



Applications for Resource Consents at a Wellsite

(Pursuant to section 88 of the Resource Management Act 1991)

Important: Please read carefully before completing the form

All sections must be completed in full and accompanied by the initial deposit fee, the administration form (Form A) and an Assessment of Environmental Effects in accordance with schedule 4 of the Resource Management Act 1991. Failure to do so may result in your application not being accepted and/or returned.

You may wish to consult with a Consents Officer prior to applying, as this may save you time and money in the long run. We always recommend that you consult with anyone who may be deemed an affected party by your proposal, including neighbours and tangata whenua. We are happy to provide you with the correct contact information and anything else you might require with regards to communications and engagement.

If you have any questions relating to completion of this application form, please contact the Consents Department, Taranaki Regional Council on telephone (06)765-7127 or email consents@trc.govt.nz.

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Consent No:	Date Received:	Doc #

1 Application Purpose

1.1 What is the purpose of this application?

New consent(s)

☐

Replacement for expiring
Consent(s) (renewal)

☐

Consent number of expiring consent(s)

Change of conditions for
existing consent(s)

☐

Consent number of consent(s) to be changed

2 Applicant Details

2.1 Applicant's name *(full name of proposed consent holder)*

Please complete either (a), (b) or (c) to whom consent is to be issued.

(a) Company _____

First Name

Middle Name

Surname

(b) Individual(s) _____

(c) Trust/Partnership Name _____

If Trust/Partnership: Full names of Trustees/Partners:

First Name

Middle Name

Surname

2.2 Applicant's address for service *[not consultant's address]*

E-mail _____

Postal _____

Phone _____ Mob. _____

Name of person to contact regarding this application

Contact Person _____

Phone _____
(if different from 2.2)

Email. _____
(if different from 2.2)

2.3 Address for service (if different from above, i.e. consultant, lawyer, or other person handling application)

Contact Person _____

E-mail _____

Postal _____

Phone _____

Mob. _____

***The Council will serve all formal documents electronically via
the email address in 2.2 and 2.3 (if provided).***

3 Site Details

3.1 Name of wellsite

3.2 Name and contact details of owner or occupier at the wellsite

3.3 Location of wellsite (Including: Street/road name, number, and locality)

3.4 Legal description of property at wellsite (refer to land title or rates notice)

3.5 Assessment/Valuation number of property (refer to land title or rates notice)

4 Activities to be undertaken

4.1 Indicate the activities for which resource consent is being sought.

(a precise description of each activity must be included in the attached documentation)

A) Discharge to air ('exploration')? Yes ☐ No ☐

B) Discharge to air ('production')? Yes ☐ No ☐

- including from production facilities? Yes ☐ No ☐

Please note: as it is now Council's preference to issue a single consent authorising both exploration and production flaring from the wellsite, please fill out sections 5 and 6 even if exploration or production flaring is not proposed at this time, both consent should be sought.

C) Discharge stormwater from a wellsite? Yes ☐ No ☐

D) Take produced water? Yes ☐ No ☐

E) Discharge stormwater & sediment arising from earthworks? Yes ☐ No ☐

F) Discharge contaminants to land from hydraulic fracturing? Yes ☐ No ☐

G) Discharge fluids to land by Deepwell Injection? Yes ☐ No ☐

H) Take groundwater for Water Flooding? Yes ☐ No ☐

I) Other activities (please state) – *see notes below* Yes ☐ No ☐

**Please complete the relevant sections of this form (A to H)
for each consent being sought**

4.2 If you have discussed this proposal with council staff, please give the person's name here:

Notes:

Related Activities

For other activities related to the drilling activity (eg. culverting of access road or taking of water for drilling purposes), please complete the Council's standard application for that activity.

Well drilling

Well drilling is a permitted activity undertaken in accordance with Rule 46 of the *Regional Fresh Water Plan for Taranaki*. However if directional drilling results in structures (eg. Well casing) beneath the sea bed or foreshore, consents pursuant to the *Regional Coastal Plan for Taranaki* must be obtained. If such consents are to be applied for, comment will need to be sought from Iwi under the *Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011* before lodging the applications. Please check with Council Staff to determine who to contact.

A) Discharge to air (exploration)?

