

# Resource Consent Application Form 32

Use of land for and discharge of contaminants from conversion of land to dairy farm land.



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 land to dairy farm is required under Clause 19 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 converting land on a farm to dairy farm land 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 18 of the National Environmental Standards for Freshwater.

Ensure that you complete this Application Form 32 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.

**Dairy farm land:** Means land on a farm that is used for grazing dairy cattle.

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

**A.1** Is this application (tick which applies):

For a NEW consent to use land for and discharge contaminants from converting land to dairy?

	<input type="checkbox"/> To REPLACE a current consent for converting land to dairy? Current consent number: _____ Expiry date: _____
<b>A.2</b>	<p>What is the reason you require consent?  <i>If you don't meet any of the criteria below, your conversion of land on a farm to dairy farm land may be permitted under Clause 18 of the National Environmental Standards for Freshwater.</i></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Where dairy farm land already existed within the farm at 2 September 2020, the part of the farm that is or will be in dairy is greater than that at 2 September 2020 plus 10 ha.  <input type="checkbox"/> Where dairy farm land did not exist within the farm at 2 September 2020, the part of a farm that is or will be in dairy is greater than 10 ha.

## PART B: LOCATION OF THE ACTIVITY

<b>B.1</b>	<p><b>Farm within which land will be converted to dairy</b>  <i>A farm means a landholding whose activities include agriculture.  A landholding means 1 or more parcels of land (whether or not they are contiguous) that are managed as a single operation.</i></p> <p>Name of owner(s):  _____</p> <p>Address/Location:  _____  _____  _____  _____</p> <p>How big is the farm?  _____ hectares</p> <p>Legal description(s) of the farm (as shown on Certificate of Title)  <i>Please attach a current (no less than 3 months old) Certificate of Title attached to the application.</i></p> _____ _____ _____ _____
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**B.2**

**Land to be converted to dairy**

*As your consent to convert land to dairy 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.*

How much of the farm is currently used for dairy?

\_\_\_\_\_ hectares

How much of the farm is currently used for other pastoral land uses?

\_\_\_\_\_ hectares

How much of the farm may be converted to dairy over the life of the consent (maximum expiry date 1 January 2031)?

\_\_\_\_\_ hectares

How much of the farm may be converted to dairy each year?

\_\_\_\_\_ hectares

What is the nature of the terrain on which land will be converted to dairy, including slope (flat, rolling, steep) and the direction of slope?

*Attaching the map required in B.3 below will help you with this answer.*

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**B.3**

**Map or aerial image**

Please provide a map or aerial image showing:

- The farm boundary, as per the legal description(s) above
- All areas in pastoral land use
- All areas in dairy
- All areas that may be converted to dairy
- Within and near the areas that may be converted to dairy, identify:
  - o Any critical source areas
  - o Any water bodies (including rivers, lakes, ponds and streams)
  - o Any wetlands

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Any subsurface drainage</li> <li>○ Any bores or soakholes</li> </ul> <p><i>These areas maybe within or outside the boundary of the farm.</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nature of the terrain to be converted, including slope (flat, rolling, steep) and direction of slope</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A north symbol (oriented to the top of the page if possible) and scale bar</p>
<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> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

## PART C: NATURE OF THE CONVERSION ACTIVITY

*As consent to convert land to dairy 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>	<p><b>Land to be converted</b></p> <p>Describe the land that will be converted.</p> <p><i>This includes how the land is currently managed, crops grown, any waterbodies or other sensitive areas nearby, stocking types and rates.</i></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p>How will the conversion be undertaken?</p> <p><i>For example, will there be any changes to the pasture cover, fencing or riparian planting.</i></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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<p><b>C.2</b></p>	<p><b>Dairy land use</b></p> <p>Describe the current dairy farm land on the farm:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p>How will the land to be converted to pastoral land use be utilised?  <i>The converted land will be required to be prepared for use, including cultivation, planting and potentially working on soil nutrients. The addition of new dairy farm 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.</i></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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Are any other consents required for the ongoing dairy farm 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, irrigated 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 activity rules.

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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 the existing land will be converted to dairy*
- 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 land to dairy has the potential to impact soil structure, fertility and losses. 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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**E.2** **Effects on water quality**  
Describe the actual and potential effects your conversion activity may have on water quality. This includes ground and surface water quality during the conversion.  
*The conversion of land to dairy 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 will ensure adverse effects on water quality are avoided or minimised as best possible.*

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Will the conversion activity result in an increase in:

- a. contaminants loads in the catchment, compared with loads as at the close of 2 September 2020?

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- b. concentrations of contaminants in freshwater or other receiving environments, compared with the concentrations as at the close of 2 September 2020?

*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.*

Yes

No

If you answered yes, the consent authority is unable to grant your consent, in accordance with clause 24 of the National Environmental Standards for Freshwater.

If you answered no, please explain why.

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**E.3**

Describe the cumulative effects of your conversion activity.

*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.*

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<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> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

**PART F: ALTERNATIVES**

<b>F.1</b>	<p>Have any alternatives to the conversion of land to dairy been considered? If so, why has conversion been</p>
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	<p>chosen over those alternatives?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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**PART G: CONSULTATION**

<p><b>G.1</b></p>	<p>Please describe any consultation undertaken with persons/parties potentially affected by your proposed discharge.</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p><b>G.2</b></p>	<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 obtain from, and why.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

Please attach any written approvals received to the application.  
*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.*

## 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

**I.1** Use the checklist below to ensure you've provided all of the relevant information to complete your application.  
*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.*

- Fully completed this application form and Form 1?
- Attached Certificate of Title(s) less than 3 months old? Refer to B.1
- Attached a detailed site map? Refer to B.3
- Attached any relevant photos? Refer to B.4
- Attached any written approvals? Refer to G.2
- Paid your deposit or attached a cheque? Refer to Part H
- Attached a completed planning assessment sheet, or an assessment of the activity against the relevant parts of the RMA, National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020, Regional Policy Statement (Operative and Partially Operative) and Regional Plan: Water for Otago

## CONTACT US

If you have any queries relating to the information requirements, please contact one of our Otago Regional Council Offices:

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