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 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: Alan McKay
Date: 28 July 2016

Please note:
(1) all information contained in a submission under the Resource Management Act 1991, including names and addresses for service, becomes public information.
**Preamble! - Who we are!**

We are registering our concerns on Environment Southland's proposed water and land plans and the devastating effect it will have on our business. We are not against regulation, but as the plan stands in its present form it will make our farming business unviable.

Is it Environment Southland's intention to cease people out of farming? You need to be aware that you are dealing with peoples livelihoods. It appears the objective of Environment Southland is to abolish independent and generational farming as we know it today and force ownership into corporate and overseas investment.

We are third generation farmers in this area and regard ourselves as good custodians and environmentalists in our own right. Our farm has been forged from bush and rock into good productive land but to complete this mere future development is paramount.

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**Submissions**

**Specific provision:** - Preamble - page 5

Environment Southland states that "water is a treasure and we all have a collective responsibility to look after it now and into the future."

**Submission:** - We are in agreement with the above statement but where is Environment Southland's responsibility when they are condoning the use of 1080 poison which ultimately filters into the waterways.

**Our outcome:** - Stop the use of 1080 poison. If Environment Southland continue to condone the use of 1080 poison farmers should no longer acknowledge them as responsible guardians of our land and waterways.

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**Specific provision:** - The word "intensive" appears to be critical in this plan.

**Our outcome:** - Please define the word "intensive". It is used broadly throughout the land & water plan and there is no definition of the word "intensive" in the glossary.
Specific Provision: Cultivating on sloping ground
Submission: We oppose this submission
Our outcome: 90% of our farm is sloping ground. Our business is dairy grazing. Future development and regrassing is paramount to the economy of our business.
Please define "mechanical cultivation".
The ruling on this needs to be done farm by farm in a discretionary and common sense approach.

Specific Provision: Urban + Industrial Contamination
Submission: We would like to submit to council that for the past 100 years and more, farmers have looked after their land and waterways to a sustainable level whereas councils have allowed raw sewage & effluent from towns and industries to be dumped into waterways. Don't just target the farming community to clean up the waterways, the urban and industrial communities also have to take responsibility.