

## Intensive Winter Grazing Policy Assessment Help Sheet

You need to provide comments here about if your application is in line with the below objectives and policies from 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, the NPS for Freshwater 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.

Regional Plan: Water for Otago	Example assessment	Does the example assessment apply to your activity? <i>In here say: yes/no, provide a comment or complete your own assessment.</i>
<p><i>Objectives 5.3.3 To protect the natural character of Otago's lakes and rivers and their margins from inappropriate subdivision, use or development.</i></p> <p><i>Objective 5.3.4 To maintain or enhance the amenity values associated with Otago's lakes and rivers and their margins.</i></p>	<p><i>My mitigation measures and how I am proposing to undertake my grazing will maintain the amenity values in my area and ensure that the natural character of the rivers and lakes near by activity are protected from inappropriate use.</i></p> <p><i>My grazing activity is in a rural environment and is not an uncommon activity in this area.</i></p> <p><i>I am following best practice with my grazing activity as detailed in my application.</i></p>	
<p><i>Objective 7.A.1 To maintain water quality in Otago lakes, rivers, wetlands and groundwater, but enhance water quality where it is degraded.</i></p> <p><i>Objective 9.3.3 To maintain the quality of Otago's groundwater</i></p>	<p><i>My mitigation measures show an understanding of the connection between land use and freshwater and seek to manage any effects on water quality. These will ensure that water quality is maintained. My mitigation measures are detailed in my consent application.</i></p>	

<p>5.3.8 To avoid the exacerbation of any natural hazard or the creation of a hazard associated with Otago's lakes and rivers</p>	<p>I/we will not graze in an area that is prone to flooding and I will not be grazing in a way that will create a new hazard. I will ensure that I check on the stock as needed and follow good management practice and avoid grazing in critical source areas. This will reduce the risk of any hazards affecting rivers and lakes.</p>	
<p>Policy 5.4.2 In the management of any activity involving surface water, groundwater or the bed or margin of any lake or river, to give priority to avoiding, in preference to remedying or mitigating:</p> <p>a) Adverse effects on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Natural values identified in Schedule 1A;</li> <li>ii) Water supply values identified in Schedule 1B;</li> <li>iii) Registered historic places identified in Schedule 1C, or archaeological sites in, on, under or over the bed or margin of a lake or river;</li> <li>iv) Spiritual and cultural beliefs, values and uses of significance to Kai Tahu identified in Schedule 1D;</li> <li>v) The natural character of any lake or river or its margins;</li> <li>vi) Amenity values supported by any water body; and</li> </ul> <p>b) Causing or exacerbating flooding, erosion, land instability, sedimentation or property damage.</p> <p>Policy 7.B.7 Encourage land management practices that reduce the adverse effects of water or contaminants discharges into water</p>	<p>My proposed mitigation measures will ensure that the IWG on my land is appropriately managed in order to maintain water quality.</p> <p>My proposed mitigation measures will ensure the use of land will not have a significant or cumulative effect on human health and these are avoided and adverse effects on the environment are avoided, remedied or mitigated.</p> <p>I will minimise the environmental effects from my farming activity by having management plans and managing sediment, runoff and nutrient losses.</p> <p>I will operate at good practice or better to optimise efficient resource use and to protect land, soils, and water from quality and quantity degradation.</p> <p>I will not be grazing my cows in the bed of a river or lake and I will not be grazing in a Regionally Significant Wetland.</p>	

<p><i>Policy 9.4.18 To identify land of high risk in terms of the vulnerability of underlying groundwater to leachate contamination and to manage, with respect to the land:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>a) Change in land use to activities which have the potential to result in leachate discharges, so that the activities are, where practicable, located elsewhere, or contaminants are contained;</i></li> <li><i>b) Existing land use activities so that any potential for groundwater contamination is monitored and, where necessary, corrective action is taken;</i></li> <li><i>c) Point source discharges of water or contaminants to land or groundwater; and</i></li> <li><i>d) Excavation, so that any protective soil mantle of impervious stratum is retained, replaced, or alternative groundwater protection is provided.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Policy 9.4.21 To support appropriate codes of practice and management guidelines for land use activities which may result in contaminants entering groundwater.</i></p> <p><i>Policy 7.D.5 Matters to have regard to when considering any discharge under section 12.C.</i></p> <p><i>Policy 7.D.9 Enable farming activities while reducing their adverse environmental effects.</i></p>	<p><i>My grazing activity will not affect the values shown in Schedule 1A of the Water plan.</i></p>	
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