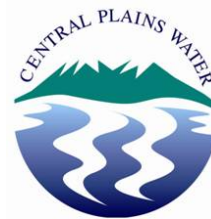


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### **CPWL consults community and landowners on distribution race location**

Today Central Plains Water Limited has written to 300 landowners advising them that the proposed network distribution races currently no longer affects their property.

Central Plains Water Limited is proposing to build an irrigation scheme in Central Canterbury. It will consist of a main headrace canal, a network of distribution races and a water storage reservoir capable of irrigating 60,000ha of land between the Waimakariri River, the Rakaia River, State Highway 1 and the Malvern Foothills.

Central Plains Water Limited Chairman, Pat Morrison says, "After consultation with some affected landowners, our engineers have refined the plans for the distribution races. We were able to relocate several races to avoid buildings and, acting on landowner feedback, we moved others out of road reserves and away from main roads. Where possible we have sited the races at the back of properties or along boundary fences between farms.

"As a consequence, of the 900 potentially affected landowners, 300 are no longer currently impacted by the scheme. However a small number of landowners not previously affected now are. We have written to these landowners and will work with them to ensure their individual concerns are addressed prior to Central Plains Water confirming the layout of the distribution race network."

Mr Morrison continues, "We have also written to all potentially affected landowners seeking their input into these revised plans. If landowners are not happy with the proposed location there is some flexibility to re-position the distribution races to minimise the impact on people's property."

Affected landowners can view the new maps by visiting one of the 14 locations in the area, downloading them from the website [www.cpw.org.nz](http://www.cpw.org.nz) or by requesting a CD rom copy of the maps.

Four drop-in meetings, for landowners to review and comment on the maps, are being held in Darfield, Te Pirita, Sheffield and Horoata.

"We are asking landowners for feedback by Monday 1 May 2006. Once we have this, landowner preferences will be included, where possible, in our final plans. These plans will form part of the Central Plains Water application for land use consents to the Selwyn District Council," says Mr Morrison.

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## **Supporting information**

▶ Maps can be viewed at any of the following locations:

- **Glentunnel** – Store, Library Post
- **Sheffield** – Garage
- **Hororata** – Hororata Motors, Café
- **Coalgate** – Coalgate Motors
- **Kirwee** – Kirwee Challenge Service Station
- **Darfield** – Council Service Centre, Library, CRT, PGG Wrightson
- **Dunsandel** – Tavern

▶ **Landowners can attend a drop in meeting to view and comment on the maps:**

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| • 6pm – 9pm       | Thursday 20 April  | Darfield Service Centre |
| • 9am – 12pm      | Friday 21 April    | Te Pirita Hall          |
| • 9am – 12pm      | Wednesday 26 April | Sheffield Hall          |
| • 1:30pm – 4:30pm | Wednesday 26 April | Hororata Community Hall |

▶ Phone (03) 374 8500 to have a CD rom copy of the maps mailed to landowners.

▶ View the maps online at **[www.cpw.org.nz](http://www.cpw.org.nz)**