

KEY ISSUES FOR SHEEP AND BEEF FARMERS

Environment Southland is currently consulting on its Water and Land Plan. This template has been created to help you get involved.

Get involved

It is critical that you get involved in the process directly. The plan will impact your farm so it is important you have your say.

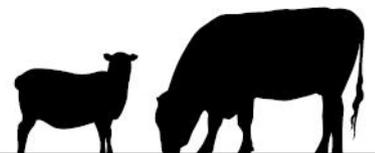
- Make a submission using B+LNZ's [submission template](#);
- Review the full Plan and download an Environment Southland submission form [here](#);
- Review B+LNZ's one page summary and 15 page summary of key issues [here](#);
- Attend a farmer led meeting near you on the 18th July, see schedule [here](#).

Share your thoughts or get help with your submission by contacting Environment Policy Manager Julia Beijeman at julia.beijeman@beeflambnz.com, phone (03) 357 0697 or mobile 027 406 4274.

Instructions for using this template:

- Use the blue bullet points as prompts to help you complete the table.
- Delete or add table rows as required – you can say as much or as little as you like, you're not limited to commenting on just the Plan sections included in this template.
- Wherever possible, try to back up your statements with examples from your own experiences, and/or cost implications on your farm business.
- Make sure you complete the covering sheet on the last page of this document.
- Your submission must be lodged with [Environment Southland](#) by 5pm on Monday, 1 August.

Please consider forwarding a copy of your submission to [B+LNZ](#) so we can echo your comments in our submission



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

Complete the following

Full Name:

Phone (Hm):

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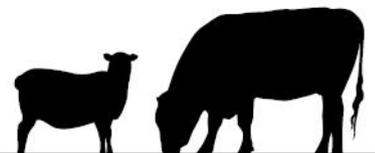
Phone (Cell):

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Email:

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.





<p>The specific provisions my submission relates to are:</p>	<p>My submission is that:</p> <p>State:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether you support, oppose or wish to amend each provision listed in column 1; and • brief reasons for your views. 	<p>The decision I would like Environment Southland to make is:</p> <p>Give:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • precise details of the outcomes you would like to see for each provision. The more specific you can be the easier it will be for the Council to understand the outcome you seek
<p>Physiographic Zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Write the specific physiographic zone policy that you are commenting on.</i> • <i>See page 3 of B+LNZ summary for more information</i> 	<p>I support/ oppose/ wish to amend <i>(delete as required)</i></p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Do you agree with the use of physiographic zones? Why/why not?</i> • <i>Try to justify your response using data or by providing an example or story from your farm/ own experiences</i> 	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What would be an appropriate alternative to physiographic zone?</i>

<p>Rule 22 - Dairy conversions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• See page 4 of B+LNZ summary for more information	<p>I support/ oppose/ wish to amend <i>(delete as required)</i></p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can you quantify the impact that this rule will have on your property? <p><i>If yes, please consider sharing this data with B+LNZ. We may use your data (aggregated to protect your privacy) as evidence in our submission.</i></p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p>
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<p>Glossary – Intensive Winter Grazing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• See page 5-6 of B+LNZ summary for more information	<p>I support/ oppose/ wish to amend <i>(delete as required)</i></p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>Consider aspects of the definition like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Should sheep be excluded from the intensive winter grazing definition? Why?• Should cereal crops be specifically excluded from the forage crop definition? Why?• Should an 'intensive/high stocking rate be defined? If yes, what should this be?• Is a winter grazing duration from May to September appropriate in Southland? Why/Why not?	<p>As an alternative I propose</p>
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<p>Rule 23 – Intensive Winter Grazing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See page 5-6 of B+LNZ summary for more information 	<p>I support/ oppose/ wish to amend <i>(delete as required)</i></p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>Consider aspects of the rule such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are the area restrictions (20 ha/ 50ha) appropriate? If not, what is a more reasonable area and why? • Are the vegetation buffers reasonable? Why/why not • Winter grazing on the coast – Will this requirement cause changes to your farming practices? If yes, try to quantify this in hectares and/or income/cost • Is the requirement to map subsurface drains appropriate? Why/why not? 	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you commented on the area restrictions (20 ha/ 50ha), what is a more reasonable area and why? • If you commented on vegetation buffers, what is a more suitable alternative and why? • If you commented on winter grazing on the coast, what is a more appropriate alternative? • If you commented on subsurface drains, what is a more appropriate alternative?
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<p>Rule 70 - Stock exclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• See page 7 of B+LNZ summary for more information	<p>I support/ oppose/ wish to amend <i>(delete as required)</i></p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can you share an example about what this will mean on your farm? Try to back this up with an indicative estimate about how much it would cost you to comply with this rule.	<p>As an alternative I propose</p>
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Rule 13 – Discharge from installed subsurface drainage systems

- See page 8 of B+LNZ summary for more information

I support/ oppose/ wish to amend *(delete as required)*

The reasons for this are:

- Can you share an example about what this will mean on your farm? Try to back up your statements with an indicative estimate about how much it would cost you to comply with this rule.

As an alternative I propose

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<p>Appendix N – Management Plan Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See pages 9-10 of B+LNZ summary for more information 	<p>I support/ oppose/ wish to amend <i>(delete as required)</i></p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you think about the contents of farm management plans? Are these requirements acceptable/ feasible? Why/why not? • How often do you think farm management plans should be reviewed and/or updated? Please justify your response. • Are the start/ finish dates appropriate to sheep and beef farming? If not, what would be a better cycle? • How much will it cost you to complete a nutrient budget review? Is this an acceptable cost to you? Why/why not 	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you commented on management plan review frequency - what would be a better alternative? • If you commented on the start/ finish dates - what would be a better cycle? • If you commented on the frequency of nutrient budget reviews - what would be a better alternative?
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<p>Rule 25 – Cultivation on sloping ground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• See page 11 of B+LNZ summary for more information	<p>I support/ oppose/ wish to amend <i>(delete as required)</i></p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Are these restrictions appropriate? Why/ why not? Please justify your response.• Will this rule impact your bottom line?	<p>As an alternative I propose</p>
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<p>Rule 20 – Farming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• See pages 13-15 of B+LNZ summary for more information	<p>I support/ oppose/ wish to amend <i>(delete as required)</i></p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do you agree with staggering farm management plan start dates by physiographic zone? Why/ why not?• Is your property within one physiographic zone or multiple? What will this mean in terms of your farming operations?	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is there a better way to take a risk based approach – i.e. is there another method of ensuring the highest risk land uses are targeted first
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