

Policy Sheet for Forms 23, 25 and 29



Otago
Regional
Council

Discharge of liquid animal effluent to land
and use of land for animal effluent storage
facilities

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IMPORTANT NOTES TO THE APPLICANT

This sheet is to be used alongside the Application Forms for the discharge of liquid animal effluent to land and use of land for animal effluent storage facilities. A policy assessment against the documents set out in this sheet is required in order to have the application accepted as complete under s88 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

All applications need to come in with a policy assessment. Please tick if you agree with the below assessments. If not, then please complete your own assessment and attach it to this application form. Plan Change 8 and the policies in it give effect to the NPS FM and RMA so no assessment of those documents is needed.

If you have any wetlands, including Regionally Significant Wetlands on your property near where you are discharging effluent, or constructing your storage the policies in grey will be relevant to you and you will need to write your own assessment.

- I agree with the assessment below and adopt it as my own and I have assessed and read the objectives and policies below. It applies to my application and property.
- I have written my own policy assessment and it is attached.

Regional Plan: Water for Otago

5. Natural and Human Use Values of Lakes and Rivers

- Objective 5.3.3 *To protect the natural character of Otago's lakes and rivers and their margins from inappropriate subdivision, use or development*
- Objective 5.3.6 *To provide for the sustainable use and development of Otago's water bodies, and the beds and margins of Otago's lakes and rivers*

7. Water Quality

- Objective 7.A.1 *To maintain water quality in Otago lakes, rivers, wetlands, and groundwater, but enhance water quality where it is degraded*
- Objective 7.A.2 *Enable to the discharge of water or contaminants to water or land*
- Objective 7.A.3 *To have individuals and communities manage their discharges to reduce adverse effects, including cumulative effects, on water quality*
- Policy 7.B.1 *Manage the water quality in lakes, rivers, wetlands, and groundwater*
- Policy 7.B.2 *Avoid objectionable discharges of water or contaminants*
- Policy 7.B.4 *Matters to have regard to when considering any discharge of water or contaminants to land*
- Policy 7.B.7 *Encourage land management practices that reduce the adverse effects of water or contaminant discharges to water*
- Policy 7.B.8 *Encourage adaptive management and innovation that reduces the level of contaminants in discharges*
- Policy 7.D.1 *Encourage innovation in management practices and the sharing of information*
- Policy 7.D.5 *Matters to have regard to when considering any discharge under section 12.C*
- Policy 7.D.7 *Ensure the appropriate management and operation of animal effluent systems and application of animal effluent to land*
- Policy 7.D.8 *Provide for the upgrading of existing animal effluent storage facilities*
- Policy 7.D.9 *Enable farming activities while reducing their adverse effects*

8. Objective 9.3.3 Maintain the quality of Otago's groundwater

- Policy 9.4.1 *In managing the take of groundwater or discharge of contaminants, ensure the suitability of aquifers to support the recognised uses of groundwater identified in Schedule 3 is maintained*
- Policy 9.4.18 *Identify land of risk in terms of vulnerability of underlying groundwater to leachate contamination and manage that land*
- Policy 9.4.19 *Identify land which protects underlying aquifers from leachate contamination and manage excavation with respect to this land*
- Policy 9.4.21 *Support appropriate codes of practice and management guidelines for land use activities which may result in contaminants entering groundwater*

The use of land for an animal effluent storage facility, and the discharge of liquid animal effluent to land is consistent with the above policies and objectives. The discharge is to land and will happen in accordance with good management practices. The discharge will not be to water or a wetland and there will be buffer distances in place from waterbodies and dwellings. Effluent storage facilities and components of the facilities will be upgraded and/or are fit for use. These facilities and components will be regularly checked and will be managed in line with good management practices.

10. Wetlands

- Objective 10.3.1 *Otago's wetlands and their individual and collectives and values and uses will be maintained or enhanced for present and future generations*
- Objective 10.3.2 *Otago's Regionally Significant Wetlands and their values and uses are recognised and sustained*
- Policy 10.4.2 *Avoid adverse effects of an activity on a Regionally Significant Wetland, or a regionally significant wetland value, but allow for remediation or mitigation of an adverse effect in certain circumstances*
- Policy 10.4.2A *Where the avoidance, remediation, or mitigation of adverse effects on any Regionally Significant Wetland or any regionally significant wetland value is not adequate, financial contributions may be required*
- Policy 10.4.6 *Promote the conservation, creation and reinstatement of wetland areas, and enhancement of individual and collective wetland values*
- Policy 5.4.8 *Matters to have particular regard to when considering adverse effects on natural character*
- Policy 5.4.9 *Matters to have particular regard to when considering adverse effects on amenity values*

If you have wetlands in, or adjacent to your discharge area then please comment on the above.

Iwi Management Plans

Kai Tahu Ki Otago Natural Resource Management Plan 2005 (all of Otago excluding Waitaki and the general area south of the Clutha and Queenstown)

The Kai Tahu ki Otago Natural Resource Management Plan 2005 (NRMP) is considered to be a relevant other matter for the consideration of this application. This Plan expresses the attitudes and values of the four Papatipu Rūnaka: Te Rūnanga o Moeraki, Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki, Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou and Hokonui Rūnanga.

Waitaki Iwi Management Plan 2019 (if in the Waitaki District)

The Ngai Tahu ki Murihiku Natural Resource and Environmental Iwi Management Plan 2008 reflects the attitudes and values of the four Runanga Papatipu o Murihiku – Awarua, Hokonui, Oraka/Aparima and Waihopai. The application is consistent with the provisions of this plan as this discharge is to land, will be undertaken in accordance with good management practices

and is for a limited duration. The discharge to land and land use will not affect cultural sites of significance.

Te Tangi a Taura, Ngāi Tahu ki Murihiku Natural Resource and Environmental Iwi Management Plan 2008 (Generally for those south of the Clutha or Queenstown area)



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