

CON 501: APPLICATION FOR A RESOURCE CONSENT UNDER THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

TO USE LAND FOR A FARMING ACTIVITY FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED WITHIN ALL SECTIONS OF THE LAND AND WATER REGIONAL PLAN

If you need help in filling out this form, please contact our Customer Services staff on (03) 353 9007 or toll free on 0800 324 636. They will be able to provide some general assistance.

Email the completed application to: ecinfo@ecan.govt.nz
Or send to: Environment Canterbury,
PO Box 345, Christchurch 8140

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Please note that this application form applies to those that can meet the criteria below:

- The applicant is unable to comply with the relevant permitted activity nutrient management rules of the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan (LWRP) (region-wide and sub-regional level) and requires resource consent to use land for a farming activity for a single property or as a farming enterprise.
- If your property contains multiple nutrient allocation zones (NAZ), you can continue to complete this application form.

When assessing the effects on the environment, Environment Canterbury (ECan) may have controlled or restricted the matters it can consider. Where this is the case, these matters are specified in the relevant rules in the LWRP and ECan can only consider those matters. If granted, conditions may also only relate to the matters specified in the Plan, or to administrative matters.

For further information on the relevant rules applicable to nutrient management as set out by the LWRP, please see the online version of the [Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan](#) for further guidance.

Before you apply for your resource consent, please ensure the following information is completed and accompanies your application:

- A Planning Assessment Form (CON501A-E) to determine the activity status and matters of discretion; and an assessment of the activity against any relevant planning provisions;
- The Nitrogen Baseline for the property or farming enterprise if applicable. If using Overseer, this needs to be published to Environment Canterbury within OverseerFM and PDF copies of the published analyses should also be provided with the application;
- Written approval of any parties likely affected by the proposal to use land for farming; and
- A Farm Environment Plan (FEP).

The following only applies to properties required to calculate nitrogen losses relative to Good Management Practice (GMP) from 1 July 2020:

- PDF copy of the Nutrient Report from the Farm Portal which shows the Baseline GMP Loss Rate; or
- Calculations and methodology of the Equivalent Baseline GMP Loss Rate and the Equivalent Good Management Practice Loss Rate if using an alternative method to calculate GMP loss rates.

Charges

Your application must be accompanied with the initial fixed charge specified [here](#) on Environment Canterbury’s website page “How much will my consent cost?” The initial fixed charge may not cover all charges related to the auditing of the application. The applicant may be invoiced for additional charges. If an application is declined, all charges must still be paid.

PLEASE TICK WHICH FEE BELOW IS APPLICABLE

Variable Initial Fixed Fee applications (Risk based initial fixed fee)	High	Initial fixed fee (incl GST)	Medium	Initial fixed fee (incl GST)	Low	Initial fixed fee (incl GST)	Risk Factors (where applicable)
Farming Land Use	Three or more Risk Factors	\$4,500 <input type="checkbox"/>	Two Risk Factors	\$3,500 <input type="checkbox"/>	Up to one Risk Factor	\$2,500 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 Multiple farms on application. 2 Region wide rule application that does not use the Farm Portal to calculate Good Management Practice (GMP) Baseline Loss Rates and GMP Loss Rates. 3 Sub regional rule that requires application of GMP guidelines for Selwyn and Hinds. 4 With Community Drinking Water Protection Zone (CDWPZ). 5 Application proposed Nutrient Discharge Allowance or Lawful Exceedance to operate above Nitrogen Baseline. 6 Overseer analysis with greater than 10 blocks modelled.

All accounts are payable by the 20th day of the month following the date of invoice. If the account is not paid within 30 days after the due date, our debt collection agent may charge you a fee equal to 25% of the unpaid portion of the account, but no less than \$25.00. Where the total debt collection costs, legal and other costs arising from the collection of any amount owing exceeds the debt collection fee charged, our debt collection agent is also entitled to recover such additional costs. All Environment Canterbury charges must be met by the applicant. This may include time spent discussing issues with the applicant and any other parties involved in the process.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Section 88 of the Resource Management Act 1991 specifies the requirements for applications for resource consents and requires that each application includes a description of the activity, a planning assessment, and an assessment of the actual and potential effects of the activity on the environment, amongst other things. The relevant rules also require that certain matters be addressed in your application or accompany it.

