

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND**

**SC 9/2010  
[2010] NZSC 32**

BETWEEN	SYNLAIT LIMITED Applicant
AND	CENTRAL PLAINS WATER TRUST First Respondent
AND	ASHBURTON COMMUNITY WATER TRUST Second Respondent
AND	CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL Third Respondent

Court: Elias CJ, Blanchard and Wilson JJ

Counsel: H B Rennie QC and E J Chapman for Applicant  
M E Casey QC and R M Dunningham for First Respondent  
J M Appleyard and B G Williams for Second Respondent  
M C Dysart for Third Respondent

Judgment: 31 March 2010

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**JUDGMENT OF THE COURT**

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- A The application for leave to appeal is granted.**
- B The approved ground is how priority is determined as between competing applications under the Resource Management Act 1991 for a finite resource.**

Solicitors:  
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Buddle Findlay, Christchurch for First Respondent  
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M C Dysart, Christchurch for Third Respondent