

LIMITED NOTIFICATION



What is limited notification?

Limited notification is a process available only for an application that Otago Regional Council (ORC) decides is non-notified (the adverse effects of the activity on the environment will be minor), and written approvals from affected parties are required and can't be obtained.

How do I get written approval?

When your application is received, ORC assesses your application and if it is non-notified, identifies people or organisations potentially affected by your proposed activity. This means their written approval for your activity is needed for your application to go ahead under non-notified consent procedures. Either you can get this written approval before putting in your application, or ORC will direct you to the parties who need to provide their written approval.

What happens if I can't obtain written approval?

If you can't get written approvals from affected parties, we can limited notify your resource consent application. This prevents your application being held up by delays caused by affected parties taking too much time to approve or refuse to approve your application.

Who decides if my application is processed as a limited notification?

The request to process your application as limited notification can be made by you, either at the time of putting in your application or when a reasonable time has passed and approvals aren't received. Your request must be in writing and signed by either yourself or your consultant.

However, ORC has an obligation under section 21 of the Resource Management Act to avoid unreasonable delay in processing applications.

If a reasonable time has passed and written approvals haven't been obtained, ORC can decide to process your application by limited notification. This ORC decision wouldn't be taken without consultation with you.

What happens to my application if it is processed by limited notification?

Limited notification involves ORC serving your application on any affected parties who have not already given their written approval.

There's no public notice in the newspaper and no site notice put up beside your proposed activity, as there would be if your application was publicly notified.

The notified parties are given 20 working days to make a submission on your application. If no submissions are received or submissions are in support or neutral and parties do not wish to be heard, your application is decided by ORC's staff consent panel.

If ORC receives any submissions in opposition or parties that wish to be heard, then the application will need to go to a hearing and the decision will be made by the hearing panel.

This panel comprises elected members of ORC. The panel has 15 working days to release its decision after the hearing has closed. If a hearing is needed, the cost of processing the application will increase, but the time frame to process your consent will be reduced.

In either situation, at the end of the decision-making process all parties are given a copy of the decision and have 15 working days to appeal. If there are no appeals, the final consent is issued.

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