

Policy Sheet for Form 37

Use of land for and discharge of contaminants from a stockholding area for holding cattle



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IMPORTANT NOTES TO THE APPLICANT

This sheet is to be used alongside the Application Form for the use of land for and discharge of contaminants from intensive winter grazing activities that require consent.

A policy assessment against the documents set out in this sheet is required in order to have the application accepted as complete under s88 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

You need to provide comments here about if your application is in line with the below objectives and policies from the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management and the Regional Water Plan for Otago. Depending on your application you may also need to look at the objectives and policies in the Operative and Proposed Regional Policy Statements and Part 2 of the RMA 1991. These documents can be found on our website, but if we require a further assessment we will let you know. The below provides the parts you need to look at in relation to your application and some examples of an assessment. You need to make sure you read the provisions and be clear about what they mean to you if you are going to use the examples provided.

Please provide a comment on the consistency of the proposal with the provisions in the space provided.

Provisions	Example assessment	Does the example assessment apply to your activity? <i>Say yes/no, provide a comment or complete your own assessment</i>
National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020		
Objective 1 <i>Natural and physical resources are managed in a way that prioritises: first, the health and well-being of water bodies and freshwater ecosystems; second, the health needs of the people; third the ability to provide for social, economic and cultural well-being</i>	<i>My stockholding activity will maintain the health of the water bodies and freshwater ecosystems. My stockholding activity will not affect community drinking water supplies.</i>	
Policy 1 <i>Freshwater is managed in a way that gives effect to Te Mana o te Wai</i>	<i>My management of the stockholding area will protect the health of the freshwater.</i>	
Policy 12 <i>The national target (as set out in Appendix 3) for water quality improvement is achieved</i>	<i>My management of the stockholding area will ensure that water quality is maintained, or work towards improvement is made.</i>	

Policy 13 <i>The condition of water bodies and freshwater ecosystems is systematically monitored over time, and action is taken where freshwater is degraded, and to reverse deteriorating trends</i>	<i>My management of the stockholding area will ensure freshwater is not degraded, but I will work to constantly improve my management to aid in improvements.</i>	
Policy 15: <i>Communities are enabled to provide for their social, economic, and cultural wellbeing in a way that is consistent with this National Policy Statement.</i>	<i>My stockholding area activity will allow for my wider farming activity to continue, which provides for my/employees family, and the wider community's economic well being.</i>	
Regional Plan: Water for Otago		
Objective 5.3.3 <i>To protect the natural character of Otago's lakes and rivers and their margins from inappropriate subdivision, use or development</i>	<i>My management of the stockholding area will ensure natural character and amenity values are protected.</i>	
Objective 5.3.4 <i>To maintain or enhance the amenity values associated with Otago's lakes and rivers and their margins</i>		
Policy 5.4.2 <i>Avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects and flooding, erosion, land instability, sedimentation or property damage from the management of surface water, groundwater, beds and margins of lakes and rivers</i>	<i>My management of the stockholding area will ensure the adverse effects listed do not occur. Use of the stockholding area will ensure less risk of those effects, through keeping stock of land during unsuitable periods.</i>	
Objective 7.A.1 <i>To maintain water quality in Otago lakes, rivers, wetlands and groundwater, but enhance water quality where it is degraded</i>	<i>My management of the stockholding area will ensure that water quality is maintained, or work towards improvement is made.</i>	
Objective 7.A.3 <i>To have individuals and communities manage their discharges to reduce adverse effects, including cumulative effects, on water quality</i>	<i>My management of the stockholding area will ensure adverse effects on water quality are avoided.</i>	
Policy 7.B.1 <i>Manage the water quality in lakes, rivers, wetlands and groundwater</i>	<i>My management of the stockholding area will ensure that water quality is maintained, or work towards improvement is made.</i>	
Policy 7.B.7 <i>Encourage land management practices that reduce the adverse effects of water or contaminant discharges to water</i>	<i>My management of the stockholding area will constantly be improved to aid water quality improvements, and will ensure stock can be kept off land during unsuitable periods.</i>	
Policy 7.D.1 <i>Encourage innovation in management practices and the sharing of information</i>		
Objective 9.3.3 <i>Maintain the quality of Otago's groundwater</i>	<i>My management of the stockholding area will ensure adverse effects on water quality are avoided.</i>	

Policy 9.4.18 <i>Identify land of risk in terms of vulnerability of underlying groundwater to leachate contamination and manage that land</i>	<i>My management of the stockholding area will ensure unsuitable areas are not used for stockholding or the resulting discharges.</i>	
Policy 9.4.21 <i>Support appropriate codes of practice and management guidelines for land use activities which may result in contaminants entering groundwater</i>	<i>My management is consistent with industry guidance for stockholding areas.</i>	
Policy 7.D.9 <i>Enable farming activities while reducing their adverse effects</i>	<i>My management of the stockholding area will constantly be improved to aid water quality improvements and reduce any potential adverse effects.</i>	

Iwi Management Plans

Kai Tahu Ki Otago Natural Resource Management Plan 2005

Is the proposal consistent with the relevant Kai Tahu Ki Otago objectives and policies?

- Yes
 No

Comment regarding the consistency of the proposal with Kai Tahu Ki Otago:

Waitaki Iwi Management Plan 2019

Is the proposal consistent with the relevant Waitaki Iwi Management Plan objectives and policies?

- Yes
 No

Comment regarding the consistency of the proposal with the Waitaki Iwi Management Plan:

Te Tangi a Tauria, Ngāi Tahu ki Murihiku Natural Resource and Environmental Iwi Management Plan 2008

- Is the proposal consistent with the relevant Te Tangi a Tauria objectives and policies?
 Yes
 No

Comment regarding the consistency of the proposal with Te Tangi a Tauria:

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