This form has been created to help you satisfy these requirements. If you fail to provide necessary information, including the initial fixed charge, your application will not be accepted for processing.

Please ensure that you have completed all parts of this application form, including:

- Applicant details (Section 1) Page 3
- Pre-application advice (Section 2) Page 4
- Description of the activity and site (Section 3) Page 4
- Planning Assessment (Section 4) Page 7
- Assessment of actual and potential effects on the Environment [AEE] (Section 5) Page 7
- Consultation (Section 6) Page 13
- Signatures (Section 7) Page 14
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- Application Checklist (Section 9) Page 15

Name of person/company/organisation that is paying the initial fixed charge	
Method of payment: Internet banking/paid in person at Environment Canterbury office	
Date payment is made	
Payment reference e.g. applicant name	

I prefer to receive invoices by:

- Postal address below
- Email below
- Billing address below

1 APPLICANT DETAILS

1.1 Applicant(s) details

Surname:		First names (in full):	
Surname:		First names (in full):	
OR Registered Company name and number:			

Postal address:		Postcode:	
Billing address (if different):		Postcode:	
Phone (home):		Phone (work):	
Cell phone:		Email address:	
Contact person:			

Are you an Environment Canterbury staff member, an Environment Canterbury Councillor, or a family member of either?

Yes No

Environment Canterbury is trying to reduce its environmental footprint, therefore any correspondence including decision documents and consent (if granted) will be sent via email, unless you request a paper copy.

Yes No

Do you want a paper copy of all correspondence?

Yes No

Do you want a paper copy of decision documents only?

Yes No

1.2 Consultant/Agents details (if applicable)

Contact person:		Company:	
Postal address:		Postcode:	
Phone (work):		Cell phone:	
Email address:			

During the processing of your application who will be the contact person for making decisions? Applicant Consultant / Agent

Note: All correspondence during the consent application process will be directed to this contact person, unless instructed otherwise. Final decision documents will be sent to the applicant.

Who will be the contact person for compliance monitoring matters? Applicant Consultant / Agent

1.3 Names and addresses of the owner and occupier of the site to which this application relates

(You only need to include this information if it is **different** to that of the applicant(s)).

Owner:		Phone:	
Postal address:		Postcode:	
Occupier:		Phone:	
Postal address:		Postcode:	

2 PRE-APPLICATION ADVICE

Have you received any advice from Environment Canterbury on this application prior to lodging this application? Yes No

If yes, please list the pre-application number if known:

E.g. RMA165897. This number should have been provided to you by staff

Please list any pre-application meetings or advice (verbal and/or written) you have had with Environment Canterbury on this application below:

Type of advice	Brief details, including who provided the advice and the date
<input type="checkbox"/> Meeting(s)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Verbal advice	
<input type="checkbox"/> Written advice	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (e.g. submitted draft application / AEE)	

3 DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY AND SITE

3.1 Land use consent to use land for farming:

The Land and Water Regional Plan operates at both region wide and sub-regional levels, and provides rules, objectives and policies that guide nutrient management within specific areas of the region. Depending on the location of your property or farming enterprise, please refer to the relevant section below for further guidance on planning assessments and determining the activity status of the application.

Where your property or farming enterprise includes land in more than one Nutrient Allocation Zone, a Planning Assessment Form for each Nutrient Allocation Zone needs to be provided as the rules will apply only to the part of the property within that zone

A. Region Wide applications:

This section relates to properties seeking resource consent for farming activities under the provisions of the region wide section of the plan.

Please select from the list below the rule assessment applicable to your farming land use application:

- CON501A** – Property located in the **Red** Nutrient Allocation Zone;
- CON501B** - Property located in the **Orange** Nutrient Allocation Zone;

- CON501C** - Property located in the **Lake** Nutrient Allocation Zone;
- CON501D** - Property located in the **Green and Light Blue** Nutrient Allocation Zone;
- CON501E – Alternative Pathway** (including Environment Canterbury Equivalent Pathway).

Based on the planning assessment provided as part of this resource consent application, the proposed activity to use land for farming is classified as a _____ activity under Rule _____ of the LWRP.

