

2 May 2022

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment
Private Bag 18888
Wellington 6160

Who's
putting local
issues on
the national
agenda?

**We are.
LGNZ.**
Te Kāhui Kaunihera o Aotearoa.

Dear Minister Parker

Intensive Winter Grazing

Please find attached the most recent report from the Regional Sector on the actions taken in relation to intensive winter grazing (IWG). This report has once again been prepared in collaboration with primary industry groups who have an interest in promoting the uptake of good management practices on farm.

This report focusses on the 6 months to 1 May 2022. Most of the work highlighted in the report is focussed on the planning and preparation that has occurred prior to the 2022 winter season. This work builds on the work carried out prior to the 2021 winter season. Both the regional sector and industry groups continue to take the issue of IWG seriously which is shown by the continued investment in programmes to promote good practice.

All parties acknowledge that there remains a small number of farmers whose IWG practices create a risk to the health of our freshwater ecosystems. Compliance, monitoring and enforcement functions within regional councils will continue to work to identify these offenders and take necessary action.

This is the final quarterly report in the 12 months since the request was received. We will provide the Ministry for the Environment with updates on compliance and enforcement activity at the end of the 2022 season and on the MWLR project to map the extent of winter grazing in the 2021 and 2022 seasons.

Yours sincerely



Doug Leeder
Chair, Regional Sector
Local Government New Zealand