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:
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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 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: John Andrew Hall
Date: 27 July 2016

(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
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<th>Dairy Conversions</th>
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| Intensive Winter Grazing (Rule 23) | □ Support  □ Oppose  □ Amend  
Reasons:  
Need to define what a forage crop currently includes.  
Requirement of resource consent limits options for second cropping due to time constraints  
Oppose copping land allocation to 50Ha as limits amount of grazing options and income  
Lake area needs to be defined  
Oppose mapping of subsurface drains as near impossible as geography of land changes | Should be defined as brassicas and beets only  
Needs to exclude Cereals and grass |
| Stock Exclusion (Rule 70) | □ Support  □ Oppose  □ Amend  
Reasons:  
Oppose Planned setbacks from waterways as where is the evidence these buffer zones are effective?  
Support allowing sheep to graze beside waterways to help keep broom, gorse etc under control (make it easier for recreational fishermen) | Is 3 metre rule not sufficient? |
| Tile Drains (Rule 13) | □ Support  □ Oppose  □ Amend  
Reasons:  
Oppose mapping of tile drains. Don't know where all the drains are. | Question the benefits of mapping tile drains. Draining of springs benefits land so stops water flowing over top of land into the waterways. |
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| **Farm Environment plans** | □Support □ Oppose □ Amend  
Reasons:  
Oppose submitting a plan as good farming practices should suffice. Shouldn't need a plan to justify good farming practices. Unnecessary time and money, resources to produce plan. | Have no farm management plan required. Implement good farming practices instead. |
| **Cultivation on slopes (Rule 25)** | □Support □ Oppose □ Amend  
Reasons:  
Amend the distances for cultivation on slopes, to achieve a good balance between good use of land and waterway buffer. | Alternative measurements  
- Lift to 26-30 degrees.  
- If there's no immediate waterway and small % of paddock with gradient greater this rule could be overlooked.  
- Cultivating soil on steep ground improves soil structure. |
| **Coastal marine area** | □Support □ Oppose □ Amend  
Reasons:  
Oppose prohibition of activities within 100 metres of lake. Restricts what area can be farmed. | - Area of lake needs to be defined.  
- Lake = 100 hectares or greater  
- What's wrong with the 3 metre rule if land gradient is less than 8 degrees leading up to water edge.  
If 'lake' isn't running into waterways what is the issue? |

Add further pages as required – please initial any additional pages.
Notes to add-

- Would like to recommend that Environment Southland consider taking on a similar approach to the Land and Water management as Otago's. There should be self management of water contaminants instead of a blanket rule for everyone.
- There needs to be a greater consistency of rules nationwide.
- Would it not be a better use of resources and time to test the water first before enforcing blanket rules? Every farm management is different.
- Council should be educating farmers rather than enforcing rules.
- What are urban areas doing to reduce their pollution of the waterways? What new rules are being imposed on them?
- How are these rules going to effect the productivity of Southland and in turn how will that effect our economy?