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**Re: Taumarunui Sustainable Land Management Group – Definition of Sustainable Land Management**

As requested by your panel at the Ohakune hearings, I present the definition of sustainable land management used by the TSLM group:

**"Employing land based practices that can continue without social, economic or environmental detriment".**

This may seem simplistic to you but evolved over a 4-5 year period of regular consideration and discussion amongst the group.

The concept of truly sustainable land management is deep and wide and not properly understood without substantial consideration and deliberation. It is usual for those initially considering the concept to take a narrower perspective than further consideration would conclude is necessary.

My perception is that Horizons has not developed their understanding of the concept of sustainable land management to the extent that members of the TSLM have. The One Plan indicates that their understanding of the concept is not sufficiently developed to provide that the One Plan environmental proposals are sustainable.

Thank you for your interest in the activities of the TSLM group.

Yours faithfully

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