

# Resource Consent Application Form 31

Use of land for and discharge of contaminants from conversion of land from plantation forestry to pastoral land use



This application is made under Section 88 of the Resource Management Act 1991

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## IMPORTANT NOTES TO THE APPLICANT

**Consent for conversion of plantation forestry to pastoral land use is required under Clause 17 of the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020.**

This form is to be used for the use of land for and discharge of contaminants from conversion of land from plantation forestry to pastoral land use that require consent. Refer to Section A.2 below for the consent triggers. If your activity does not trigger any of the matters set out in Section A.2, your activity is likely to be permitted under Clause 16 of the National Environmental Standards for Freshwater.

Ensure that you complete this Application Form 31 and Resource Consent Application Form 1 in full.

**Please note:** *This consent may only be granted if council is satisfied that the activity will not result in an increase in contaminants loads or concentrations beyond the levels at 2 September 2020. Refer to Section E.2 for further information around this.*

**Plantation forestry** Means a forest deliberately established for commercial purposes, being—

- a. at least 1 ha of continuous forest cover of forest species that has been planted and has or will be harvested or replanted; and
- b. includes all associated forestry infrastructure; but
- c. does not include—
  - i. a shelter belt of forest species, where the tree crown cover has, or is likely to have, an average width of less than 30 m; or
  - ii. forest species in urban areas; or
  - iii. nurseries and seed orchards; or
  - iv. trees grown for fruit or nuts; or
  - v. long-term ecological restoration planting of forest species; or
  - vi. willows and poplars space planted for soil conservation purposes

**Pastoral land use:** Means the use of land for the grazing of livestock.

Please refer to the **Conversions Factsheet** for additional information about the conversion of land from forestry to pastoral.

For the consent application to be processed efficiently in the minimum time and at minimum cost, it is critical that as much relevant information as possible is included with the application. If all the necessary information is not entered on the form or supplied with the application then Otago Regional Council may return your application, request further information, or publicly notify your application. This will lead to delays in the processing of your application and may increase processing costs. This application form, when properly completed, should provide an adequate "Assessment of Effects on the Environment" (AEE) where the adverse effects of a proposal are not significant. However, this can only be determined on application.

You may wish to provide a separate AEE using this form as template.

## PART A: GENERAL

<b>A.1</b>	Is this application (tick which applies):  <input type="checkbox"/> For a NEW consent to use land for, and discharge of contaminants from conversion of forestry to pastoral land use?  <input type="checkbox"/> To REPLACE a current consent for conversion of forestry to pastoral land use?  Current consent number: _____ Expiry date: _____
<b>A.2</b>	What is the reason you require consent? <i>If you don't meet any of the criteria below, your conversion of forestry to pastoral activity may be permitted under Clause 16 of the National Environmental Standards for Freshwater.</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> Where pastoral land already existed within the farm at 2 September 2020, the part of the farm that is in pastoral land use is greater than that at 2 September 2020 plus 10 ha.  <input type="checkbox"/> Where pastoral land did not exist within the farm at 2 September 2020, the part of a farm that is in pastoral land use is greater than 10 ha.

## PART B: LOCATION OF THE ACTIVITY

<b>B.1</b>	<b>Farm within which land will be converted from forestry to pastoral</b> <i>A farm means a landholding whose activities include agriculture.</i> <i>A landholding means 1 or more parcels of land (whether or not they are contiguous) that are managed as a single operation.</i>  Name of owner(s): _____  Address/Location:
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<p><b>B.2</b></p>	<p><b>Land to be converted from forestry to pastoral</b></p> <p><i>As your consent to convert land from forestry to pastoral may be granted with a duration of several years, please identify all areas of land that may be converted over the requested duration, as well as how much of this land will be converted each year.</i></p> <p>How much of the farm is currently used for plantation forestry?</p> <p>_____ hectares</p> <p>How much of the farm is currently used for pastoral land uses?</p> <p>_____ hectares</p> <p>How much of the existing plantation forestry may be converted to pastoral land use over the life of the consent?</p> <p>_____ hectares</p> <p>How much of the plantation forestry will be converted to pastoral land use each year?</p> <p>_____ hectares</p> <p>What is the nature of the terrain on which forestry will be converted to pastoral land use, including slope (flat, rolling, steep) and the direction of slope?</p> <p><i>Attaching the map required in B.3 below will help you with this answer.</i></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

