

Who's
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**We are.
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Te Kāhui Kaunihera o Aotearoa.

1 August 2021

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment
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Dear Minister Parker

Regional Council report on Intensive Winter Grazing

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the first Intensive Winter Grazing (IWG) report on behalf of Regional Councils. This report is the first quarterly report requested in your letter to Environment Southland dated 16 March 2021. Environment Southland has provided an additional update expanding on their efforts to address IWG practice. This will be sent to you separately but is also attached as an appendix to this report for completeness.

The report highlights the seriousness with which Regional Councils have taken this matter and also the significant efforts of those councils and the Primary Industry Sector groups to provide tools and support to improve winter grazing practices and to increase interventions where poor practices are observed.

As requested a further report will be submitted by 1 November 2021 which will demonstrate our ongoing commitment to achieving improved IWG practices across New Zealand.

Yours sincerely



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Cc: Minister O'Connor

Appendix 1 IWG report to Minister Parker 1 August 2021
Appendix 2 Regional council compliance monitoring and enforcement IWG
Appendix 3 Minister Parker Letter to Nicol Horrell 16 March 2021
Appendix 4 Primary sector organisations winter grazing checklist
Appendix 5 Chairman Horrell to Minister Parker - IWG Q1 report 1 August 2021