through to its confluence?*
5. *Please detail what consequences will occur to the LCG should water extraction levels be too high and the minimum flow of 550 m/s isn't achieved, and water doesn't flow to the confluence.*

Background

1. Requirement that riparian provisions in the Beggs Stacpoole agreement will be enforceable under the new plan

Beggs Stacpoole – Riparian Provisions. Under the terms of the Beggs Stacpoole agreement the race was deemed to have priority over the river.

Accordingly a riparian provision was placed in this contract for small block owners to use water from the Beggs Stacpoole race. In essence the old riparian right of using the river water for "domestic purpose and stock" as well as an entitlement to water "undiminished in quantity and undiminished in quality."

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We further note that "The rationing regime that will be developed by LCG and adhered to by all permit holders in the catchment (via conditions of consent on all permits) will support an equitable approach to sharing water during times of low flows, to ensure the effects of water shortages are equally borne throughout the catchment." While positive sounding, holds no teeth. There is no rationing regime detailed in the plan, only a pledge that such a scheme “will be developed”. Given that mitigating the risk of low river water flow is a key aspect of the legislation – *this should be a core requirement of any application*.

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