



The Taranaki Regional Council regulates the diverting of rivers and streams within the Taranaki region under the Resource Management Act 1991, through the Regional Fresh Water Plan for Taranaki (RFPW).

## PLAN PROVISIONS

Rule 74 of the RFPW authorizes the realignment or modification of a stream or river as permitted activities (no resource consent required) provided certain standards are met.

The key standards are:

- Upstream catchment is no more than 25 ha
- Realignment or modification shall not restrict the passage of fish. There shall be no adverse effects on aquatic life or instream habitat
- No significant erosion, scour or deposition shall result from the channel modification
- Drainage channel shall be no more than 4m<sup>2</sup> in cross-sectional area
- Length of stream or river to be realigned or modified shall not exceed 200 m (may include previous realignments since October 2001 on the same property).

The Council must be informed that the realignment or channel modification work is to occur, at least two working days prior to its commencement.

If all of the standards under Rule 74 of the RFPW cannot be met then the activity is termed discretionary and a consent is required under Rule 76.

Likely considerations are:

- Avoidance of adverse effects on water quality, ecosystems, recreational fishery and scenic values
- Maintenance and enhancement of any public access
- Protection of historically or culturally significant sites
- Avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse environmental effects (such as erosion, scour, deposition)
- The capacity of the channel to convey flood flows shall not be reduced
- Where the grade of the channel has been increased, grade control structures may need to be incorporated
- Sediment control methods are to be detailed such that the visual clarity of the water beyond the mixing zone (seven times the stream width) shall not noticeably change
- No contaminants shall be released to the river bed from equipment being used for the activity, and no refueling of equipment shall take place or any area of the river bed
- Cut batters no steeper than 1h:IV with toe protection, fill batters no steeper than 2h:IV, toe support considered - refer figure 1

## CONSENT INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

The key information that must accompany stream diversion applications is:

- Legal descriptions of land on both sides of the stream (shown on rate demand)
- Site plan showing existing and proposed stream alignments and relationship to any other features re buildings, fencelines, property boundaries, roads etc. (Figure 2)
- Cross section plan of the proposed realignment (figure 1)
- Timing of works (estimate of start and finish dates), and the nature and duration of any instream works and any mitigation measures proposed

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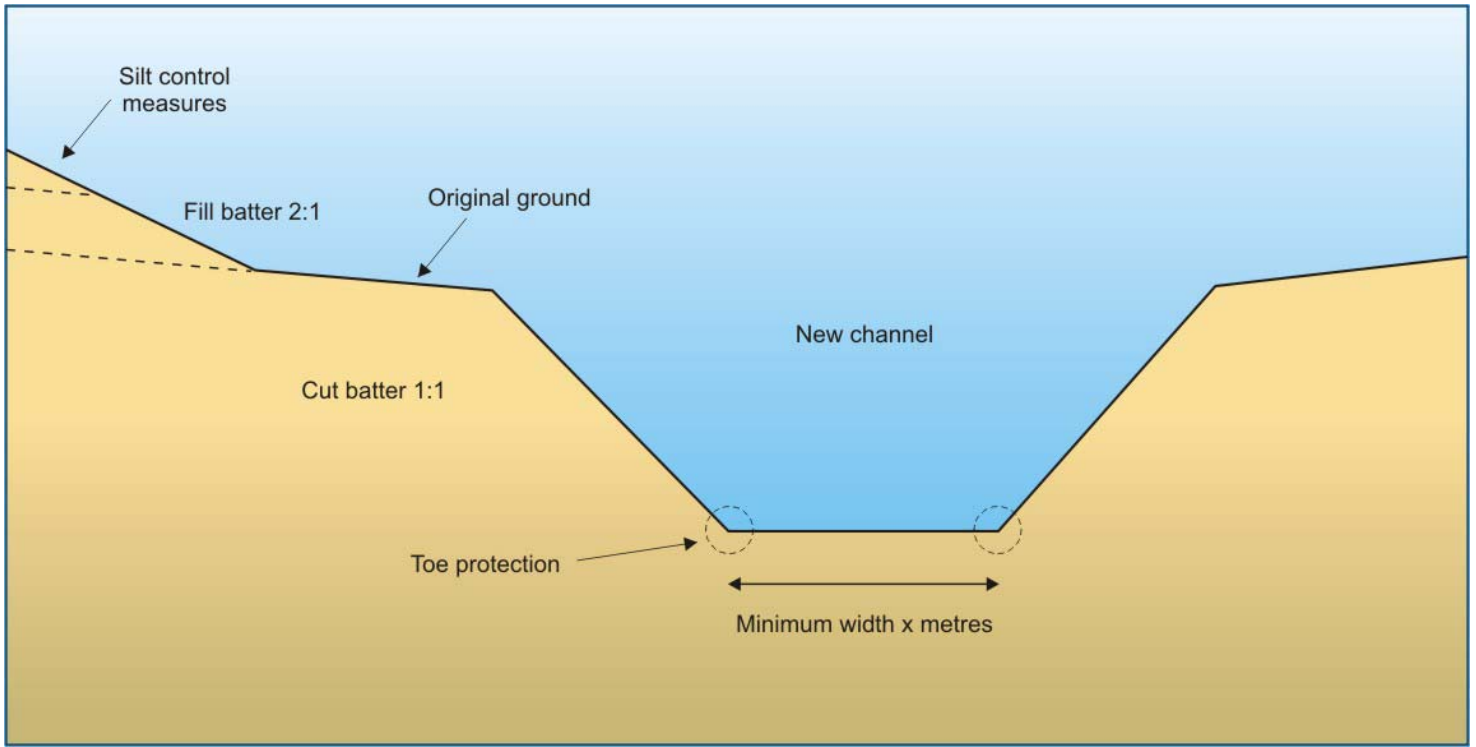


