Submission on proposed Southland Water and Land Plan

Email your completed submission to policy@es.govt.nz by 5.00pm Monday 1st August 2016

Alternatively, you can post your signed submission to:
Southland Water and Land Plan
Environment Southland
Private Bag 90116
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You can also deliver your submission to Environment Southland’s North Road office or fax it on 03 211 5252.

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Contact name and postal address for service of person making submission (if different from above):

Public hearing
Please choose one of the following options:
☐ I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission; or
☐ I do wish to be heard in support of my submission; and if so,
☐ I would be prepared to consider presenting my submission in a joint case with others making a similar submission at any hearing

Trade Competition
If you could gain an advantage in trade competition, your submission must only include matters which affect the environment.

Please tick the sentence that applies to you:
☐ I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission; or
☐ I could gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

If you have ticked this box please sign below to declare that you are directly impacted by an adverse environmental effect.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: 31/7/16

(Signature of person making submission or person authorised to sign on behalf of person making the submission)

Please note:
1. All information contained in a submission under the Resource Management Act 1991, including names and addresses for service, becomes public information.

Form 5: Submissions on a Publicly Notified Regional Plan under Clause 6 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991
The specific provisions my submission relates to are:
(Specify provision number and title, e.g. Policy 17 – Effluent management)

My submission is that:
(Please include whether you support, oppose or wish to amend each separate provision you have listed in column 1 and the reasons for your views.)

The decision I would like Environment Southland to make is:
(Please give precise details of the outcomes you would like to see for each provision. The more specific you can be the easier it will be for the Council to understand the outcome you seek.)

### EXAMPLE

**Appendix G**

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**Reasons:**

- Popular bathing sites should include Makerewa River at Wallacetown.

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The reason we oppose the proposed Water and Land Plan is because it is another cost in an already costly regulated farming system. Just this week we got 4 bills from Environment Southland for effluent and water take on going consents for over $800.00. These kind of bills aren’t appreciated whilst the whole farming system is trying to become more streamlined and cost effective. i.e An economic sheep unit used to be 2000 Stock units, now more like 4000 stock units.

While we appreciate the need for water quality the whole consent for cultivating large areas, 50+ ha and waterway fencing doesn’t need consented or policed because realistically it will be such a great cost of money and peoples time to police or monitor, for no production gain. Consenting and policing is one thing but from a positive point of view as far as Environment Southland goes, where we were at 10-15 years ago till now would have to be polls apart. 10-15 yrs ago Southland farmers in general didn’t talk water quality, riparian strips, nitrogen leaching etc but now farmers do talk those things and are aware thanks to Environment Southland, newsletters, sustainability officers, articles in the papers, notices on radio, YOU GUYS DO GET THE MESSAGE ACROSS!! Just write a few of your proposals in your newsletter and ask what you’d expect with a few more strong words, PLEASE don’t police us and charge us exorbitant consent fees. We are doing our best and we will change as we can afford and farm as we are aware.

I’m just a Southland average cockie trying to get by, employing a few staff, rearing a few children, come and visit our farm and we’ll show you how we are evolving, we are evolving as we become aware not because we are made to.

The decision I would like Environment Southland to make is:

Propose some standards around water quality and land developments, but do it in a way that isn’t Big Brother i.e policed or checked up on, get the word out in your newsletters and in time word will do the rest.

(Remember a lot of farmers at the moment don’t have any spare money and are trying to do their best).

Cameron McFadzien

31/07/16