



## Top Tips for Dairy Compliance



**Irrigators should be operating at the fastest speed**, be well maintained and set up correctly to avoid ponding of effluent on the soil surface.

Note: Ponding is defined as a depth of liquid effluent greater than 25 mm (covering a continuous area greater than 10m<sup>2</sup> or a combined area greater than a 20m<sup>2</sup> paddock) at the time of irrigation, or any effluent on the soil surface five hours after irrigation has occurred.



**Store effluent solids on a sealed base** so that any runoff is contained or directed back to the effluent system.

When spreading solids to land ensure that soil conditions are not saturated and that the loading rate will not exceed that allowed by your consent (50 kgN/ha in any 24 hour period).



**Ensure you have enough storage volume** available to store effluent during saturated soil conditions. Also ensure that infrastructure is adequate to avoid pond or sump overflows.



**Ensure you maintain 20 meter buffers.** Note that these buffers are from where effluent lands, not from the position of the irrigator.

No effluent, after disposal to land, shall be permitted to encroach closer than 20 meters from; surface water bodies (including drains) whether flowing continuously or intermittently, public roads, residences, marae, schools, public buildings, public recreation areas, bores, and the coastal marine area.

## Please read your consent conditions carefully

- It is important to note that every farm has a different set of resource consent conditions as every farm is different. These need to be complied with, and non compliance with any of these conditions may result in non compliance fees.
- Please ensure that you and your staff are fully aware of the consent conditions and what they mean.
- If you have any faults with your system that may cause non compliance please notify Horizons so that we can work together to reduce any environmental effects.



### Any questions?

Any questions do not hesitate to call us or if you wish to go over your consent conditions please phone the Dairy Hotline or one of our Rural Advisors on **0508 800 800**.