B. Sub- Regional applications:

This section relates to properties seeking resource consent for farming activities under the provisions of a sub-regional section of the plan.

Please select from the list below the rule assessment applicable to your farming land use application:

- CON501F** - Property located in the **South Coastal Canterbury** sub region;
- CON501G** - Property located in the **Waimakariri** sub region (also assess region wide rule);
- CON501H** - Property located in the **Waitaki** sub region;
- CON501I** - Property located in the **Orari – Temuka – Opihi - Pareora** sub region (also assess region wide rule).
- CON501J** – Property located in **Lower Hinds / Hekeao Plains** sub region;
- CON501K** – Property located in **Upper Hinds / Hekeao Plains** sub region;
- CON501L** - Property located in the **Selwyn Te Waihora** sub region;

3.2 Duration of resource consent being applied for:

Please state the duration sought for your resource consent.

_____ years _____ months

3.3 Site of the proposed activity

Site address:

Locality (City/District):

Area of property (ha):

	Legal description:	

Optional: Have you provided a Canterbury Maps file delineating the boundary of your property? Yes No

Note: Your legal description can be found on the Certificate of Title, valuation notice, subdivision plan or rate demand invoice for the site. Please include a copy of one of these with your application.

3.4 Description of the farming activity

Please provide a description of the farm system that occurred on the property during the relevant baseline period.

Please provide a description of the farm system currently operated on the property and confirm if there have been any changes on the farm since the baseline period.

3.5 Current or previous authorisations

Do you hold, or during the Nitrogen Baseline period did you hold, any resource consent/s at this site for the following activities?

Discharge of dairy effluent	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes CRC/s:
Take and use water (groundwater and/or surface water) for irrigation	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes CRC/s:
Any others farming related consents	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes CRC/s:

Note: Consent numbers can be found by searching the consent holder name, using the Environment Canterbury Consent Search [here](#)

Do you receive, or during the Nitrogen Baseline period did you receive, water for irrigation from an irrigation scheme?

- No
- Yes.

If yes, which years: _____, which irrigation scheme: _____ and how many hectares was supplied irrigation:

3.6 Statement of whether there are other activities (controlled by a Plan) that are part of the proposal or any additional resource consents needed.

List any additional resource consents required as part of the proposed activity from Environment Canterbury and your City or District Council.

Have these resource consents been applied for:

- Yes
- No

Note: you will only need to complete this field if you currently do not hold all the relevant consents for your farming activity or you have changed your farming activity and trigger additional rules. If you are uncertain, please contact Environment Canterbury's customer services on (03) 353 9007 or toll free on 0800 324 636 or ecinfo@ecan.govt.nz and/or your relevant city or district council.

3.7 Related Permitted Activities

Where a permitted activity rule applies to other farm related activities (e.g. farm rubbish pits), the Council is required to determine that a resource consent is not required for these activities.

Do any permitted activity rules apply to these activities?

Yes

No

If Yes, which ones?

Do these activities comply with the conditions in the permitted activity rules?

Yes

No

Note: Permitted activities that could apply to farm related activities can be viewed at the Farmers Hub webpage [here](#)

4 PLANNING ASSESSMENT

The Resource Management Act requires you to provide an assessment of your application against relevant provisions of planning documents as stipulated under Section 104(b) of the RMA and Part 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

This includes the following policy provisions:

- o A national environmental standard;
- o Other regulations;
- o A national policy statement;
- o New Zealand coastal policy statement;
- o A regional policy statement or proposes regional policy statement;
- o A plan or proposed plan.

You can choose to fill out the Planning Assessment Form or provide your own assessment with the application. Please indicate which assessment you have undertaken:

- I have completed and attached the assessment using the Planning Assessment Form; OR

- I have attached an assessment against the above planning provisions.

Note: The Planning Assessment form does not include the National Environmental Standard for Freshwater 2020 nor the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020. As such, an assessment against the relevant provisions of the NES-F and NPSFM will need to be prepared by the applicant.

5 ASSESSMENT OF ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

5.1 Description of the environment and assessment of the proposed activity’s effects on the environment

Some information required to complete the assessment of effects will already be contained in your Farm Environment Plan. You may therefore choose to refer to the contents of your FEP when completing this application form where it represents your farming activity for which consent is being sought. For more information as to how your information will be treated, see “Official Information” at the end of this form.

