

Tukituki Catchment Plan

Do I need a resource consent?
A quick guide



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The Tukituki Catchment Plan aims to sustainably manage freshwater resources and improve water quality.

This is done through reducing contaminants entering both surface and ground water.

Farm Environment Management Plan (FEMP)

All properties in the Tukituki catchment area (excluding low intensity farming systems) are required to have a Farm Environment Management Plan (FEMP).

They are on a three-year review cycle. They are due to be re-submitted to Hawke's Bay Regional Council before 31 May 2021.

Some farmers may also need to apply to the Hawke's Bay Regional Council for a resource consent.

Do you need a resource consent?

**Under the rules of the
Tukituki Catchment Plan,
you may need a resource
consent by 1 June 2020.**

Use the flowchart to the right to see if you require a consent and find out more.

Do you need a resource consent?

Is your property exceeding its Tukituki Land Use Capability (LUC) natural capital nitrogen leaching?

No.

Is your property located within a sub-catchment which is exceeding the dissolved inorganic nitrogen (DIN) limit?

No.

Does your farm comply with the Tukituki Catchment Plan stock exclusion requirements?

Yes.

No resource consent is required at the moment – but it may in the future. Low intensity farms do not need resource consents.

Yes.
You require a resource consent

Exceeding nitrogen leaching limit

If you are over the nitrogen leaching limit calculated for your property using the LUC allowances set in the Tukituki Catchment Plan (Table 5.9.1D), you will need to apply for resource consent.

When applying for your resource consent you will need an up-to-date nutrient budget, using the latest version of OverseerFM or a similar nutrient budgeting tool approved by the Hawke's Bay Regional Council.

Sub-catchment exceeding dissolved inorganic nitrogen (DIN) limit (0.8 mg/L)

If a sub-catchment is over the DIN in-stream limit, every farm within that catchment is required to have a resource consent by 1 June 2020.

Three sub-catchments are currently exceeding the DIN limit.*

The limit is 0.8 DIN mg/L average over 5 years of sampling. That means that the sub-catchment has been sampled monthly for 5 years, checking the nutrient concentration and other water quality metrics.

*Monitoring data is showing that other sub-catchments are currently exceeding the DIN limits, however HBRC does not yet have 5 years of data. Please keep up to date with your sub-catchment status by visiting hbrc.govt.nz/tukituki

Looking ahead

If your property is located within a sub-catchment which is over the DIN limit but does not yet have five years of data available, once five years of data is reached, **you will be required to apply for resource consent within six months of notification of the exceedance by the Regional Council.**

Sub-catchments expected to exceed DIN and require a resource consent are;

By 2020 – Tukipo, Porangahau, Mahareke.

By 2021 – Upper Tukituki Corridor

Not complying with stock exclusion requirement

Stock exclusion is a key success parameter for the Tukituki plan to achieve the fresh water objectives.

If stock exclusion has not been completed a resource consent is required.

Farmers are expected to hold appropriate consents for their operations. Where stock exclusion is not reasonably practicable alternative mitigation measures shall be implemented.

Compliance Monitoring will monitor resource consents, follow up with failed FEMP Audits and respond to calls regarding stock accessing waterways.

Visit hbrc.govt.nz/tukituki for more information.



Tukituki Sub-Catchments



How to apply for resource consent

A resource consent is a legal document that contains consent conditions that set out your responsibilities and requirements.

If you have identified that you need to apply for and obtain a resource consent to authorise your farming activity in the Tukituki catchment area, you will find the relevant application forms and guidance on the Hawke's Bay Regional Council website.
hbrc.govt.nz/resource-consents

If you have all the required documentation, you will also be able to apply directly online. If you are requiring a resource consent due to exceeding your individual LUC limit, it is recommended that you engage a consultant to advise you, or prepare the application on your behalf.

If your property is located within one of the sub-catchments exceeding DIN, it is advised that you lodge your application with the Regional Council as soon as possible. This is to allow the Regional Council to undertake an assessment of cumulative effects within the sub-catchment.

If you are an individual high leacher, exceeding your LUC nitrate leaching rate, or are unable to meet the stock exclusion rules by 31 May 2020, you are advised to **lodge your application with HBRC by 31st March 2020**.

How much will it cost?

Initial fees and deposits*

\$2300 initial deposit for properties exceeding their LUC and stock exclusion consents.

\$1150 initial deposit for properties located within a sub-catchment exceeding DIN, but individual property is not exceeding LUC. Actual and reasonable costs will be charged for the processing of all resource consents. Further deposits may be required if an application for resource consent is to be notified.

Ongoing costs

Compliance Monitoring costs – actual and reasonable costs will be charged for ongoing monitoring of resource consents.

Need help?

If you would like to speak to someone about your resource consent application, or any other matters relating to the Tukituki Catchment Plan, you can contact the following:

Consent advisor - 06 833 8090,
consentadvisor@hbrc.govt.nz

Catchment advisor - 06 857 8219

Team Leader Consents - Paul Barrett: 06 833 8014

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*For further information visit

hbrc.govt.nz, and search #tukituki.