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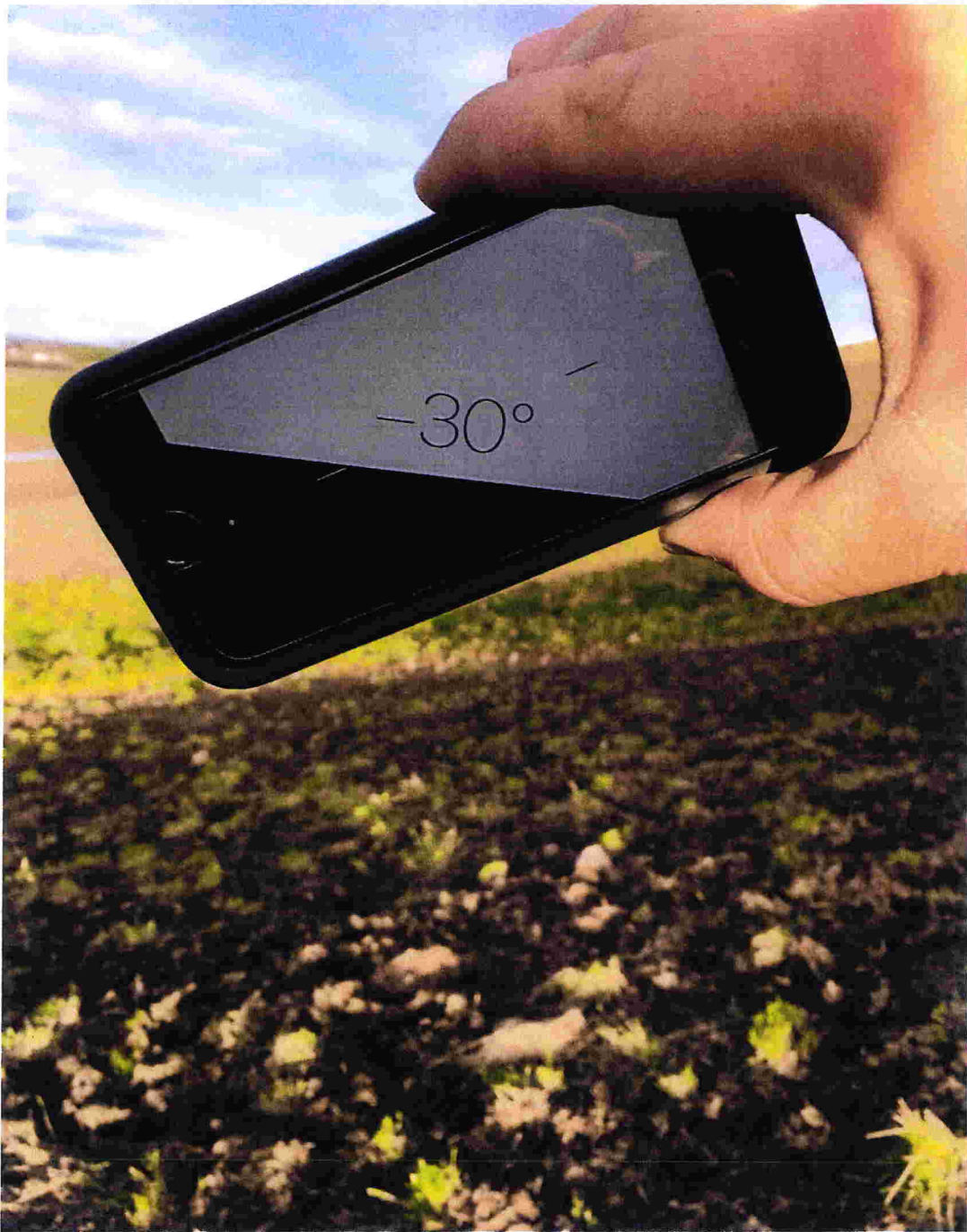
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Winter Grazing on Sloping land.

