THE WAITUNA STORY
Iconic wetlands in jeopardy

Curb on dairying may save lagoon

Waituna wetlands

“There’s a lot of sediment going into the lagoon and the mud goes black (instead of being brown). It smells like sulphur, no oxygen, nothing can live in it.”

Kirsten Meijer

Calling all Waituna farmers

Are you sick of being Southland’s biggest environmental scapegoat?
Is falling equity and the thought of environmental scientists telling you how to run your farm starting to irk you?

If so, come along to the Kapuka South Rec Reserve at 7.30pm on Thursday 25 August, to a farmer-only meeting to discuss the best way forward for our farming community.

It’s time to make a stand. Don’t wait until the regulations have been imposed!

No organisation representatives welcome.

Farmers ‘victimised over lagoon pollution’

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Recommendations

There was also room for improvement by:

- Utilising nutrient management plans
- Stopping effluent irrigation to saturated soils
- Reducing effluent application rates and/or depth
- Improving rubbish disposal practices
What we are working towards
Summary

- Unite in your community
- Use local skills and knowledge
- Involve whole community
- Create positive, professional relationships with stakeholders.
- Become informed of and involved in the process

“Don’t be railroaded into making quick decisions. We might not have always been right, but we did the right thing, we were right to slow things down.”