

EXAMPLE CONDITIONS - INTENSIVE WINTER GRAZING

INTENSIVE WINTER GRAZING CONSENT GUIDANCE

This document is for guidance only, it shows examples of typical conditions attached to an intensive winter grazing consent. Each individual consent will have its own conditions dependent on the farm size, environment, cultural values, proposed management practices and other risk factors such as slope, susceptibility to erosion and stock type.

	Scope
1.	This consent authorises the use of land for intensive winter grazing, subject to the provisions in the conditions of this consent, within the landholding consisting of the following land parcels: a. Lots XX
2.	Intensive winter grazing shall be limited to a maximum of XX hectares per season (between 1 May and 30 September each year).
	Exclusion areas
3.	Notwithstanding condition (2), Critical Source Areas within the intensive winter grazing area subject to this consent shall be uncultivated and ungrazed. For the purpose of this condition, a Critical Source Area means a landscape feature such as a gully, swale or depression that a) accumulates runoff from adjacent land; and b) delivers, or has the potential to deliver, one or more contaminants to one or more rivers, lakes, wetlands, or drains, or their beds (regardless of whether there is any water in them at the time). <i>Advice note: Contact your Council Land Management Officer, farm consultant or industry body for more help with identifying Critical Source Areas.</i>
	Buffer areas
4.	For the period beginning 1 May 2023 and for the remaining duration of this consent, when intensive winter grazing is occurring on any part of the landholding, the Consent Holder shall: a. Maintain a #metre buffer at all times between any surface water way (river, artificial watercourse, modified watercourse, excluding natural wetlands) and the area being grazed; and, b. Maintain a #m buffer at all times between any wetland and the area being grazed; and, c. Maintain a # metre buffer at all times between any Critical Source Area and the area being grazed.
	Buffer strips and ground cover
5.	a. Any buffer area referred to in this condition must remain un-grazed between 1 May and 30 September (inclusive) every year for the duration of this consent.

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	<p>b. Following intensive winter grazing on all areas of the landholding, the Consent Holder shall resow grazed areas at the earliest opportunity based on paddock suitable conditions and as soon as practicable to minimise the amount of time that bare ground is exposed.</p>
	<p>Water quality</p>
6.	<p>The Consent Holder shall take all practicable steps to undertake intensive winter grazing in a way that minimises the discharge of sediment, phosphorus and microbiological contaminants to waterways.</p> <p>a. The Consent Holder must regularly, at a minimum of once per week, undertake visual inspections of the land being used for grazing to ensure there is no loss of sediment, phosphorus or contaminants to water.</p> <p>b. If there is a loss to water identified the Consent Holder must immediately notify the Canterbury Regional Council: Attention: Regional Leader – Monitoring and Compliance and take all practicable steps to stop the loss of water immediately.</p>
7.	<p>The activity authorised by this consent must not result in the following effects on waterbodies:</p> <p>a. The production of any conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials</p> <p>b. Any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity</p> <p>c. Any emission of objectionable odour</p> <p>d. The rendering of fresh water unsuitable for consumption by farm animals or</p> <p>e. Any significant adverse effects on aquatic life</p> <p>f. In any river, lake, artificial watercourse or wetland.</p>
8.	<p>This consent does not authorise the discharge of contaminants directly to water.</p>
	<p>Pugging</p>
9.	<p>The Consent Holder must take all reasonably practicable steps to minimise adverse effects on freshwater of any pugging that occurs on that land.</p>
	<p>Intensive Winter Grazing Management Plan</p>
10.	<p>The Consent Holder must have and maintain an Intensive Winter Grazing Management Plan for the landholding (IWG Management Plan). This plan must include at a minimum;</p> <p>a. Contact details of landowner and person responsible for managing the Intensive Winter Grazing.</p> <p>b. Identification and evaluation of environmental risks for paddocks to be used for the upcoming grazing season(s) including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Soil Type ii. Waterways iii. Sub-surface drainage iv. Critical Source Areas v. Areas of slope vi. Stock Types vii. Forage Crops