(Only answer this section if you have ticked yes to question 4.1 A)

5 Discharge to air - exploration

The Council's preference is to no longer issue separate consents for flaring from exploratory/development wells and flaring from production wells. For the reasons summarised below:

- a. as gas is now in demand, operators are incentivised to minimise non-productive flow of gas from wellheads, which minimises the risk of operators flaring large volumes of gas at the wellhead during exploration to maximise condensate recovery;
- b. it is no longer as critical to limit the duration of combustion at a wellsite during exploration flaring via an explicit consent condition, now that production and pipeline infrastructure is established across the region.
- c. With fields becoming depleted, there is an increasing need to undertake work-overs at producing wellheads. Conditions originally written for an exploratory well entry or for a productive well are not always appropriate to provide for a work-over some years later. It is preferable to avoid the need for multiple air discharge consents for the same wellsite and address workovers at all stages of well development; and
- d. Information provided to the Council by an operator, in relation to any stage of a well's life, can serve as an element of a mutually agreed 'best practicable option' at the time, rather than being anticipated and explicitly set out within a consent at the beginning of the term of the consent.

As it is now Council's preference to issue a single consent authorising both exploration and production flaring from the wellsite, please fill out sections 5 and 6 even if exploration or production flaring is not proposed at this time, both consents should be sought.

For more details please contact the consent team at consents@trc.govt.nz

5.1 Where in the attached documentation have you provided a full description of the activity?
(*State specific page numbers or section numbers*)

5.2 Where will 'Flaring' occur from?

Lined Pit ☐ Flare Tank ☐ Thermal oxidiser ☐ Other ☐ _____

5.3 Grid reference of the flaring location (NZTM) _____ E _____ N
(*eg. the flare pit*).

5.4 Maximum number of wells proposed to be drilled? _____

5.5 Maximum number of zones expected to be flared? _____

5.6 Maximum number of flaring days proposed for each zone? _____

5.7 Are there any dwellings within 300 metres of the flare? Yes ☐ No ☐

B) Discharge to air (production)

(Only answer this section if you have ticked yes to question 4.1 B)

6 Discharge to air - production

6.1 Where in the attached documentation have you provided a full description of the activity?
(State specific page numbers or section numbers)

6.2 Where in the attached documentation have you provided a full description of the production facilities proposed? (State specific page numbers or section numbers)

6.3 Grid reference of the discharge (NZTM) _____ E _____ N

The Council's preference is to no longer issue separate consents for flaring from exploratory/development wells and flaring from production wells. For the reasons summarised below:

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For more details please contact the consent team at consents@trc.govt.nz

Ensure that the attached AEE includes details of all emissions, their source and their effects

C) Discharge stormwater from a wellsite
(Only answer this section if you have ticked yes to question 4.1 C)

7 Discharge stormwater from a wellsite

7.1 Where in the attached documentation have you provided a full description of the activity?

(State specific page numbers or section numbers)

7.2 The discharge will be to? Land ☐ Land, where it may enter surface water ☐ Water ☐

7.3 Grid reference of the discharge point (NZTM) _____ E _____ N

7.4 What is the total catchment area? _____ Ha

7.5 What is the total volume of the skimmer pit(s)? _____ m³

7.6 Is a stormwater management plan attached? Yes ☐ No ☐

Ensure that the attached AEE includes full details of the discharge, the treatment facilities and effects on the receiving environment (including effects on surface water if the discharge may enter it)

D) Take produced water
(Only answer this section if you have ticked yes to question 4.1 D)

8 To take produced water

8.1 Where in the attached documentation have you provided a full description of the activity?

(State specific page numbers or section numbers)

8.2 Grid reference of the take point (NZTM) _____ E _____ N

E) Discharge stormwater & sediment arising from earthworks

(Only answer this section if you have ticked yes to question 4.1 E)

9 Discharge stormwater & sediment arising from earthworks

- 9.1 Where in the attached documentation have you provided a full description of the activity?
(State specific page numbers or section numbers)

- 9.2 The discharge will be to? Land ☐ Land, where it may enter water ☐ Water ☐

- 9.3 Grid reference of the discharge point (NZTM) _____E _____N

- 9.4 What is the approximate volume of earthworks?

<3000 ☐ 3000-24000 ☐ >24000 ☐

- 9.5 Might the work be undertaken in winter (between 01 May to 31 October)?

Yes ☐ No ☐

- 9.6 What is the area of earthworks? _____

If greater than 4 hectares a separate consent for air discharge will be required.

This application must include a Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (SESCP) that gives full details of the measures proposed to ensure that sediment discharge to water and off-site effects of dust are avoided as far as practicable. The SESCO must include a plan of the site and detailed illustrations/descriptions for the construction, placement and management of sediment controls. It must also include the reasons why a particular control method is appropriate. For example, where a sediment pond is proposed accompanying information is expected to include pond dimensions, calculations showing the pond will work effectively, materials used, stabilisation methods used, other control methods within the pond and why these have been used over others (e.g. Floating T bars, Level spreading bars, Geotextile cloth on external wall to stop erosion, Goose neck pipes). For further information refer to "Guidelines for Earthworks in the Taranaki Region" at www.trc.govt.nz/business-and-industry

- 9.7 Have you attached a site sediment and erosion control management plan?

