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To the Environment Minister.

The Key/English National Government will be known as the ones who believed irrigation and agriculture was more imporant than Canterbury rivers. Do you want to be a part of that history?

I'm not a scientist and i'm not a water expert. I'm just someone who has seen the rivers change over the last 60 years. I grew up at Glenroy and the Hororata River was my river. I still drive over the bridge at Glenroy and look at the Hororata. I was smaller then and the world was bigger but Niel and I would walk that river up to Washpen Road at Rockwood. The river was shallow in the summer but it was up to five metres across in the widest parts. This atumn after a lot of April rain, even with implants in both my knees I can step across it in some parts. I know it is mainly climate change but everything is connected. The Hororata flows into the Selwyn not far down from Hororata. This is near the wahi tapu site where Whakaepa was a thriving small settlement beside the Coalgare bridge. It was there because the Sewyn was a strong and reliable source of food. There is good water in the Selwyn at the moment but not further east. It is still polluted there and you can't change that with one good rain. On the grand scale in New Zealand my river probably doesn't count. Many farmers are good and careful but they are best when there are tight regulations controlling the effects they can have on the environment. Only the government of the day can fix our rivers. They can be fixed quickly and well if there is the political will to. You know that. Even the little rivers can be helped. They are the measure of how much we care about New Zealand. To me there is real value in the Hororata River, just a small Canterbury river you can hardly see on a map. It means a lot to me. Thank you.

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