<b>B.3</b>	<p><b>Map or aerial image</b></p> <p>Please provide a map or aerial image showing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The farm boundary, as per the legal description(s) above</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All areas in plantation forestry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All areas in pastoral land use</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All areas that may be converted from forestry to pastoral</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Within and near the areas that may be converted from forestry to pastoral, identify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Any critical source areas</li> <li>o Any water bodies (including rivers, lakes, ponds and streams)</li> <li>o Any wetlands</li> <li>o Any subsurface drainage</li> <li>o Any bores or soakholes</li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><i>These areas maybe within or outside the boundary of the farm.</i></p> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nature of the terrain to be converted, including slope (flat, rolling, steep) and direction of slope</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A north symbol (oriented to the top of the page if possible) and scale bar</li> </ul>
<b>B.4</b>	<p><b>Additional information regarding the farm</b></p> <p>In addition to the map or aerial image required in B.5, you may also provide some photos of the areas of your farm that will be converted, and any critical source areas or waterways. You may also provide some photos of any previous areas of conversion, if these reflect how the proposed activity will be managed.</p> <p>Description of any photos included:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

**PART C: NATURE OF THE CONVERSION ACTIVITY**

*As consent to convert land from forestry to pastoral may be granted with a duration of several years, please identify all potential areas for conversion. We acknowledge that these details may change over time, but please provide your best estimate.*

<b>C.1</b>	<b>Forestry to be converted</b>
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	<p>What type of plantation forestry will be converted?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p>How will the plantation forestry be removed from the site?  <i>For example, will the removal of forestry be staged over several years, or all at once?</i></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p>Are any other consents required for the removal/harvesting of plantation forestry?  <i>Consents may be required under Otago Regional Council's regional plans, the relevant district plans, or the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry) Regulations 2017.</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Please detail any consent requirements, including permitted activity, and whether consent has been applied for.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p><b>C.2</b></p>	<p><b>Pastoral land use on converted land</b></p> <p>How is pastoral land currently utilised of the farm?  <i>For example, what type of operation is currently run on the pastoral land, including stocking types and rates.</i></p>

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How will the land to be converted to pastoral land use be utilised?

*The newly converted land will be required to be prepared for use, including cultivation, planting and potentially working on soil nutrients. The addition of new pastoral land on the farm may also have significant changes on how the property is operated. Please describe any changes to the farm system that are likely to occur.*

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Are any other consents required for the ongoing pastoral land use activity?

*Consents may be required under Otago Regional Councils regional plans, the relevant district plans, or the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020, such as intensive winter grazing, dairy farming or dairy support.*

- Yes
- No

Please detail any consent requirements and whether consents have been applied for, and compliance with any relevant permitted activities,.

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**PART D: MANAGEMENT OF THE CONVERSION ACTIVITY**

**D.1**

How will you manage the conversion activity?

*Please provide details of how you will manage the conversion activity. This may include:*

- *how forestry will be removed/harvested*
- *cultivation and sowing of the converted area*
- *setbacks of the converted area to waterbodies or other sensitive areas*
- *riparian planting*
- *any offsetting or retirement of other areas within the farm*

*Management strategies may change across conversion areas, so please be as specific as possible.*

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**PART E: ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS**

**E.1**

Describe the actual and potential effects your conversion activity may have on soil.