Yes ☐

Ensure that the attached AEE includes full details of the discharge, the treatment facilities and effects on the receiving environment (including effects on surface water if the discharge may enter it)

F) Discharge contaminants to land from hydraulic fracturing

(Only answer this section if you have ticked yes to question 4.1 F)

10 Discharge contaminants to land from hydraulic fracturing

10.1 Where in the attached documentation have you provided a full description of the activity?
(State specific page numbers or section numbers)

10.2 What is the depth of discharge? _____ m Total Vertical Depth

10.3 Grid reference (NZTM) _____ E _____ N

The Council has prepared a document specifying AEE requirements for Hydraulic Fracturing applications, which is available on the TRC website or by contacting consents@trc.govt.nz

G) Discharge fluids to land by Deepwell Injection

(Only answer this section if you have ticked yes to question 4.1 G)

11 Discharge fluids to land by Deepwell Injection

11.1 Where in the attached documentation have you provided a full description of the activity?
(State specific page numbers or section numbers)

11.2 What is the depth of injection? _____

11.3 What is the maximum pressure of injection? _____

11.4 Grid reference of the discharge point (NZTM) _____ E _____ N

The Council has prepared a document specifying AEE requirements for Deepwell Injection applications, which is available on the TRC website or by contacting consents@trc.govt.nz

H) Take groundwater for Water Flooding
(Only answer this section if you have ticked yes to question 4.1 H)

12 Take groundwater for Water Flooding

12.1 Where in the attached documentation have you provided a full description of the activity?
(State specific page numbers or section numbers)

12.2 What is the depth and Aquifer of abstraction?

_____ Depth _____ Aquifer

12.3 What is the depth and formation of water flooding activities?

_____ Depth _____ Aquifer

12.4 Grid reference of the abstraction point (NZTM) _____ E _____ N

**All of the following sections [13 to 20]
must be completed**

Ensure the attached documentation includes an AEE, an assessment of RMA Part 2 relevant policy documents, and regulations as specified in Schedule 4 of the RMA.

13 Location Map

13.1 Where in the attached documentation have you provided a map of the proposed wellsite?
(State specific page numbers or section numbers)

13.2 Please make sure the following information is shown on your aerial photograph or map:

- | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| ▪ Discharge points | <input type="checkbox"/> | ▪ Local Roads | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ▪ Streams | <input type="checkbox"/> | ▪ North point | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ▪ Surface water bodies | <input type="checkbox"/> | ▪ Property boundaries | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ▪ Wellsite | <input type="checkbox"/> | ▪ Location of each activity applied for | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ▪ Flare pit location | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

14 Consultation

14.1 Ensure the attached documentation includes the consultation undertaken with any interested/affected parties, and the views of those consulted. Attach correspondence if appropriate. The consultation undertaken and the information provided is to aid the Council in determining who may be adversely affected by the proposal.

15 Affected Party Approvals

15.1 Council may determine that any application is to be notified. But generally, for 'wellsite applications', if written approval is obtained from everybody who Council determines to be adversely affected the applications will be non-notified.

In the case of these applications, affected party approval will be required from the owner/occupier of:

- | | | Written approvals provided | | | | |
|---|-----|-----------------------------------|----|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| (i) the site of each activity described in A, B, C & E of question 4.1 | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| (ii) any dwelling within 300 m of the flare | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (iii) any land within 200 m of the flare if the number of flaring days per zone is to exceed 15 | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> |

15.2 Where in the attached documentation have you provided a copy of the written approvals?
(State specific page numbers or section numbers)

15.3 Other persons (such as neighbours, Iwi) may be determined to be affected in a particular case.
Examples where other persons may be affected are:

- i) Large scale production facilities are to be established;
- ii) Resources that are of particular significance to Iwi are affected;
- iii) A surface water resource is adversely affected.

15.4 If written approvals are required and are not attached/enclosed, do you wish Council to proceed with limited notification of the applications?

Yes ☐

No ☐
(see note below)

N/A ☐

Note:

If the affected party approvals are not included the applications will be lodged as a draft only. Formal acceptance will occur when all written approvals are provided or the applicant requests limited notification.

