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**Action Sought**

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	<b>Action Sought</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Minister for the Environment Minister for Climate Change Issues Hon Dr Nick Smith	<b>Note</b> the Ministry's year to date performance against the Estimates 2008/09 and the Statement of Intent 2008-2011 for Vote Environment and Vote Climate Change.	N/A

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### **Information in scope**

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### **Significant pressures or risks**

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#### ***Vote Environment***

*Groundwater allocation (this is not referred to in the performance reports)*

30. Environment Canterbury's approach to water allocation creates a risk of system failure and a loss of its authority as resource manager for the region. This is likely to need some form of government intervention. The timing of any intervention will need to be considered alongside the need for the Ministry to deliver on the 100-day RMA priority.