

5. Information to be submitted with an application for a coastal permit

Section 88 of the Act requires each application for a coastal permit to be in a prescribed form. Section 88 requires that an application includes:

- (i) a description of the activity for which consent is sought, and its location;
- (ii) an assessment of any actual or potential effects that the activity may have on the environment, and the ways in which any adverse effects may be mitigated;
- (iii) any information required to be included in the application by this plan or by regulations; and
- (iv) a statement specifying all other resource consents that the applicant may require from any consent authority for the activity to which the application relates, and whether or not the applicant has applied for such consents.

The Taranaki Regional Council requires the information below to be included with an application for a coastal permit. General information in Section 5.1 must be supplied for all applications, along with the assessment of effects in Section 5.5.

Applicants should note that approvals may need to be obtained under other Acts of Parliament. For example, structure placement requires a building consent under the Building Act 1991, aquaculture requires consents under the Fisheries Act 1983 etc. Those consents cannot be obtained under this plan.

5.1 General (all activities)

1. Full name, postal address, home and business telephone numbers of the person or organisation to whom the permit is to be issued.
2. Name and telephone number of the contact person who is fully conversant with all aspects of the application.
3. Name, address and telephone number of consultant (if applicable).
4. Name and address for service of documents (if different from above).
5. Name and telephone number of occupier or lessee of affected site.
6. Location and address of affected site (as near as possible).
7. Nearest territorial authority (New Plymouth District Council or South Taranaki District Council).
8. A list of all other consents needed, and reference numbers of any previous consents, for this application from all consent authorities.
9. A list of names and addresses of property owners or occupiers likely to be directly affected by this application.
10. An **assessment of effects on the environment** in accordance with Section 5.5 below. (Section 5.5 is important; please read it carefully.)

5.2 Use of the foreshore and seabed

1. Reason for which the foreshore or seabed is to be used (reclamation, structure, drilling, dredging, other (please specify)).
2. An indication of the state of completion of the project (existing, partly developed, proposed).
3. Description of the works proposed, including design specifications.
4. Map reference of site (use Infomap 260 1:50 000)
5. An accurate location and site plan including scale, showing position of works, local named roads, north point, boundaries and other relevant features.
6. Legal description of land at site (where applicable).

5.3 Discharges of contaminants

1. Content of discharge (name contaminants, if any).
2. Type of operation or industry causing discharge.
3. Purpose for discharge.
4. Maximum volume daily (cubic metres per day) and maximum discharge rate (litres per second).
5. Number of hours per day that discharge will occur.
6. Full description of any seasonal or time-related variation in discharge strengths and volumes expected (if applicable).
7. Accurate site plan and address of discharge source, for inspection purposes.
8. Legal description of land (shown on rate demand) at discharge source, for inspection purposes.
9. Map reference of discharge point (use Infomap 260 1:50 000).
10. If discharge point is different from place of treatment/usage, details with supporting plans of each site.
11. Full description of works to be constructed, including process or department from which discharge originates, type of treatment facility and the quality of the proposed discharge (include design specifications).

5.4 Use of water

1. Reason for which water is to be taken or used or both (industry, other (specify)).
2. An indication of the state of completion of the project (existing, partly developed, proposed).
3. Quantities of water applied for:
 - (i) maximum daily quantity (cubic metres per day);
 - (ii) total annual quantity (cubic metres per year); and
 - (iii) maximum abstraction rate (litres per second).

5.5 Assessment of effects on the environment

An assessment of effects on the environment is to be included with every coastal permit application in accordance with this section. The detail in the assessment of effects shall be **in such detail as corresponds with the scale and significance of the actual or potential effects that the activity may have on the environment**. This is important: too much detail in relation to the likely effects of the activity will waste applicants' time and money; too little detail will result in the Taranaki Regional Council requiring further information, which will lead to further expense and lost time by applicants.

The assessment for a controlled activity, or for a discretionary activity over which the Taranaki Regional Council has restricted the exercise of its discretion, need only address those matters over which the Council has retained control or the right to exercise its discretion (as the case may be). Those matters are specified in the relevant rules of this plan.

The extent to which these matters need to be addressed will depend on the nature and scale of the proposed activity. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide sufficient information to enable the consent authority to assess the application. If the applicant is uncertain as to the amount of information required or where such information may be obtained, the Taranaki Regional Council's Consents Department Staff can assist (telephone 06 765 7127).

