

How best to deal with proposed nutrients changes

Regulations for protecting Southland's freshwater are coming and over the next few years, there will be more to comply with. Now is time to start doing something practical, affordable and effective on your property so that you support your future success in this changing regulatory landscape. **Nutrient and sediment control – what can you do right now?**

Fertiliser applications will likely be closely monitored and assessed in the future and you may have to use less. We know we need fertiliser to be productive so how can we ensure the fertiliser we can apply is used efficiently – from an economic and environmental point of view? This is where regular Lime applications will help. Lime is not a fertiliser and there is no nutrient value to it, but this is not its environmental power. Reducing soil acidity to allow the efficient use of fertiliser is.

Appropriate applications of lime to your property will maximise nutrient availability to your pasture or crop. You will need less fertiliser, which in turn will reduce your environmental impact via runoff and leaching to your farms waterways.

Lime also plays an important physical and biological role in the soil. It can help soil structure that increases soil resistance to erosion and thereby sediment loss that is a major waterway contaminant. Lime helps create environments for healthy soil biology to thrive ensuring biodiversity and resilience to your soil.

Your soil works hard to provide the foundation of your business. Respect and refresh it with regular applications of AgLime.