

## 11. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

### CENTRAL PLAINS WATER ENHANCEMENT PROPOSALS

Mr Ken Gwatkins, Chairman, and Mr David Denton, Secretary, Dam Action Group, addressed the Committee regarding the proposed reservoir in Wairiri Valley and outlined their group's concerns about the effect the development would have on the surrounding community and the environment.

Mr Geoff Key, Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society, Mr Bruce Arnold, Department of Conservation, and Ms Rochelle Hardy, North Canterbury Fish and Game Council, outlined their concerns about the effects of the water enhancement proposals on the natural environment. The submissions presented to the Committee are attached to Clause 1. Mr Michael Clark of Windwhistle also read a statement to the Committee outlining his concerns, from an environmental perspective about the proposal to extract further water from the Waimakariri and Rakaia Rivers.