Submission on proposed Southland Water and Land Plan

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

Alternatively, you can post your signed submission to:
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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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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: [Signature]
Date: 7/08/16

(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 5 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991
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<th>The specific provision my submission relates to. (Specify provision number and title, e.g. Policy 17 – Effluent management)</th>
<th>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.)</th>
<th>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.)</th>
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| **EXAMPLE** Appendix G | **EXAMPLE**  
□ Support  □ Oppose  □ Amend  
Reasons: | **EXAMPLE**  
Popular bathing sites should include Makerrawa River at Waikatowug. |
| **Policy 18 & Rule 70 - Stock Exclusion** | □ Support  □ Oppose  □ Amend  
Reasons: Excluding stock from waterbodies adds a large financial cost to farmers. It allows weeds to get established eg: Gorse. These have to be controlled, and once fenced off the only way to control them is to spray. This will also cause large health and environment issues. On our families 500ha farm the cost would be approximately $1.5 million for fencing and would not stop wild pigs and deer from entering the waterbodies. | If you want to fence off waterways then you need to provide them with financial support or incentives.  
Allowing diggers to remove weed and sediment from problem waterbodies would be more environmentally friendly. |
| **Rule 20 - Farming** | □ Support  □ Oppose  □ Amend  
Reasons: Farm Management plans need to be simplified for Sheep and Beef farms as they would be very costly. In many farming operations, each year is status quo and farm management plans should be able to last 5 years. Sheep and Beef farms with lower stocking rates shouldn’t be required to have the same level of a Management plan as Dairy farms. | Farm management plans should only be required on dairy farms and farms running more than 15su/ha. |
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Reasons:
The implementation of any of these policies and rules will have huge financial costs to the farmer but also Southland. The farms will fall in value and rates will decrease. People will be put off investing in Southland farms and it may make some farmers look elsewhere to farm where there are less rules.

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Make it simpler and consult more with farmers. Make it less of a financial burden on the farmers.

Add further pages as required - please initial any additional pages.