



# One Plan Consents

## Frequently Asked Questions



### **What does this decision mean for farmers who do have an intensive farming consent?**

For consent holders, this means you can carry on relying on the consent you have been granted, and must continue to comply with your consent conditions.



### **What does this mean for farmers who had a consent which was undergoing the application process at the time of the decision?**

We are working to fully understand the implications of the Court's decision, and ensure we put steps in place so future consents will align with the decision. By now, you should have received a phone call and letter from us about the next steps.

We understand that this will be frustrating for you, however it is important that we take the time to ensure we get things right and implement an appropriate consent application process in light of the Court's decision.

If for any reason, you have not heard from us, and your consent was undergoing the application process at the time of the decision, please do not hesitate to call our Rural Advice team on **0508 800 800**.



### **Will I be charged for a withdrawn consent application?**

If you are one of those land owners who has had a consent application returned, or after discussions with the Council you decide to withdraw your application, there will be no charge for the work carried out on your consent to date, and your deposit will be returned in full. Staff will continue to be in contact with you as we work through this next phase.



### **What consent applications are affected by the Environment Court decision?**

The Court's decision primarily affects Land Use (and associated discharge) consent applications that do not meet all of the requirements of the controlled activity rules of the One Plan. Consent applications for existing land use that do meet the N leaching requirements of Table 14.2 and meet all of the controlled activity requirements can still be processed as before.

All other consent application processes will continue as per usual.



### **How will I know when I should lodge my application for a restricted discretionary intensive farming consent (if I haven't already been granted consent or lodged an application)?**

Horizons staff will continue to communicate with you throughout this process. If you have any concerns at all, please contact our Rural Advice team on **0508 800 800**.

In the meantime, we encourage you to continue to work with your farm consultants to prepare the base file application for your consent.



### **What if I am yet to prepare a base file?**

For those farmers who have yet to prepare a base file, our advice is to still use the 2012/2013 year as the base year. Once this has been done, we recommend that further work on preparing consent applications is suspended until further notice.



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