



# Resource Consents in the SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

## What do I need to include in my application?

### A description of your proposal

What are you planning to do? Why does it need consent (what rules are you breaching)?

### A description of the site

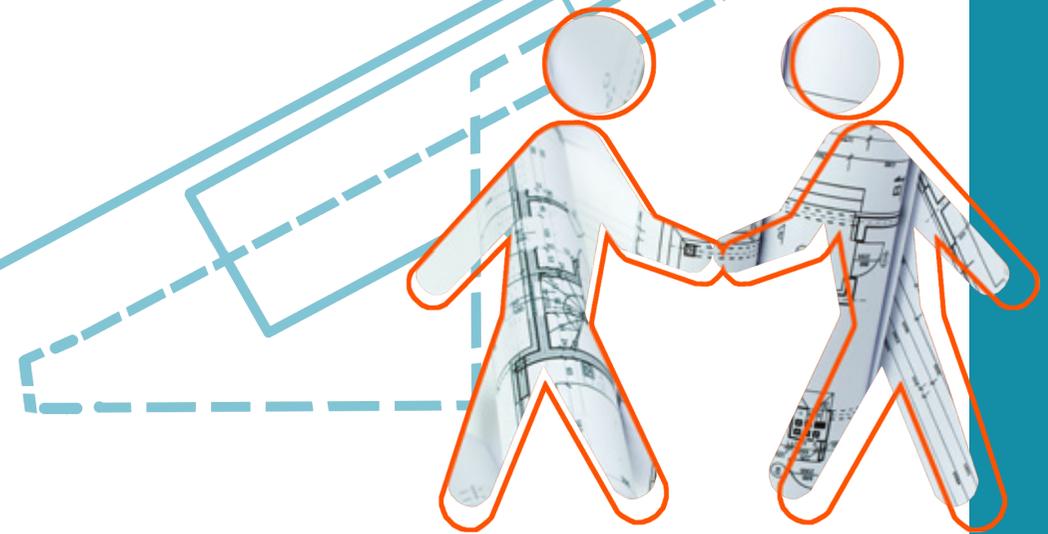
Plans showing the location of the activity and any nearby buildings, as well as details on how close your neighbours are, a description of any physical limitations of the site, and what services are in the area

### An Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE)

What potential effects could your proposal have on the environment, buildings, people, or natural resources? How significant will they be? How will you manage their impact?

### Details of any consultation you have carried out

Depending on the proposal, sometimes Council may consider some parties to be affected by your application (neighbours etc).



If affected parties have been identified, you will need to talk about your plans with them and include their written approval forms (Council can provide you with these) with your application. Any site plans should also be signed by the affected parties and attached to these forms.

Affected parties do not have to give you their written approval if they oppose your proposal. If you cannot get written approval from them, your application may be notified. This means the affected parties would have the opportunity to make a submission and speak at a hearing before Council. Alternatively, you could reconsider your proposal and redesign it in a way that does not affect those parties.

### Payment

There is a deposit fee for any resource consent application, which must be paid in order for it to be officially lodged with Council. If there are additional costs involved in processing the application, you will be invoiced for these when a decision is issued.

## What happens once I lodge an application?

Council will check you've supplied enough information once you've lodged your application. Once the application has been accepted, it will be given to the resource management team, which has 20 working days to process it. If the team needs more information, a planner will contact you and the application will be put on hold.

### Still not sure?

If your application is complex or you don't want to prepare the application yourself, you can hire a resource management consultant. They can advise you of their costs, which would be in addition to any Council costs.



## Consulting with iwi

Iwi have a special cultural and traditional relationship with the environment and take a holistic view of how all parts of their ancestral lands, wahi tapu (sacred sites), water, and other taonga (treasures) are interconnected.

Sometimes you may be required to consult with iwi. Often the need to obtain written approval from iwi happens when Council identifies them as an affected party.



## Resource Management Act

This recognises the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi and matters of importance to iwi, including the importance of meaningful consultation. Once they have seen your application, resource management staff will be able to tell you whether any consultation with iwi is required.

In Southland, consultation and involvement in resource consents is facilitated

through Te Ao Mārama Inc, which represents Te Rūnanga O Awarua, Te Rūnanga O Hokonui, Te Rūnanga O Ōraka Aparima, and Te Runaka O Waihōpai.

Te Tangi a Taura – The Cry of the People, Ngai Tahu Ki Murihiku, Natural Resource and Environmental Iwi Management Plan 2008 details Ngāi Tahu policies and desired outcomes around resource use, activities and impacts, and should be referred to throughout your application.

## Issues affecting iwi values:

There are a number of issues you should consider when preparing your resource consent application.

### Water and water-related activities that impact:

- Mauri (life-sustaining capacity)
- Quality and flow
- Habitat (for example, shellfish beds)\*
- Wahi tapu\* (sacred places) such as Tauranga Waka (canoe landing areas)
- Kohanga (breeding areas)\*
- Mahinga kai (traditional food-gathering areas), including access\*
- Disturbance of beds

### Land activities that impact:

- Mahinga kai, including access\*
- Habitat (both flora and fauna)
- Mauri
- Riparian margins within 20m of water
- Significant natural features (for example, monuments or spiritual sites)\*
- Wahi tapu (such as burial or battle sites)\*
- Wahi taonga (special places such as village or pa sites)\*

### Other relevant activities:

- Discharges and abstractions
- High altitude burning
- Construction of dams or culverts
- Coastal space occupation
- Land disturbance for forestry
- Activities within 'Statutory Acknowledgement' areas



## Costs

If iwi consultation is required as part of your resource consent application, you'll be charged on a user-pays basis for the preparation of written comments from Te Ao Marama. This could include travel and accommodation costs, or other expenses.

## Questions?

If you require further details or advice on iwi consultation, contact:  
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If you have any questions about resource consents in the Southland District, please do not hesitate to contact the resource management department on 0800 732 732.



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