Alternatively, you may wish to keep the content of your Farm Environment Plan confidential, in this instance you will need to provide a description of the environment and an assessment of effects below (or attach):

Do you wish to use your Farm Environment Plan as “Official Information” to form part of your application?

Yes

No

If No, would you like your Farm Environment Plan to be kept confidential?

Yes

No

If you indicated that you wish to make your Farm Environment Plan confidential, you will be required to provide a description of the environment and the assessment of effects below (or attach)

5.2 Content, Quality, Compliance and Auditing of your Farm Environment Plan

5.2.1 Content and Quality of your Farm Environment Plan

During the consenting process, your Farm Environment Plan (FEP) will be checked to ensure that it has been prepared in accordance with Part A of Schedule 7 of the operative Land and Water Regional Plan.

Was your Farm Environment Plan prepared:

For information on preparing Farm Environment Plans and where to find approved FEP templates, please see Environment Canterbury website – Information for farmers by following the link below.

<https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/farmers-hub/>

by farmer alone

by farmer supported at an Industry or Environment Canterbury workshop

by a farmer supported by a Farm Consultant

by a farmer and reviewed by an Accredited Farm Consultant

by an Accredited Farm Consultant

If so, consultant’s name?

Other

Is the Farm Environment Plan on an Environment Canterbury approved template?

Yes No

If no, has it been prepared in accordance with the matters in Part A of Schedule 7 of the Canterbury Land & Water Regional Plan?

Yes No

If no, why not?

Note: If you indicated that your Farm Environment Plan has not been prepared in accordance with Part A of Schedule 7 of the Canterbury Land & Water Regional Plan, your application will be considered a non-complying activity under the Land and Water Regional Plan.

5.2.2 Farm Environment Plan Auditing

Please note the commencement date for the first audit of the Farm Environment Plan will be determined by Environment Canterbury through the consenting process, which will likely be carried out within 12 months of the grant of consent.

The Farm Environment Plan audit will be undertaken in accordance with the Farm Environment Plan audit requirements and your grade will be reported to Environment Canterbury for compliance monitoring purposes. As the FEP is a live document, the adequacy of the actions specified (and whether they have been implemented) will be checked through the FEP audit.

Any non-compliances resulting from the farm audit will be addressed through action plans and methods by an independent and certified Farm Environment Plan auditor, to ensure ongoing audits will result in improved environmental practice and outcomes. The recurrence of future audits of your Farm Environment Plan will be based on your grade (A= 3 years, B= 2 years, C= 1 year, D= 6 months).

Do you agree to have your Farm Environment Plan audited by an independent and certified Farm Environment Plan auditor throughout the duration of the consent, to ensure you are implementing Good Management Practices or Actions in your Farm Environment Plan in accordance with the objectives and targets of Schedule 7 of the LWRP?

Yes No

If **No**, how do you intend to demonstrate compliance with the Farm Environment Plan?

5.3 Potential effects of the land use on surface and groundwater quality and sources of drinking water

Note: Canterbury Maps is a joint data-sharing initiative brought to you by Canterbury's regional and territorial authorities. Canterbury Maps contains a range of property and site geographical information and data. Use the following link and search for "Farming Activity Resource Consents" to access geographical information and data that may assist you with completing this application form <http://canterburymaps.govt.nz/>.

5.3.1 Community Water Supply Protection Zone (CWSPZ)

If any part of a community water supply protection zone is located within your farm boundary, an assessment should be provided with the application to determine the effect of the land use on the drinking water supply. The minimum requirement should include but not be limited to:

- a) Groundwater flow direction in relation to the flow direction used to delineate the protection zone;
- b) The depth to groundwater, the local geology, and soil types;
- c) Well depth and location, including separation distance to the farming area;
- d) Well head protection and potential for surface runoff if the well is in close proximity to stock grazing areas;
- e) Existing water quality at the bore and any known water quality issues;
- f) Details regarding the current treatment of the community water supply from the bore, if any;
- g) The land use within the protection zone;
- h) Details of any land use intensification, such as increases in stock numbers, seasonal grazing regime, fertiliser or effluent application, within the protection zone. This should include any future changes that may occur throughout the duration of the proposed consent;
- i) Details of specific mitigation proposed, or already in place, to prevent and/or reduce potential effects on water quality at the bore (e.g. removing stock from land within protection zone, providing alternative drinking water supply if bore becomes contaminated etc.);
- j) A summary of the potential risk of the land use activity to the quality of the water supplied by the bore.