*The use of land and discharge of contaminants from the conversion of forestry to pastoral has the potential to impact soil structure, fertility and losses as a result of preparation and cultivation to pastoral. In this section, describe how your management practices will ensure adverse effects on the soil are avoided or minimised as best possible.*

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<b>E.2</b>	<p><b>Effects on water quality</b></p> <p>Describe the actual and potential effects your conversion activity may have on water quality. This includes ground and surface water quality during the conversion.</p> <p><i>The conversion of forestry to pastoral land use has the potential to negatively impact water quality through leaching and run-off of nutrients and sediment through the change in land use. In this section, describe how your management practices during the conversion will ensure adverse effects on water quality are avoided or minimised as best possible.</i></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p>Will the conversion activity will result in an increase in:</p> <p>a. contaminants loads in the catchment, compared with loads as at the close of 2 September 2020?</p> <p>OR</p> <p>b. concentrations of contaminants in freshwater or other receiving environments, compared with the concentrations as at the close of 2 September 2020?</p> <p><i>Evidence of this may include discussion of inputs and outputs pre and post conversion, nutrient modelling for the farm pre and post conversion and known loads and/or concentrations as at 2 September 2020.</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><u>If you answered yes, the consent authority is unable to grant your consent</u>, in accordance with clause 24 of the National Environmental Standards for Freshwater.</p> <p><u>If you answered no</u>, please explain why:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>



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<b>E.3</b>	<p>Describe the cumulative effects of your conversion activity.</p> <p><i>Cumulative effects are effects which arise over time, in combination with other effects. While the effects of your activity on its own may be environmentally acceptable, cumulative effects recognise that similar effects over time from many activities may not be acceptable.</i></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<b>E.4</b>	<p>Describe the actual and potential effects your conversion activity may have on Kai Tahu cultural and spiritual beliefs, values and uses.</p> <p><i>The conversion activity from forestry to pastoral has the potential to impact Kai Tahu values. In this section, describe any nearby Rūnanga sensitive receptors (Statutory Acknowledgements, wāhi tapu etc), and how your intensive grazing might affect these features and the associated cultural values.</i></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<b>E.5</b>	<p>Describe the actual and potential positive effects of your conversion activity.</p>

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**PART F: ALTERNATIVES**

**F.1** Have any alternatives to the conversion of forestry to pastoral been considered? If so, why has conversion been chosen over those alternatives?

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**PART G: CONSULTATION**

**G.1** Please describe any consultation undertaken with persons/parties potentially affected by your proposed discharge.  
*Potentially affected parties may include Public Health South, landowners (if farm is leased), neighbours, Aukaha, Te Ao Marama, Fish and Game Otago and Department of Conservation.*

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<b>G.2</b>	<p><b>Written approvals</b></p> <p>Were any written approvals obtained as part of this application?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, please describe who written approval was obtained from, and why.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Please attach any written approvals received to the application.  <i>Please note that the Council only accepts unconditional written approvals and any conditions proposed by affected parties need to be agreed to and incorporated into the application.</i></p>

**PART H: DEPOSIT**

*A deposit is required upon lodgement of your application. Refer to the fees on Form 1. This deposit is not the final or maximum cost of your application. Further charges are incurred in accordance with Councils scale of fees and charges.*

**PART I: CHECKLIST**

<b>I.1</b>	<p>Use the checklist below to ensure you've provided all of the relevant information to complete your application.  <i>To keep consent processing costs to a minimum it is strongly recommended that the checklist is complete and all items required are attached before you lodge your application to the Otago Regional Council.</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fully completed this application form and Form 1?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Attached Certificate of Title(s) less than 3 months old? Refer to B.1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Attached a detailed site map? Refer to B.3</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Attached any relevant photos? Refer to B.4</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Attached any written approvals? Refer to G.2</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Paid your deposit or attached a cheque? Refer to Part H</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Attached a completed planning assessment sheet, or an assessment of the activity against the relevant</p>
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parts of the RMA, National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020, Regional Policy Statement (Operative and Partially Operative) and Regional Plan: Water for Otago

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