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
Invercargill 9840

You can also deliver your submission to Environment Southland's North Road office or fax it on 03 211 5252.

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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: 27-7-16
(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.
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.)

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Add further pages as required – please initial any additional pages.
I will come and speak to this Submission to Environment Southland.

It is very obvious that you have gone to a lot of effort to produce a document that is common sense and practical. I commend you on what you have done. I have a whitebait stand and liked what I read, very good.

I winter cows on my farm and had trouble understanding what you meant by 20 hectares or 50 hectares and what new rules you are going to introduce in 2018. The cows are shifted daily of course. We use mobile water troughs and keep them close to the "feeding face" so that the cows don't wander the paddock to get water. We also "back fence" so that the cows cannot wander around.

Two main rules we operate under and that keeps good "condition" on the cows. It all works. About 3-4 years under crop.

I really have trouble with your field tiles rules. I have put in thousands and the farmer before me did to. Southland would not be the rich farming province that it is without them.

I'll even read way at a Rotary meeting in Gore that I have drunk water out of tiles at their exit. It was "tasty" and safe. You say that there are contaminants in the water, well there are also contaminants coming out of the mountains. Southland gets regular floods with filthy water in our creeks and rivers. You can't stop that.

Keeping cattle and deer out of waterways is a good rule and I have spent a lot of money doing just that - fencing.
Farmers are good keepers of their farms for the benefit of the next generation of humans. Nobody wants ruined farms and waterways.

I believe the Waituna lagoon is an excellent example of farmer commitment. My advice to your scientists is this—education is far more effective than rules + bylaws.

The reality is that your new "Water and Land Plan" is a "live" document and vulnerable to change at short notice; so stay with common sense solutions that farmers will accept.

Your rate demands are becoming excessive—too high. I am reminded of the Department of Conservation in the 1980's too important and too expensive.

Sincerely, Graham Sharp

[Signature]