My submission to the Environment Southland Land & Water Land Plan

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Physiographic Zone Policies
Policy II Peat Wetlands clause 3

We operate our Grazing + Beef fatten farm on some peat land this clause my
Bias any future options.
Considering neighboring farms are dairy farms with no problems it treats existing dairy
Farms unequally with other farms

No clear definition of intensive winter grazing what one person interpretation is different to another
person

Environment Southland has monopoly powers there need to be checks & balances to safe
Guard farmer interests & rate payer interest

Potential for loss of value to farms if Environment Southland denies consents to
Grazing practice that have existed for years

Most farms will have to have Consent under this plan.

The consent process is open ended & un clear needs to be transparent & limited
The Consent process is a New Extra cost
It is not cost Neutral

Most farms had a Lower Income this year

All farm costs have a effect either robbing capital from improving farms including environmental projects or increasing production on farm to break even eg Consent cost $2000 x 3 $6000 extra product (lambs / milk / grazing)

Opposite to the Intent of this Land & Water plan

Lastly the timing of the Submissions could not have been worse period for winter graziers Considering they are badly affected by this plan

Environment staff have not informed rate payers of the content of the plan well in advance.

As I had a farm visit from Land Sustainability Officer Dave Conner on the 22/3/16, there needs to be ongoing communication with farmer rate payers

Yours Sincerely
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