

Hello, my name is Gurtej Singh and I live in 300 stakehill road Baldivies 6171 with my family. I want to utilise some of the land of my property for Rural Pursuit\Hobby farm. I have outlines my plans to below.

1. I intend to utilize a portion of my land for a small-scale Rural Pursuit/ Hobby farm, cultivating vegetables and supporting local agriculture.
2. I will not be using a sprinkler watering system to avoid any wastage of water.
3. While filling the household water tank for domestic use, I will also fill a separate tank that will supply the irrigation system, ensuring efficient water use.
4. I will employ a drip irrigation system to conserve water and ensure precise delivery to the plants.
5. The farm will mostly focus on organic practices, avoiding harmful chemicals and promoting sustainability.
6. The farm will avoid sprinkler watering, preventing runoff and safeguarding nearby waterways.
7. I will keep the operation small-scale to preserve the rural charm and fit the council's agricultural vision.
8. I will monitor soil health by reducing disturbance, preventing erosion, and maintaining long-term fertility.
9. The farm will serve as a local food source, enhancing food security for my household and the community.
10. I will integrate native plants to support pollinators and biodiversity.
11. This hobby farm will align with the council's goals of preserving rural charm and fostering a sustainable agricultural future.

I will be looking forward to hear from you, if there is any information needed from me please reach me.

Thanks you very much.

Gurtej



Hello, my name is Gurtej Singh. I am writing this letter for development of the land use from semi rural to use some of the portion as hobby farm. I am detail the asked matter below;-

Proposed activities

- Seasonal Watermelon, seasonal sweet corn, seasonal pumpkins, seasonal capsicum and tomatoes will be grown on the proposed farm. All will be seasonal vegetables.
 - Maximum of 2.5 acres on whole block. In hot season or the season of the watermelons, it will be around 1.5 acres of maximum. Other crops will not be ready for pick at the same time if they will be grown.

Management and staffing

- No staff members will be hired. it will be only me and my wife will be involved in work.
 - I will be working in all the roles with my wife.
 - No worker will be hired so no-one will be residing at the place.

Access, parking and traffic

- No staff parking
 - Parking is inside the property for visitor. There is 5-6 cars parking lots just at the entrance of the property in front of the existing house.
 - Access is from the stakehill road is available to the property where cars can get on and get off the road easily.
 - NO commercial vehicles will be entering or exiting from the property. There is no need for it. Nothing will be delivered to anybody so transport will not be part of it anywhere.

Oprations

- Operating hours from 8;00 am till 5;00 pm on season. Specially in hot weather for watermelons. Days will vary on season and off season. On season will be Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday till April from last week of dec. other months will be no days OR only Saturday or Sundays.
 - Only tractor will be used on the property, NOT out of the property. There is not any other machine will be used. Manual wheelbarrows will be used.
 - Production will be sold ONLY on site to visitors or customers. There will not be any delivery or production will not be sold off site.
 - There will not be any cool room, shed storage or infrastructure used for collection of distribution. Production will come straight from farm.

Others

- Ground water will be used for DRIP irrigation.
 - These is existing bore on the property, which is used for household. we use this water for our households. While I will be filling the household water tank, I will store the other water in another water tanks to use for irrigation through drip system. Estimate of the water use of Maximum of 15000kiloliters.