Is any part of a Community Water Supply Protection Zone within your farm boundary and is discretion allowed by the LWRP to consider the effects?

Yes, I have provided an assessment to determine the effect of the land use on the CWSPZ

No

We encourage consultation with the well owner/community drinking water supplier as this is likely to be required to obtain some of the above information. In particular, the supplier should be able to provide information on:

- a) Well head protection;
- b) Existing water quality at the bore and any known water quality issues;
- c) Details regarding the current treatment of the community water supply from the bore, if any;

Have you consulted with the bore owner to obtain any relevant information?

Yes

No

5.3.2 Freshwater bathing sites

Is there a Freshwater Bathing site within 1000 metres down-gradient of your farm boundary?

Yes

No

5.3.3 Salmon or Inanga Spawning

Is there a Salmon or Inanga Spawning site within 1000 metres down-gradient of your farm boundary?

Yes

No

5.3.4 Farm Environment Plan.

If you answered **Yes** to any of the matters in Section 5 and you indicated that you want to use your Farm Environment Plan as part of your application, does your Farm Environment Plan address effects on these matters?

Yes

No

N/a

If **No**, are you willing to amend you Farm Environment Plan to address effects on these matters which will be taken into consideration during the farm audit?

Yes

No

N/a

If you indicated that you wish to make your Farm Environment Plan confidential and have answered yes to any of the matters above you will need to address these effects below (or attach).

5.4 Nitrogen Loss Management

The Land and Water Regional Plan requires that quality and accurate nutrient budgets are provided with the application for resource consent.

5.4.1 Nitrogen Baseline

This section of the application form relates to all properties seeking resource consent for farming activities.

Note: The Nitrogen Baseline Loss Rate may be calculated while using OverseerFM or an equivalent model approved by the Chief Executive of Environment Canterbury. NCheck has been approved by Environment Canterbury as an equivalent model but is only an option for properties located within the Selwyn Te Waihora sub region. This equivalent model may therefore only be used where the Nitrogen losses are 15kg N/ha/year or less and those properties are located in the Cultural Landscape/Values Management Area (CLVMA) or Phosphorus Sediment Risk Area (PSRA).

Please select the model that will be used to derive the Nitrogen Baseline Loss Rate and Nitrogen Loss Calculation Loss Rate for your property or farm enterprise:

- OverseerFM
- Equivalent model (NCheck)

If your land use did not change during the Nitrogen Baseline period, you may use one OverseerFM analysis / Ncheck nutrient budget to represent the entire baseline period. If changes did occur on the property during the baseline period, you will be required to provide multiple OverseerFM analyses / NCheck nutrient budgets to represent the baseline period.

Please fill out the table below based on your OverseerFM analysis that was published to Environment Canterbury, or provide a nutrient budget based on an equivalent model approved by the Chief Executive of Environment Canterbury (NCheck) that shows the inputs and the amount of nitrogen lost to water from the property over the years listed below.

Year	Average amount of nitrogen lost to water beneath the property (kg N/ha/yr) using up to four years of data	Average amount of nitrogen lost to water beneath the property (kg N/ha/yr) using one representative file.
TOTAL		
Baseline average (kg N/ha/yr)		

Note: For the majority of applications, the Nitrogen Baseline refers to a 48 month consecutive period within the period 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2013. Exceptions include properties located within the 'Hinds – Rangitata Area' or 'Hurunui-Waiiau area'.

Please specify when the Nitrogen Baseline OverseerFM analysis/es or NCheck nutrient budget/s were created:

Date:

Where OverseerFM was used to calculate the loss rate, were your Nitrogen Baseline OverseerFM analysis/es prepared in accordance with the Overseer Best Practice Data Input Standards or current OverseerFM user guidance?

- Yes No N/A

If **No**, why not?