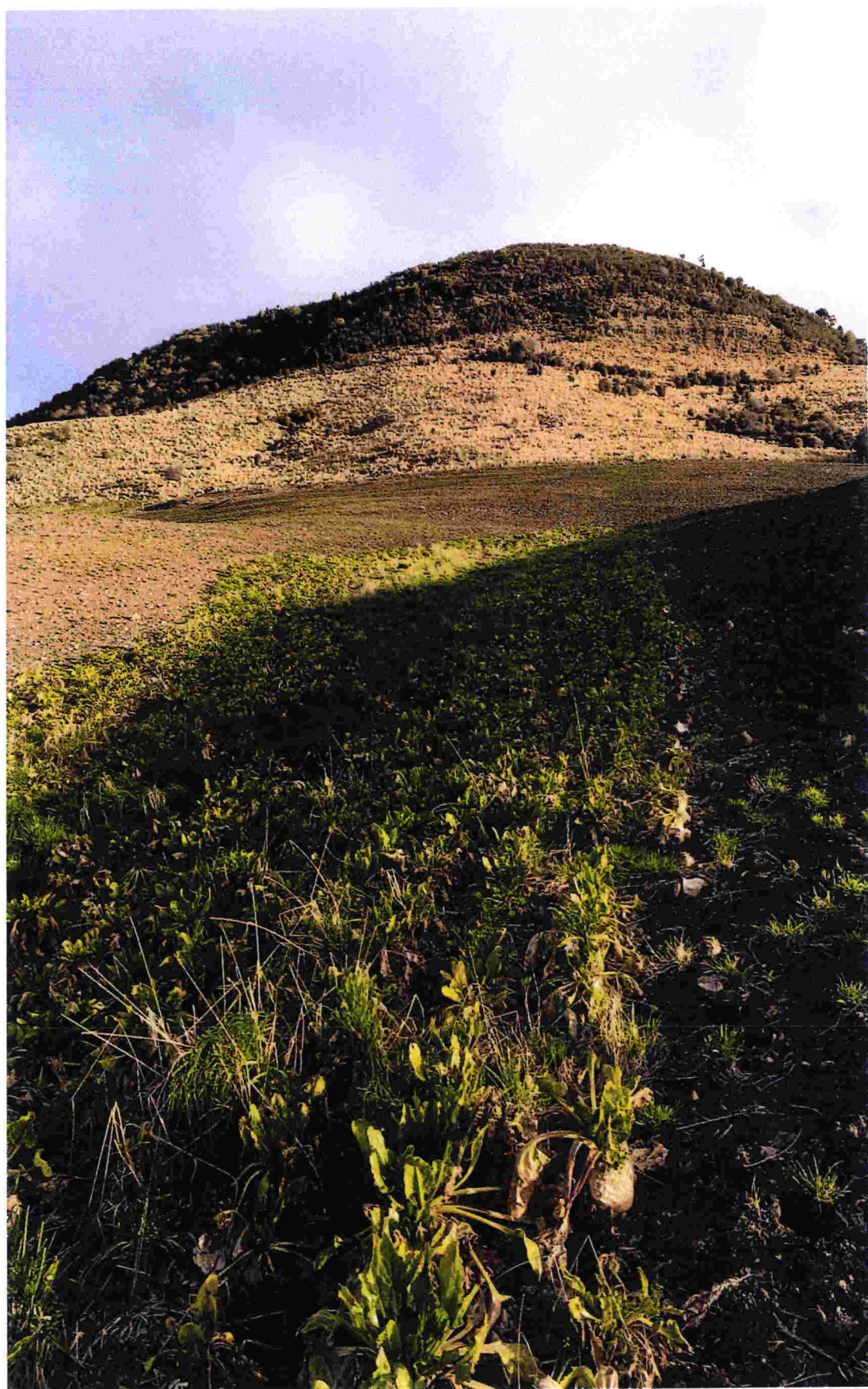
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Gravel Extraction

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Land & Water Plan Hearing - Tulloch Group submission

Incorporating Broadacres Ltd, Stoney Creek Station Ltd, The Terraces Ltd & Greg Bokser

Summary of significant concerns/impacts & possible solutions for the plan.

Discharge of Fertiliser – Rule 14

Suggested workable remedies:

A 5 metre margin is practical & this width means that noxious weeds including gorse can be controlled.

Farming – Rule 20

Suggested workable remedies:

Align implementation date with National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.

Intensive winter grazing – Rule 23

Suggested workable remedies:

Minimum winter grazing limit of 20% of total farm area.

Winter definition be changed to 1 June until 31 August (92 days).

Setbacks revert to 3 metres as per the original plan.

Properties such as Stoney Creek need to have the ability to reach their potential.

Cultivation of Sloping land – rule 25

Suggested workable remedies:

3 metre buffer is practical

Remove 20 & 25 degree rule as it unfairly targets rolling to steeper properties that are under developed.

Allow cultivation over 3 years for pasture renewal/gorse regeneration control.

Stock Exclusion from Waterbodies – rule 70

Suggested workable remedies:

Adopt the timeframe as per 42a.

Address winter definition from 1 June to 31 Aug to allow graze out of buffer zones and noxious weed management at the appropriate time of year as is the normal Southland practice.

3 metre exclusion zone okay with critical areas addressed in the Farm Management plans.

Gravel extraction – rule 73 policy 29

Suggested workable remedies:

Allow gravel extraction for flood erosion mitigation with adequate environmental controls.

Consenting

Suggested workable remedies:

ES need to provide a service level agreement for response time.

Assure the community that process will not evolve to where consultants become mandatory (as we have experienced in most other consenting issues).

42A report & other comments

We support:

Definition of mechanical cultivation as now included.

But definition of cultivation needs to specifically exclude Spraying, over sowing & direct drilling because rule 25 (a) (iii) states that cultivation cannot occur on land greater than 25 degrees. This contradicts the entire purpose of defining mechanical cultivation to exclude spray & pray practice. Extensive properties such as Stoney Creek Station are heavily reliant on this method of cultivation.

Please clarify:

Is consenting per property/paddock/season/crop rotation?

We have 13 paddocks in crop.

Suggested workable remedy:

We suggest that one consent should be issued for the entire farm covering a period of 3 years being the crop rotation needed to eliminate gorse regeneration.