



M Cockburn  
Director  
Mainland Minerals Southern Limited  
PO Box 81  
GORE

Wednesday, 03 May 2017

Dear Murray

Thanks for the opportunity to respond to your submission.

Unfortunately, compliance authorities/organisations are always looking for a "one size fits all" solution which is easy for them to apply.

But in a dynamic system like nature, with so many different and diverse variables, such an approach is practically meaningless at an operational level.

I agree, it makes sense to have farms categorised by land use and soil type into intensive/extensive; with only the farms that fall into the intensive category needing to spend the time and cost of OVERSEER as mentioned in your submission.

I also believe using soil tests to help determine these categories is a good idea, as majority of farmers already have that information on hand.

I am happy to speak with Environment Southland further, should they wish, in support of your submission.

Regards

Dave McKie  
Soil Scientist  
MAgSc(Hons)