

# Application for Resource Consent: Vegetation Clearance or Disturbance

## Form B: Activity Information and Assessment Form

A complete Administration Form (Form A) MUST accompany this Activity Information and Assessment Form (Form B) when lodging your application. The purpose of this form is to provide the applicant with guidance on information that is required under

the Resource Management Act 1991. These forms are to act as a guide only, and Horizons Regional Council reserves the right to request additional information.

### APPLICANT NAME .....

(Refer to Form A)

## 1 APPLICATION PURPOSE

What is the purpose of this application (select one)

- Activities related to a plantation forest\* (as defined in section 3 of the National Environmental Standard for Commercial Forestry)
- Activities within a
  - At-Risk Habitat\*\*
  - Rare Habitat\*\*
  - Threatened Habitat\*\*
- Other

*\*If the area of vegetation clearance is vegetation which has been planted specifically as a production forest please check that it is not an activity made permissible by the National Environmental Standard for Commercial Forestry (NES-CF). There is a form available on our website for notification of permitted activities under the NES-CF.*

*\*\*Further information on rare, threatened or at-risk habitats can also be found in RP-SCHED6 of the One Plan (<https://www.horizons.govt.nz/publications-feedback/one-plan/one-plan-as-amended-by-plan-amendment-1>)*

Please note some district and city councils require additional earthwork and/or vegetation clearance consents. Please make sure you contact the relevant council to ensure this is not the case.

Consent term sought .....

(Max. 35 years)

Resource consents are typically aligned with the relevant common catchment expiry dates in Policy IP-P5 of the One Plan.

## 2 LOCATION

Location of the proposed vegetation or disturbance .....

Address .....

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Map reference (NZTM 2000) E ..... N .....

Legal description .....

*A detailed site map will be required with this application.*

Does the forest, block or woodlot have a common name, if so what is it?

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**3 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY**

Please describe the vegetation type proposed to be cleared and the reason for the vegetation clearance.

Please describe the contour of the land at and surrounding the site. Please also indicate the percentage of the site that the contour type covers.

Flat ..... %

Rolling ..... %

Steep ..... %

Very steep (over 20 degrees/hill country erosion management area) ..... %

Predominant soil type

Sand

Clay

Loam

Peat

Pumice

Other (please specify) .....

Silt

Describe the extent of any soil erosion present on the site.

Are there any waterways (including drains), wetlands or lakes near the land disturbance site and how far away are they?

*Please note this includes both artificial waterways, permanently flowing and intermittently flowing waterways.*

What is the total area in m<sup>2</sup> which will be removed or disturbed?

What time of year do you intend to undertake the works?

How long will the works take to complete? *(if the work is being undertaken in stages please describe these).*

Will the site be revegetated?  Yes  No

If 'Yes' please describe what will be planted and when.

Please detail the methods for harvesting and/or removal.

#### 4 RULE ASSESSMENT

The National Environmental Standard for Commercial Forestry (NES-CF) permits a number of forestry activities including harvesting activities. Additionally the rules in the One Plan permits vegetation clearance so long as it meets Rule LF-LAND-R5, including the relevant conditions and standards.

Please ensure your activity is not a permitted activity under these regulations or rule/s. If you require assistance, please contact the consents team at Horizons on freephone 0508 800 800.

**Please indicate which rule of the One Plan or relevant regulation your activity falls under** .....

Chapters RP-LF-LAND can be accessed at <https://www.horizons.govt.nz/publications-feedback/one-plan/one-plan-as-amended-by-plan-ammendment-1>

The NES-CF can be viewed at <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/forestry/national-environmental-standards-commercial-forestry/>

#### 5 ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

For your application to be considered, an assessment of environmental effects must be included. Please answer all questions below. Additional information may need to be provided depending on the scale and significance of your proposal.

If the proposed activity is in a rare habitat\*, threatened habitat\* or at-risk habitat\* your application is either a discretionary activity or a non-complying activity and a full assessment of environmental effects, prepared by a suitably qualified person must accompany your application, appropriate to the scale of the non-compliance with the rules above.