5.4.2 Nitrogen Loss Calculation

This section of the application form relates to all properties seeking resource consent for farming activities.

Nitrogen Loss Calculation is defined in the LWRP as “means the discharge of nitrogen below the root zone, as modelled with OVERSEER (where the required data is inputted into the model in accordance with OVERSEER Best Practice Data Input Standards), or an equivalent model approved by the Chief Executive of Environment Canterbury, averaged over the most recent four year period and expressed in kg per hectare per annum. If OVERSEER is updated, the most recent version is to be used.”

In some instances, the Nitrogen Loss Calculation is required as part of the consent application. If this is the case, you may use the Nitrogen Baseline to represent the Nitrogen Loss Calculation if no material changes have occurred on the property since the baseline period. However, if material changes did occur on the property, you will be required to use recent Overseer modelling, or an equivalent model approved by the Chief Executive of Environment Canterbury (NCheck), to represent the Nitrogen Loss Calculation.

Is the Nitrogen Loss Calculation required for your application? Yes No N/a

If the Nitrogen Loss Calculation is required, do you wish to use the Nitrogen Baseline to represent the Nitrogen Loss Calculation? Yes No

If it is not appropriate, please state the Nitrogen Loss Calculation for the property: _____ kg N/ha/yr, when calculated between _____ to _____ (e.g.2016 to 2020).

5.4.3 Good Management Practices (GMP)

This section of the application form only relates to properties located within the following Nutrient Allocation Zones and sub-regions:

- **Red** Nutrient Allocation Zone;
- **Orange** Nutrient Allocation Zone;
- **Lake** Nutrient Allocation Zone;
- **Green and Light Blue** Nutrient Allocation Zone;
- **South Coastal Canterbury** sub region.
- **Waitaki** sub region.
- **Waimakariri** sub region
- **Orari – Temuka – Opihi - Pareora** sub region.

The Land & Water Regional Plan requires farmers to calculate nitrogen losses at good management practice for their land using the Farm Portal. The Farm Portal is specifically designed to calculate a properties nitrogen loss rate, to represent nitrogen losses from that property if it was operating in accordance with Industry Agreed Good Management Practices.

Can you confirm that the Baseline GMP Loss Rate was able to be determined by using the Farm Portal?

Yes No N/A

If **No**, why not?

Based on the Farm Portal Report, the Baseline GMP Loss Rate for my property was _____ kg N/ha/yr.

Do you agree to manage your farming activity in accordance with the lesser of the Nitrogen Baseline, the Baseline GMP Loss Rate or the Good Management Practice Loss Rate from 1 July 2020, as required by the Land & Water Regional Plan?

Yes No

If **No**, why not?

Note: The LWRP allows for an alternative method of calculating GMP loss rates in certain situations, including if the Farm Portal is unable to generate a Baseline GMP Loss Rate or Good Management Practice Loss Rate, or the number generated is demonstrated to be erroneous. If using an alternative method (including the Environment Canterbury Equivalent Pathway) your application should be accompanied by CON51E – Planning Assessment Form and you should demonstrate compliance against the relevant planning provisions relating to an alternative method.

5.4.4 Nutrient Discharge Allowance

This section of the application form relates to all properties seeking resource consent for farming activities.

In any circumstance where the Plan allows the applicant to increase losses from the property above the Nitrogen Baseline, including lawful exceedance or nutrient allowances within specific nutrient zones, you will be required to provide an assessment against the relevant policies of the Plan and consider the impact that the increase could have on water quality and ecology, and demonstrate how the increase would affect the receiving (localised) environment and the wider environment.

Do you propose that the Nitrogen Loss Calculation will exceed the Nitrogen Baseline, for your property or farming enterprise?

Yes No

If **yes**, please provide an assessment below against the relevant policies of the Plan allowing the increase and an assessment on water quality to determine the effects on the receiving and wider environment.

6 CONSULTATION

Consultation with all persons potentially affected by your activity prior to lodging your application may result in considerable time and cost savings.

To assist with determining what consultation may be required, please answer the question below.

Do you consider the activity will have actual or potential adverse effects on the environment or on any person ?

Yes

No

If No, please explain why you don't consider the environment or any other person to be affected by the activity.

