

## Environment Canterbury Mid-Canterbury/Ōpākihi Constituency Electing 2 Members

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### **Peter TROLOVE**

NZ Federation of Freshwater Anglers

My principal place of residence is in the Mid-Canterbury/Ōpākihi Constituency area.

Environment Canterbury is failing to address nitrate pollution of our groundwater and adequately protect our aquatic ecosystems from over abstraction.

This threatens your health and destroys your recreational opportunities.

This is a legacy issue from ten years of Government control focused primarily on facilitating massive irrigation development. Knowledge of excess nitrate leaching from dairy cows prompted me to privately test ground and surface water in the Ōpākihi ward for the past three years.

My results indicate ECan's monitoring is inadequate and it's reporting selective.

People's health is dependent on clean water and healthy environments. Healthy water is not optional. This is the single issue on which I stand.

As a semi-retired production animal veterinarian with qualifications in fish health, I am well placed to understand the science from both a farm and environment perspective.

We have a duty to urgently address this pollution for future generations.