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	<p>viii. Drinking Water Protection Zones ix. Maori freshwater values, including Mahinga Kai.</p> <p>c. Identification and description of mitigation measures to manage environmental risks and mahinga kai values for paddocks to be used for the upcoming grazing season(s) including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Location and adequacy of buffer margins along waterways and critical source areas ii. Management of critical source areas iii. Paddock set-up including the location of water troughs and supplementary feed placement iv. Paddock entry and exit points v. Cultivation methods and direction of cultivation vi. Grazing plan vii. Any off-site mitigations including, but not limited to, sediment traps viii. Presence of stand-off blocks ix. Identification and description of post-grazing management actions to minimise post-grazing adverse effects on the environment. x. Specific mitigations related to community drinking water supply zones <p>d. Plans for wet weather, adverse events and poor soil conditions.</p> <p>e. Paddock scale map (may be hand-drawn) for the paddocks to be used for the upcoming grazing season(s) that shows where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Critical source areas; ii. buffer zones iii. areas of slope, iv. gateways, v. permanent water troughs, vi. shelter, vii. fencing, viii. buffer zones, ix. baleage placement and portable troughs. <p>f. How and when the Consent Holder will monitor the grazing activity and management strategies to ensure effectiveness.</p> <p>g. Records of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. How many hectares of intensive grazing occurs each year; ii. What types of stock are and were intensively grazed; and iii. Type of forage crop grazed.
	<p>Operation in accordance with IWG management plan</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>a. The grazing activity must be undertaken in accordance with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The IWG management plan provided with the application and saved to Content Manager as record number CXXXX and associated paddock maps A-E saved to Content Manager as CXXXX.

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	<p>a. The Consent Holder shall review, update and submit the IWG management plan to the Canterbury Regional Council for each winter grazing season, or up to a maximum of every three seasons if the winter grazing is planned that far ahead and each year is documented in the IWG management plan. They shall be submitted in accordance with clause (c);</p> <p>Or if any of the following occur, the IWG management plan shall be submitted at the time of those changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii.Changes in the intensive winter grazing operation over time that differ from that proposed in the IWG management plan; and iii.Any change in property boundary; iv.Any change in property ownership or management. v.At any time upon written request from the Canterbury Regional Council <p>b. Any updates to an IWG Management Plan shall be provided to the Canterbury Regional Council, Attention: Regional Leader - Monitoring and Compliance by 1 May each year.</p> <p>c. Within 20 working days of receiving the Report, the Canterbury Regional Council shall confirm whether or not the IWG Management Plan satisfies the criteria detailed in condition (10); provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i.such confirmation shall not be unreasonably withheld; ii.should no response be provided to the consent holder within 20 working days of Canterbury Regional Council receiving the Report, then the consent holder may commence intensive winter grazing on the basis of deemed approval. <p>d. If the IWG Management Plan does not meet the criteria detailed in condition (10), the Intensive Winter Grazing Management Plan shall be revised and resubmitted to the Canterbury Regional Council: Attention: Regional Leader - Monitoring and Compliance for reconsideration and approval under condition (11(c)).</p> <p>e. Where there are any inconsistencies between the management plan and the conditions of this consent, the conditions of this consent will prevail.</p> <p>Advice note: an IWG management plan was included with the consent application and is saved to the CRC file. Unless any of clause (b) applies then the consent holder will not need to submit another IWG management plan before first exercise of this consent.</p> <p>Advice note: where an IWG management plan is prepared for only a single season, then resubmission under clause (b)(iii) would be required each season where location or nature of the grazing is to change.</p>
	<p>Copies of documents must be present on-site</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>The Consent Holder shall ensure a copy of this consent document is provided to every person in charge of Intensive Winter Grazing on the property subject of this consent.</p>

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	Exercise
13.	The Canterbury Regional Council, Attention: Regional Leader Compliance Monitoring, must be informed within five days of first exercise of this consent by the Consent Holder.
	Review
14.	The Canterbury Regional Council may, once per year, on any of the last five working days of May or November, serve notice of its intention to review the conditions of this consent for the purposes of dealing with any adverse effect on the environment which may arise from the exercise of the consent.
	Lapse Date
15.	If this consent is not exercised before 30 June 2026 then it shall lapse in accordance with section 125 of the Resource Management Act. <i>Advice note: 'Exercised' is defined as implementing any requirements to operate this consent and undertaking the activity as described in these conditions and/or application documents.</i>