If written approval is obtained from all parties that could be affected by your activity and the effects of your activity are minor, then Environment Canterbury may process your application without public notification.

If written approval cannot be obtained, please suggest ways to reduce the effects on the potentially affected party (mitigation measures).

If you do not own the land to which the application relates to, you will need to provide written approval from the land owner or they may be considered an actual or potentially affected party.

Can you confirm that you are the legal title holder of all land to which this application relates?

Yes

No

If you answered “No” in relation to the above, have you attached any written approvals obtained from the land owner allowing you to use the land for farming?

Yes

No

Please note that “Written approval of persons likely affected – FORM8A” is available on the Environment Canterbury website [here](#)

Non-notified and Limited notified applications

For your activity to be considered on a non-notified basis the effects on the environment must be no more than minor and the effects any persons potentially affected by your proposed activity must be less than minor, unless that person has provided their written approval.

If you determine there is any persons potentially affected, you may therefore want to consult with them in order to discuss whether they will provide their written approval for your proposal. If you were unable to obtain written approval and Environment Canterbury decided that there were persons affected by your proposal, those parties will be notified of your application (Limited notification) and given the opportunity to submit on your application.

Publicly Notified applications

Publicly notified consents are for activities which do not meet requirements in the RMA for processing on a Non-notified or Limited notified basis as set out above.

The final decision to notify or not notify an application is made by Environment Canterbury.

7 SIGNATURES

I/we **have read** all of the information on this application form and I understand all of the notes and that I am liable to pay all actual and reasonable charges relating to the processing of this application.

I/we **also understand** that if the application is granted, I will be liable to pay all actual and reasonable charges related to compliance monitoring of the consent.

*Signature of **applicant***

*or **Duly Authorised Person***

Date

Full name of person signing – please print

*Signature of **applicant***

*or **Duly Authorised Person***

Date

Full name of person signing – please print

*Signature of **consultant (if applicable)***

Date

Full name of person signing – please print

Note: Environment Canterbury must have written authorisation to process your consent application. Both the consultant (if used) and the applicant must sign this section.

- Where there are multiple people applying for consent, all persons must sign this form.
- If a company is the applicant, at least one director must sign this form.

Anyone else who is applying for consent on behalf of another person, group of people or a company (e.g. a manager applying on behalf of a company) can sign this form and submit the application. However, written authorisation from the persons or company on behalf of which the consent is being applied for must be supplied with this application.

8 Official Information

The information you provide with your application, which includes all associated reports and attachments, is official information. It will be used to process your application and, together with other official information, assist in the management of the region's natural and physical resources. Access to information held by Environment Canterbury is administered in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and Privacy Act 1993. Your information may be disclosed in accordance with the terms of these Acts. Public access is also provided to consent information via Environment Canterbury's website. *Environment Canterbury may withhold access to information in certain circumstances.* It is therefore important you advise Environment Canterbury *about any concern you may have about disclosure of any of the information, which includes all associated reports and attachments, you have provided in this application (e.g. protection of personal information, trade secrets, commercially sensitive material, information which, if released, may cause serious offence to tikanga Maori, or any other information you consider should not be disclosed. While Environment Canterbury may still have to disclose information under the above legislation, it can take into account any concern you wish to raise.*

Please describe any concerns here:

9 Application Checklist

Please ensure that the following information accompanies your application for resource consent:

- A copy of your Farm Environment Plan (even if you wish to keep it confidential)..
- A copy of your Nitrogen Baseline and/or Nitrogen Loss Calculation (where applicable);
- A Planning Assessment Form to determine the relevant rule, the activity status and matters of discretion; and an assessment for the activity against any relevant planning provisions;
- A farm map (this may form part of your Farm Environment Plan if it matches the area you are currently applying for).
- A copy of the Certificate of Title, or rates demand, or subdivision plan, or valuation notice for the property your application relates to.
- Written approval of parties likely affected by the proposal to use land for farming.
- For properties required to calculate GMP Loss Rates, a copy of the Farm Portal Report which shows the Baseline GMP Loss Rate, or for those using an alternative method, the calculations and methodology for the Equivalent Baseline GMP Loss Rate and the Equivalent Good Management Practice Loss Rate.