16 Other consents required

16.1 What consents are required from other authorities for the proposed activity?

None ☐ OR

Consent Required

Authority

Applied for?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Yes ☐ No ☐

Yes ☐ No ☐

17 Draft report and conditions

17.1 Do you wish to review and make comment on a draft report and recommendation [including consent conditions] before any consent is issued?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you answered 'Yes' please consider agreeing to a timeframe extension [See section 18 below.]

18 Processing Timeframes

The RMA specifies timeframes for processing resource consent applications, [for example 20 working days for a non-notified application], however these timeframes can be extended with the applicant's agreement.

18.1 Do you agree to the Taranaki Regional Council extending RMA consent processing timeframes?

- ☐ Yes, provided that I can continue to exercise my existing consent until processing of this application is completed *[renewal applications]*.
- ☐ Yes, provided that the extension is for the specific purpose of discussing and trying to agree on consent conditions.
- ☐ Yes, provided that the application process is completed before ____/____/____ *[enter date]*

19 Value of investment (renewal applications)

Please complete this section only if your application is to renew an existing consent(s)

19.1 Provide an assessment of the value of your investment that is dependent on this consent.

- | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| < \$10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$10,000 to \$50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$50,000 to \$250,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$250,000 to \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1 M to \$5 M | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$5 M to \$50 M | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| >\$50 M | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

20 Deposit

A deposit is required with this application. This can be paid online, by cash or eftpos at our reception desk.

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|---|--|
| ▪ | Taranaki Regional Council's bank account number is 02 0756 0040555 002 . Use the applicant's name as the reference. We'll send you a GST invoice marked "PAID" shortly after you have paid. |
| ▪ | The application will not be accepted until the deposit is paid. We're happy to hold the forms, but processing will not start until we receive payment. |
| ▪ | Additional charges are usually incurred. Please see 'Notes to Applicant' on page 16 and the Schedule of charges attached. |

20.1 Non-notified initial deposit (including GST) per consent

A) Discharge to air ('exploration') New/Replace ☐ \$2,150.50

B) Discharge to air ('production') New/ Replace ☐ \$2,150.50

Please note: If both A & B discharges are applied for, payment of one deposit fee is acceptable. All other activities require separate deposit payments.

C) Discharge stormwater from a wellsite New/ Replace ☐ \$2,150.50

D) Take produced water New/ Replace ☐ \$2,150.50

E) Discharge stormwater & sediment New/ Replace ☐ \$2,150.50
arising from earthworks

F) Discharge contaminants to land from New/ Replace ☐ \$2,150.50
Hydraulic Fracturing

G) Discharge contaminants to land by New/ Replace ☐ \$2,150.50
Deepwell Injection

H) Take groundwater for Water Flooding New/ Replace ☐ \$2,150.50

Deposit to be paid (Assume your application is non-notified unless Council has informed you otherwise.)	
Non notified application	\$2,150.50 including GST per consent applied for x _____ no of consents applied for Total Amount Paid \$ _____ Payment date _____
Notified application	\$11,385.00 (GST inclusive) per proposal Payment date _____

Purchase order number		
Purchase order number supplied Please note a p/o number will not be accepted in lieu of the consent deposit	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
	Number _____	

			<i>If different to above email addresses, please supply:</i>
Send all correspondence relating to this application(s), including invoices, to:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Applicant	Email Address
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consultant	Email Address

Send correspondence and invoices once consent is granted to:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Applicant	Email Address
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consultant	Email Address

Please provide an email address for any future invoicing required. (Eg. monitoring of this consent)	Email Address
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Information privacy
<p>The RMA requires this information to process the application.</p> <p>Taranaki Regional Council ("TRC") will use the information provided with your application to process your application and to assist in managing the region's natural and physical resources. Information in this application is regarded as official information and available to the public on request in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the Privacy Act 2020. In addition, you agree that the information in your activity application (Forms 1A to 7B) (and any documentation provided in support) will be published and made available on our website. It is important that you let us know if your application includes trade secrets, commercially sensitive information, and/or any other information that you would like to remain confidential.</p>

Signature
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> I have authority to sign on behalf of the party/ies named as applicants for this consent. I have read, and understand, all information in this application form, including the requirement to pay additional costs. All information provided is true and correct. I understand that inaccurate information could result in my resource consent being cancelled. <p>Signature Date</p> <p>Name:</p>

Send your application to Consents@trc.govt.nz

You can also lodge the application by the following methods

Mail: Taranaki Regional Council, Private Bag 713, Stratford 4352.

In person: Taranaki Regional Council offices, 47 Cloten Road Stratford

If you have not received an email acknowledgement for this application within 5 working days (for new applications) or 10 working days (for replacements) please contact consents@trc.govt.nz.