**Please provide details of what vegetation will be removed (species, maturity and quantity) and if the clearance is selective or contiguous.**

**Please provide details of how the vegetation will be disturbed and/or removed (eg. spraying, mechanical harvesting).**

**Detail any hazardous or toxic chemicals or hydrocarbons (such as fuel) that are related to your activity and may be used or stored on site or used as part of the operation. Describe how these will be managed to avoid risk to the environment. If vegetation clearance is by way of spraying please include a spray plan written in accordance the NZS8409:2004 Management of Agrichemicals.**

**Describe any effects your operation may have on the neighbourhood including dust, sedimentation of waterways, land stability and cultural effects. Other areas that need effects assessed are historic sites and recreational areas, such as parks, scientific areas, and scenic features.** *If your proposed activity falls under a Discretionary or Non-Complying Activity status, an assessment of cultural effects will be required. This should be informed by [written] feedback from the relevant iwi and/or hapū. For indicative rohe and contact details of your local iwi and/or hapū please visit <http://www.tkm.govt.nz/>.*

**Does the proposed activity involve vegetation clearance in a rare habitat, threatened habitat or at-risk habitat as defined in RP-SCHED6 of the One Plan?**

Yes

No

**If 'Yes', please confirm this form is accompanied by a full assessment of environmental effects, prepared by a suitably qualified person, appropriate to the scale of the non-compliance with the rules above.**

Yes *An assessment of environmental effects is attached*

No *Please provide a reason why*

## 6 EFFECT ON STATUTORY ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Is the activity on, adjacent to, or may affect land that is subject of a statutory acknowledgment?

Yes  No

List of statutory acknowledgments:

Ngāti Tūwharetoa (Bay of Plenty) Claims Settlement Act 2005

Ngāa Rauru Kiiitahi Claims Settlement Act 2005

Ngāti Apa (North Island) Claims Settlement Act 2010

Rangitāne o Manawatu Claims Settlement Act 2016

Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā (Wairarapa Tamaki nui-ā-Rua) Claims Settlement Act 2017

Ngāti Rangī Claims Settlement Act 2019

Information on statutory acknowledgments can be found on the Horizons website: <https://www.horizons.govt.nz/about-our-region-and-council/iwi-and-hapu>

If yes, Council must have regard to the statutory acknowledgments. We recommend that applicants considering undertaking works that may affect a statutory acknowledgment make contact with local iwi and/or hapū before the lodgement of a consent application to determine if there are any effects on the statutory acknowledgment.

## 7 TE AWA TUPIUA (WHANGANUI RIVER CLAIMS SETTLEMENT) ACT 2017

Are the proposed works in the Whanganui catchment?

Yes  No

*Please note that this covers a large area. If you are unsure, please contact the consents team.*

If yes, the Whanganui River and its wider catchment is the subject of the Te Awa Tupua (Whanganui River Claims Settlement) Act 2017. Council must have regard to the values of Te Awa Tupua when making a decision on any application we receive (regardless of activity status). On that basis, we recommend that parties considering undertaking works within the Whanganui catchment make contact with Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui and local iwi and/or hapū before lodgement of a consent application to confirm any requirements under Te Awa Tupua and obtain feedback on the proposed works.

## 8 TE WAIŪ-O-TE-IKA - WHANGAEHU RIVER (NGĀTI RANGI CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT 2019)

Are the proposed works in the Whangaeahu catchment?

Yes  No

*Please note that this covers a large area. If you are unsure, please contact the consents team.*

If yes, the Whangaeahu River and its wider catchment is the subject of Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika (Ngāti Rangī Claims Settlement Act 2019). Council must have regard to the values (Te Mana Tupua and Ngā Toka Tupua) of Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika when making a decision on any application we receive (regardless of activity status). On that basis, we recommend that parties considering undertaking works within the Whangaeahu catchment make contact with local iwi and/or hapū before lodgement of a consent application to confirm any requirements under Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika and obtain feedback on the proposed works.

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**GOOD MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND MITIGATION MEASURES**

As part of managing on-site sediment effects we need to assess what mitigation measures are proposed.

For forestry harvesting under the NES-CF this needs to be a forestry earthworks management plan in accordance with Schedule 4 of the NES-CF.

For all other vegetation clearance please supply an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan which is written in accordance with Section 8 of the "Erosion and Sediment Control Guidelines for the Wellington Region" dated September 2002 (or any superseding guidelines). This document can be sourced from [www.gw.govt.nz](http://www.gw.govt.nz).

An Erosion and Sediment Control Plan normally contains two parts, a written methodology and a site plan. The written methodology contain information on various aspects of the project and proposed erosion and sediment controls including how sediment loss will be minimised. The site plan provides a visual understanding of what the site looks like and includes details such as the location of erosion and sediment control devices and other relevant features.