5.5.1 Matters for inclusion in an assessment of effects on the environment

An assessment of effects on the environment should include -

- (a) A description of the proposal;
- (b) Where it is likely that an activity will result in any significant adverse effect on the environment, a description of any possible alternative locations or methods for undertaking the activity;
- (c) An assessment of the actual or potential effect on the environment of the proposed activity;
- (d) Where the activity includes the use of hazardous substances and installations an assessment of any risks to the environment which are likely to arise from such use;

- (e) Where the activity includes the discharge of any contaminant, a description of:
 - (i) The nature of the discharge and the sensitivity of the proposed receiving environment to adverse effects; and
 - (ii) Any possible alternative methods of discharge, including discharge into any other receiving environment;
- (f) A description of the mitigation measures (safeguards and contingency plans where relevant) to be undertaken and any response to the views of those consulted;
- (g) An identification of those persons interested in or affected by the proposal, the consultation undertaken and any response to the views of those consulted;
- (h) Where the scale or significance of the activity's effect are such that monitoring is required, a description of how, once the proposal is approved, effects will be monitored and by whom.

Specific information that is required to give effect to policies

The following information must be supplied in order to allow the Taranaki Regional Council to give effect to information requirements contained in policies in this plan.

- (a) When the proposed activity is a reclamation, the applicant must show that the reclamation is the most appropriate way of providing for an activity that requires a coastal marine area location, and alternatives to a reclamation (including purchase of land or construction of structures) must be explicitly considered.
- (b) When the proposed activity is a damming, diversion, taking or use of water from an estuary, applicants for coastal permits must:
 - (i) demonstrate a need for volumes of water sought; and
 - (ii) indicate what alternative water supplies or water collection or storage methods have been considered to meet this need and the suitability or otherwise of the alternatives.
- (c) When the proposed activity is a natural hazard protection work, the applicant must supply sufficient information to enable the assessment required by:
 - (i) Policy 7.1; and
 - (ii) Policy 7.3 (if the work is proposed for an estuary);
 to be carried out.
- (d) Any application for a coastal permit seeking rights of occupation (over and above those required for physical occupation by a structure) must include a consideration of alternatives to occupation rights and must demonstrate how granting rights to occupy is the most appropriate course of action to take.

Matters that should be considered when preparing an assessment of effects on the environment

Any person preparing an assessment of the effects on the environment should consider the following matters:

- (a) Any effect on those in the neighbourhood and, where relevant, the wider community including any socio-economic and cultural effects;
- (b) Any physical effect on the locality, including any landscape and visual effects;

- (c) Any effect on ecosystems, including effects on plants or animals and any physical disturbance of habitats in the vicinity;
- (d) Any effect on natural and physical resources having aesthetic, recreational, scientific, historical, spiritual or cultural or other special value for present or future generations;
- (e) Any discharge of contaminants into the environment, including any unreasonable emission of noise and options for the treatment and disposal of contaminants;
- (f) Any risk to the neighbourhood, the wider community or the environment through natural hazards or the use of hazardous substances or hazardous installations.

5.6 Requirement for further information

Notwithstanding the above, the Taranaki Regional Council may at any reasonable time, require the applicant to provide further information in respect of the activity which the application for a coastal permit is made.

The following relate to the circumstances in which the powers under Section 92 (ie. where further information may be required) **may** be used:

- (a) the standard application forms have not been properly completed; or
- (b) the application does not adequately describe the nature or location of the proposal; or
- (c) the application does not specify, or inaccurately specifies, other consents that may be needed to undertake the activity; or
- (d) in the case of any discretionary or non-complying activity, the application provides insufficient information:
 - (i) to enable the actual or potential adverse effects of the activity to be identified; or
 - (ii) to explain the ways in which any adverse effects are to be mitigated; or
 - (iii) to identify other parties who may be affected; or
 - (iv) to identify other parties who have been consulted and/or their views; or
- (e) there is uncertainty regarding the need or purpose of the consent; or
- (f) there are reasonable grounds to suggest that alternative locations or methods of undertaking the activity may be both feasible and would have less adverse effect on the environment than the proposed option; or
- (g) a report is required to be commissioned to fully assess the effects of the activity or to audit any information provided by the applicant.