Submission Form

Form 5: Submissions on a Publicly Notified Proposed Policy Statement or Regional Plan under Clause 6 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991

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I am not a trade competitor for the purposes of the submission but the variation has a direct impact on my ability to farm. If changes sought in the plan are adopted they may impact on others but I am not in direct trade competition with them.

I do wish to be heard in support of this submission.

[Signature]

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Finally this process needs an extended period for submissions.
Many people lack full awareness of plan as proposed. More time allowed for education would help engagement and overall input.

Farm Environment Plans

AMEND If required they need to be basic in a simple practical form. As suggested they are an invasion of privacy and farm practice - complete overhaul in detail.
A full plan annually would be another administrative nightmare in time and inevitably expense.

Nutrient Budget Reviews
As merely a sheep farmer our overuse of fertiliser inputs unlikely. Cannot bloody afford to overapply in this economy.

Tile Drains

SUPPORT new drainage can be mapped.

OPPOSE Mapping of existing outlets - on my own farm tile drainage goes back more than 50 years. Difficulty lies in identifying historical design.
Stock Exclusion

Sheep being not included

Intensive Winter Grazing

Inclusion of sheep in same category as dairy cattle/ deer/ beef if winter cropped.
Impact of sheep on soil/ground structure less than other stock farms on pure weight/ground area basis alone.

Cereal crops have no relation over winter months to grassed areas/ beef crops. They normally have little to no interaction with stock or farm activity over this period. So why are they bunched in a group together??

The area restrictions on some zones would serious impact their farm use and profitability. Far too much of a sweeping generalised approach. The science behind physiographic zones therefore needs more testing ar

Brief Overview

Have no object to the nanny state governance controls suggested in much of this plan proposed under Environment Southlands umbrella.
The implications that Southern farmers have not practiced good land management practices is both disrespectful and ignorant.

J.L Wilson