

I am in my 4th term as councillor
for the Gore District

In the LGNZ November 2014^{magazine} the Auditor
General Lyn Provest said quote

- ① "Long term plans suffer from being too complicated and having too much information"
- ② Local authorities have to balance demand against what is reasonably affordable for their communities.
- ③ Keep it simple - less is more.
- ④ Produce simpler reports that focus more on users needs. Water + Land Plan huge.

An example from page 46 - sewage in storm water and into river - it happens. The cost of fixing that for Gore would be measured in millions of dollars. Fixing the occasional + rare event is simply unaffordable for the community. Think about it.

Page 52+53 Intensive winter grazing.
I wonder how many farmers this will bankrupt. VII + VIII are fair but Number 3 on page 53 Quote

And then one has to get a resource consent without public or limited notification

Sounds draconian to me + others.
Page 55 I wonder how Southland Hauraki are going to manage these rules even though they seem reasonable, with sewerage ponds beside rivers

- 1) Rule 37 is good + fair to all
Rule 39 Culverts + Sediment traps - good stuff basic except No 11 you do not need control over the design of the culvert. That is a gross waste of your manpower
- Rule 73 exceptions should be made eg the island just below the Matamora bridge should be taken out

because it is acting as a dam
sooner or later Mataura will be devastated
by Flooding again.

The Labour Member of
Parliament - Carter criticised ES
He was grossly out of order and
reminded me of the MP Trevor de Cleene
when he came to Invercargill and rudely
criticised farmers as whingers but he
bravely stood very close to Mayor Eve
Poole while he did it.

Our minister of Agriculture Nathan
Gunn recently called farmers the engine
room or work horses of the New Zealand
economy and you must do nothing to
hinder those activities.

In conclusion one of GORE's ratepayers
in my ward asked me to help him put in a
submission. I did. Someone from
ES did a plan of his ~~farm~~ steep farm eg
fencing off gullies. I tried to placate
him. I failed. He said "their demands
will bankrupt me". He sold out and is
gone. He was damn well bullied, by
your staff.

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