**Please confirm a forestry earthworks management plan or an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan is attached.**

- Yes *Forestry earthworks management plan written in accordance with the NES-CF is attached*
- Yes *Erosion and sediment control plan attached*
- No *Please detail why*

**What, if any, monitoring do you propose to carry out to avoid, remedy, mitigate the potential adverse environmental effects of the proposal?**

**In a large operation, regular compliance tests may be required to be undertaken for any discharges such as those from sediment retention ponds. How do you plan to monitor the discharges?**

**How will you contain and manage slash?**

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**CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES**

Please include a description of any possible alternative locations or methods for undertaking the any discharges associated with the works (*E.g. discharge of sediment from the harvesting site, management of slash*) and why these alternatives have not been selected.

**11 CONSULTATION/AFFECTED PARTIES**

Please include evidence of any consultation undertaken for this application. This may include (but not be limited to) consultation with adjoining landowners, other consent holders in the immediate area, Iwi, government departments/ministries (e.g. DOC), territorial authorities and recreational associations (e.g. Fish and Game New Zealand).  
If you are in doubt about who you should be talking to the call a member of the consents team on freephone **0508 800 800**.

**Please provide details of those you have identified as parties who may be affected. If you have discussed your proposal with any of these parties, please record any comments made by them and your response to them and submit this with your application.**

Name .....

Address .....

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Affected party approval form attached

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**12 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS**

**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS FOR SOURCES OF HUMAN DRINKING WATER (NES-HDW)**

**Are there any public water supplies that could be affected by your proposal?**  Yes  No

An assessment under the NES-HDW will need to identify any sources of human drinking water that supply more than 25 people that might be affected by any discharge. Horizons Regional Council holds a list of such water supplies within its region and will be able to provide assistance when identifying water supplies within the vicinity of the farming activity.

*Discussion with the water supply operator may also be beneficial in determining whether the supply could be affected and what measures can be taken to ensure the quality of the water supply is maintained.*



## NEW ZEALAND COASTAL POLICY STATEMENT (NZ-CPS)

This document is only relevant if your activity is within or adjacent to the coastal marine area. If applicable, an assessment is required against the NZ-CPS.

### 13 RELEVANT STATUTORY PROVISIONS

The Resource Management Act 1991 requires this application to include an assessment of the proposed activity against the One Plan. Answering the following questions will satisfy this requirement. If you are unable to answer the questions below, or you believe your proposal is inconsistent with the relevant policies and documents discussed, it is recommended you seek professional planning assistance to help you with your application. For a complete copy of the One Plan visit <http://www.horizons.govt.nz/publications-feedback/one-plan>.

#### REGIONAL POLICY ASSESSMENT

The objectives and policies of the 'Land and Freshwater' (RPS-LAND and RPS-FW) chapters and the 'Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity' (RPS-ECO) chapter are relevant to this application.

Is the activity consistent with the relevant provisions of the Regional Policy Statement?  Yes  No

Please provide reasons for your answer above

**Please list any other relevant objectives and/or policies of the Regional Policy Statement and provide an assessment of the activity against those objectives and/or policies.**

## REGIONAL PLAN ASSESSMENT

Objective LF-LAND-01 and Policies LF-LAND-P1 and LF-LAND-P2 of the 'Land and Freshwater' (RPS-LF-FW) chapter of the Regional Plan are relevant to this application.

Is the activity consistent with the relevant provisions of the Regional Plan?  Yes  No

Please provide reasons for your answer above

**If there are other section of the One Plan or any national planning document (e.g. NZ Coastal Policy Statement) that you consider relevant, please provide an assessment of the activity against those relevant objectives/policies of the One Plan and/or national document.**

## 14 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH THIS FORM

- Administration Form (Form A)
- A SITE plan to scale showing
  - Site boundary
  - Location of roads and property boundaries
  - Buildings and residential properties
  - Location of any sensitive sites (e.g. historical places, sites of importance to iwi) in the proximity of the site
  - Location of any waterways including ephemeral waterways, drains, lakes, wetlands
- If undertaking spraying of vegetation a spray plan written in accordance with the NZS8409:2004 Management of Agrichemicals
- An erosion and sediment control plan or forestry earthworks management plan, appropriate to the scale of the works.
- For vegetation clearance within at-risk, rare or threatened habitats a full assessment of environmental effects prepared by a suitably qualified person, appropriate to the scale of the non-compliance with the rule consent is being sought under.

Please contact the consents team on freephone **0508 800 800** if you require assistance with your application.