

Resource Consent Application Form 14B



To extract gravel from the bed of a river (for small or short term extractions)

This application is made under Section 88 of the
Resource Management Act 1991 (as amended)

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IMPORTANT NOTES TO THE APPLICANT

This form is to be used for small or one off gravel extraction applications such as those used for river management purposes (flood or erosion control). Ensure that you complete this application Form 14B **and** Resource Consent Application Form 1 in **full**.

More significant gravel extraction applications should be completed using Form 14A and Form 1 in full. If an application is completed on this form (Form 14B) and the effects of the proposal are deemed potentially more than minor further information may be requested, or you may be required to complete Form 14A.

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 and any other requested information, when properly completed, should provide an adequate "Assessment of Effects on the Environment" (AEE). However, this can only be determined on application.

PART A: Location and description of extraction location

1. (a) From which river are you seeking to extract gravel: _____

(b) Please provide GPS grid references from where you propose to extract gravel (Note: All GPS locations to be provided in NZTM 2000 format):

Location 1:

Mid point grid reference: _____ Easting _____ Northing

Upstream grid reference: _____ Easting _____ Northing

Downstream grid reference: _____ Easting _____ Northing

Location 2:

Mid point grid reference: _____ Easting _____ Northing

Upstream grid reference: _____ Easting _____ Northing

Downstream grid reference: _____ Easting _____ Northing

5. (a) How much gravel do you propose to extract from each location?

Location 1 _____ m³

Total volume sought from Location 1 _____ m³

Location 2 _____ m³

Total volume sought from Location 2 _____ m³

(b) What is the total volume of gravel you are seeking?

_____ m³

6. Over what period are you seeking to extract gravel? _____ months/years

7. Please describe the type of extraction method to be used:

- Beach Skimming
- Instream
- Dry Bed channelisation

Definitions

Beach Skimming – Scraping material off the surface layer of the dry bed of the river

Instream works - extracting material from within the wet bed of the river

Channelisation – cutting a channel into the dry bed adjacent to the main channel

8. For each extraction location please provide photos showing the gravel resource looking both up and downstream. (Note: please indicate on each photo the date it was taken and the direction facing) A map/image should also be provided showing where the photos were taken from.

- Photos attached

9. Is gravel washing proposed as part of the extraction? If yes please give details:

* The washing of gravel refers to the removal of any excess sediment from the gravel. If this activity is undertaken in the river further consents to discharge sediment to water or for any disturbance to the bed may be required. (Note: A river bed is defined as the space of land over which the waters in the river cover at its fullest flow without overtopping its banks). Please contact Council to discuss further if unsure.

10. River Bed Access

(a) Please provide a grid reference for all river access points:

Grid reference: Easting _____ Northing _____
Easting _____ Northing _____
Easting _____ Northing _____

(b) Please provide site photographs (6"x4" minimum size) of all proposed dry/wet bed access points.

- Photographs attached to this application form

18. **What is the distance to the nearest downstream gravel extraction location?** _____ (metres or kilometres). **How will the proposed extraction affect this and/or any other downstream gravel takes?**

19. **Where does gravel from the proposed extraction site naturally migrate to if not taken?** (e.g into a lake, into another river or into the ocean).

20. **Does the area from which you propose to extract gravel have any of the following values associated with it:**

- Native fish
- Sports fish
- Aquatic habitat
- Bird life
- Water supply
- Visual amenity
- Recreational amenity (e.g. fishing, walking, swimming, kayaking etc)
- Heritage values
- Other (describe): _____

Please refer to Schedule 1 of the Regional Plan: Water or Council's Resource Science Unit to assist with answering this question. They may have information on file.

If the location has any of the above values, please describe how you intend to avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects of the proposed gravel extraction on these values: (Note: For applications to take gravel via instream methods a more detailed ecological assessment will be required. Please attach any ecological information/ reports or assessments completed which identify the plant, fish and invertebrate species present and details of the potential effects the disturbance and gravel extraction may have on the site. You may wish to undertake some per-application consultation with a suitably qualified, independent ecologist, experienced in river ecological management about the proposal).

24. Considering the answers to the questions above, will the proposed extraction have a more than minor adverse effect on the overall river system?

PART D: Consultation

Dry Bed Gravel Extractions

Fish and Game New Zealand and the Department of Conservation have specific concerns relating to sports and native fish spawning habitat (which gravels provide) and bird nesting and habitat. Local iwi (Aukaha and Te Ao Marama Incorporated for activities south of the Clutha River/Mata-Au) have spiritual and cultural beliefs, values and uses with many of Otago's waterways. As such, these organisations may be considered affected parties to your application and you may wish to commence consultation prior to lodging an application.

Wet Bed Gravel Extractions

Typically, Fish and Game New Zealand, the Department of Conservation and local iwi are all considered affected parties to applications to extract gravel from the wet bed of a river. Downstream water users may also be affected parties.

Other Affected Parties

Where access to the river bed is required over private land, or the river bed itself is owned by private land owners, written approval from the land owner(s) will be required with the application.

Where any structures may be potentially affected by the proposed extraction written approval from the owners of these structures will be required with the application.

25. Please comment on any consultation undertaken with those persons/parties who may be affected by your proposal to extract gravel:

26. Please provide any written approvals obtained:

Written approvals attached on Form 1

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Additional Notes to Applicant:

- (a) Obtaining permission for access to the extraction area is the applicant's responsibility. The granting of a consent to extract the gravel does not imply permission to access the land.
- (b) Land use consents to extract gravel from river beds confer no rights to exclusively occupy any land either on or outside of the river bed.
- (c) The applicant is to be aware that neighbours might be affected by noise or dust from the gravel extraction and screening work. Please consult the Territorial Local Authority about noise limits and related time restrictions. The granting of a consent to extract gravel does not allow for any objectionable noise or dust to travel beyond the site.
- (d) Under Section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Local Government Act 2002, the consent holder must pay an inspection and management fee to the Consent Authority.

**If you have any queries relating to information requirements,
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