Figure 1: example of realignment cross section plan

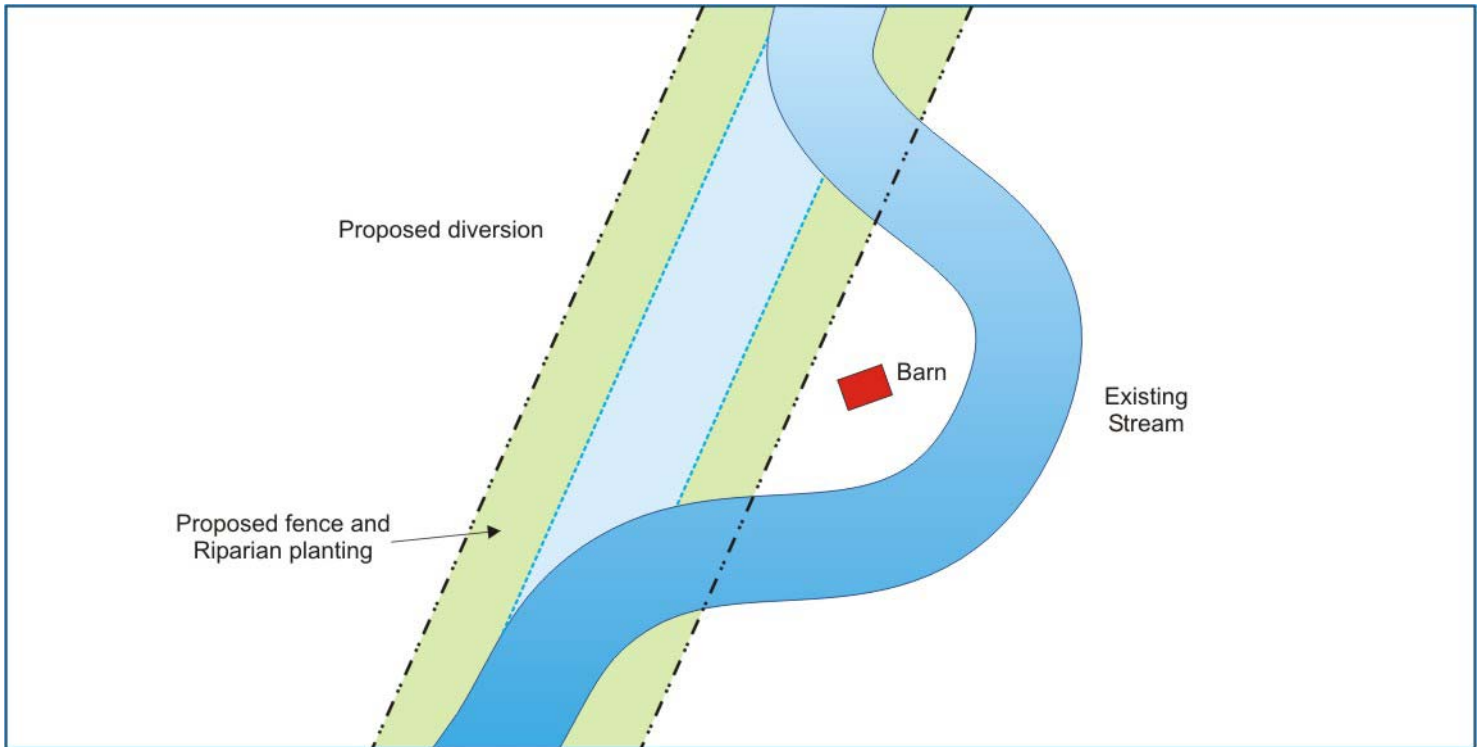


Figure 2: example of site plan

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