

Farming Permitted Activity Management Plan

Introduction

This template has been developed specifically for properties that meet the permitted activity rules (see section 5 of the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan). This template covers the content requirements of a management plan as listed in Schedule 7A of the Plan. This template is not appropriate for use as a Farm Environment Plan (FEP) to be lodged with a farming land use consent or if require an FEP Audit.

A few important notes:

- This management plan is to be updated at least every 12 months or as necessary
- This plan must be provided to Environment Canterbury on request.

Date of Plan:

Next review due:

PROPERTY DETAILS		
Property name:	Property's Physical address: Total area (ha):	Legal Description: Farm Identifier:
Owner Name: Description of Ownership:	Postal address:	Phone: Mobile: Email:
Existing Resource Consents for the property:		

LAND USE			
Topography (ha)	Flat	Rolling /Easy hill	Steep hill
Crop area (ha)			
Woodlot/Trees (ha)			
Dairy Grazing (ha)			
Other grazing (ha)			
Horticulture (ha)			
Other specify _____ (ha)			

Practice	On farm actions undertaken in the previous 12 months 1 July xxxx to 30 June xxxx	On farm actions planned for the next 12 months 1 July xxxx to 30 June xxxx
Water, effluent and fertiliser is applied at a rate that does not exceed the water holding capacity of the soil or the agronomic requirements of the crop.		
Irrigation systems, effluent application systems, fertigation systems and fertiliser or organic manure systems are assessed annually and maintained and operated to apply irrigation water, waste or nutrients efficiently.		
Silage pits, refuse pits and offal pits are sited, designed and managed to avoid the discharge of leachate into surface waterbodies.		
Effluent systems meet industry Codes of Practice or an equivalent standard.		
Fertiliser is stored a minimum of 20 metres from surface waterbodies.		
Non-irrigation water use is monitored and efficient.		
Stock are excluded from waterbodies in accordance with regional council rules or any granted resource consent.		
Vegetated buffer strips of at least 5 metres in width are maintained between areas of winter grazing and any river, lake, drain or wetland.		
Vegetated riparian margins of sufficient width are maintained to minimise nutrient, sediment and microbial pathogen losses to waterbodies.		

Note: if any of the above are not applicable to your farm e.g. there are no waterbodies on the property then just enter N/A into the relevant field.

Farm Maps

Include Farm Map(s) or aerial photographs showing:

- The boundaries of the property
- The boundaries of the main land management units on the property
- The location of permanent or intermittent rivers, streams, lakes, drains, ponds or wetlands
- The location of riparian vegetation and fences adjacent to water bodies
- The location on all waterways where stock access or crossing occurs
- The location of any areas within or adjoining the property that are identified in a District Plan as “significant indigenous biodiversity”
- The location of any critical source areas for phosphorus loss including for any part of the property within the High Runoff Risk Phosphorus Zone.

Other map features for consideration:

- Irrigated area/s
- Rubbish pits, offal pits and compost heaps
- Sites for water takes
- Community drinking water supply areas
- Mahinga Kai

Tip: Search for your property online at Canterbury Maps (see <http://www.canterburywater.farm/fep/farm-map/>) Canterbury Maps allows you to add in ‘data’ to the map. For example, if you add in river and stream lines, wetlands, community drinking water supply areas, resource consents etc. The mapping system allows you to print as an electronic file (.pdf) which you can keep electronically or print out a hardcopy.

Note: You may need to use more than one map.

Change in farming system or new activities on farm

It’s important that prior to making any changes to your property that you check that your activities continue to fall under the permitted activity rule. A simple way to do this is visit the Canterbury Water website and check the ‘farming rules’ section at <http://www.canterburywater.farm/farming-rules/>.

If you are unclear if your property remains a permitted activity, then please contact Environment Canterbury on 0800 324 636 or online at <https://ecan.govt.nz/info/contact/>.