



Otago
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Animal Effluent Storage Systems: Ancillary Structures

Ancillary structures, e.g. weeping walls, sumps, and stone traps.

Definition of ancillary structure for animal effluent systems

An ancillary structure provides necessary support to the main activity taking place. When collecting, conveying, or treating animal effluent from an animal effluent storage facility, an ancillary structure could be a sump, stone trap, or weeping wall.

Do I need a consent?

You do not need a land use consent for your animal effluent ancillary structure if it complies with the permitted activity rule 14.7.1.1A of the Regional Plan:

- The volume is less than 35,000 litres; AND
- It has no holes, visible cracks, or defects that would allow effluent to leak; AND
- It is not located within 20 metres of any lake, river, Regionally Significant Wetland, bore or soak hole, or water supply used for humans; AND
- It is not located above subsurface drainage (excluding leak detection systems); AND
- When the volume is more than 35,000 litres, the component is certified by a Suitably Qualified Person; AND a management plan is prepared and implemented to prevent unauthorised discharge of animal effluent to water.



I don't meet the criteria — what should I do?

If you can't meet the criteria, you will need to apply for a consent.

Who qualifies as a 'Suitably Qualified Person' (SQP)?

To be an SQP for an animal effluent component, the person needs one of the following requirements:

- A relevant tertiary qualification in agricultural engineering, natural resources engineering or civil engineering and at least five years' professional experience in designing and constructing effluent management systems; OR
- A relevant equivalent qualification (for example, international qualifications) and at least five years' professional experience in designing and constructing effluent management systems; OR
- At least ten years' professional experience in designing and constructing effluent management systems.



Assistance with consents

If you have additional questions, contact our Consents Public Enquiries team at **public.enquiries@govt.nz** or any of your trusted farm advisors. The Consents Public Enquiries team is able to provide free advice for up to 30 minutes.