Notes to Applicant – Important information – Please read carefully before filling out the application forms – email the consents team at consents@trc.govt.nz with consent questions

The deposit amount is required when an application is submitted and is an initial deposit towards the final cost of processing the application. Processing of the application will begin when the deposit is received. Purchase orders are not acceptable as payment for the deposit.

The final cost of processing is based on actual and reasonable staff time and expenses incurred during the processing of the application. Interim invoices will be issued if the additional costs incurred rise above \$3,000.00 plus GST. A final invoice will then be issued after processing is completed.

Where there is more than one consent required for the same proposal, an initial deposit is required for each consent applied for (non-notified applications).

If the consent is notified, a larger deposit will be required. We will advise if the application is to be notified.

Withdrawn applications will incur the cost for work done up to the date of withdrawal.

The coastal marine area is the area from the outer limit of the territorial sea (12 nautical miles) to the line of mean high-water springs. For activities at river mouths, contact the Consents team at consents@trc.govt.nz for clarification.

Let us know if your application includes trade secrets and/or commercially or culturally sensitive material. Section 42 of the RMA enables protection of sensitive information.

Schedule 4 of the RMA sets out the information you must provide. If insufficient information is provided, we may put the application on hold or return it as incomplete.

Identify every consent required for the proposal. We may put the application on hold until you apply for all resource consents required (s91 of the RMA).

If we request further information (s92 of the RMA), the application will be put on hold and processing will not restart until all information is received.

An application does not need to be publicly notified if the environmental effects are minor and written approval has been obtained from everyone adversely affected by the granting of the consent (s95D and s95B of the RMA). Written approval forms are on our website: [TRC Non-notified approval form](#)

We may review any consent at any time if the application contains inaccuracies that materially influence the decision made (s128(1)(c) of the RMA) at the cost of the consent holder.

All collection costs incurred in the recovery of a debt will be added to the invoice amount due. Overdue invoices will incur an interest charge of 12% per annum.

Details of Council's charging policy are in its 2025/2026 Annual Plan, which can be found here: [2025-2026 Annual Plan](#)

Ongoing responsibilities

Once granted, most resource consents will incur a yearly compliance monitoring charge.

If your application is granted you will be responsible for complying with your consent's conditions and payment of your consent's charges until your consent expires. If you wish to cancel (surrender) your consent, transfer responsibilities to another party or make changes to your consented activity before it expires, you must submit notice to us in writing or make an application to change your consent.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Charging policies

Resource Management Act Charging Policy. Schedule of charges pursuant to section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991

Schedule 1: Scale of charges for staff time

	Rate for processing resource consents and responding to pollution incidents.	Rate for all other Council work.
Professional staff	\$134/hr	\$129/hr
Professional/supervisory staff	\$170/hr	\$160/hr
Team Leaders	\$209/hr	\$195/hr
Managers	\$246/hr	\$230/hr
Support staff	\$134/hr	\$129/hr
Directors	\$409/hr	\$382/hr

Explanation

This scale of charges is used to calculate the Council's actual and reasonable costs when carrying out functions under the Resource Management Act 1991, including any functions transferred to it under section 33. Where those actual and reasonable costs exceed any specified charges, the Council may recover those costs as additional charges under section 36(3) of the Resource Management Act 1991. Staff time is recovered at the charge appropriate to the task which they are undertaking. The charges are calculated as per the IPENZ method with a multiplier of 2.1. All collection costs incurred in the recovery of a debt will be added to the amount due. Overdue invoices will incur an interest charge at 12% per annum. All charges exclude GST. Effective from 1 July 2025.

Schedule 2: Fixed minimum charges for the preparation or change of policy statement or plans and the processing of resource consents

Request for preparation or change to a plan/policy statement	\$77,000
For non-notified farm dairy discharge consent	\$1,650
For non-notified consent other	\$1,870
For notified consents (limited and public)	\$9,900
Renewal or change consent:	
• Non-notified	\$1,870
• Notified (limited and public)	\$9,900
Non-notified review of consent	\$1,210
Notified review of consent	\$9,900
Extension of a consent lapse date	\$690
Certificate of compliance	\$1,815
Serve notice of a permitted activity	\$421
Approvals under Resource Management Act:	
Water Measuring Regulations	\$502
Transfer of consent to another party or change of consent holder name (1 to 5 consents)	\$133 per consent
Transfer of consent to another party or change of consent holder name (6 to 20 consents)	\$117 per consent
Transfer of consent to another party or change of consent holder name (more than 21)	\$88 per consent