

**From:** Sally Gepp <S.Gepp@forestandbird.org.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 March 2019 11:33 a.m.  
**Subject:** RE: ENV-2018-CHC-26-50 - Proposed Southland Water and Land Plan Appeals

Dear Alexandra,

Please accept this email in place of a memorandum, I am not at work today.

Forest & Bird has not yet seen Fish & Game's response to Southland Regional Council's memorandum, but in general terms it does not agree with the Council's assessment of the scope of Fish & Game's appeal, and is likely to support Fish & Game in any process to determine scope (if the Council pursues this). The quality of Southland's freshwater bodies is undisputedly continuing to decline, despite the Council being under an obligation to maintain water quality since the enactment of the Resource Management Act in 1991. The urgent need to take steps to remedy this was well signalled in Fish & Game's submission and appeal, as was the form of relief sought.

In addition, I note that the challenged evidence includes Mr Farrell's planning evidence which addresses both Fish & Game's and Forest & Bird's appeal points. Forest & Bird therefore wishes to ensure that any challenges to scope with respect to Mr Farrell's evidence do not affect the evidence relating to Forest & Bird's appeal.

Thanks

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