

Essential Freshwater

Key dates for new essential freshwater rules

If you would like more information about the new rules and how they might affect you visit the www.trc.govt.nz/farmhub/

1 July 2021

Synthetic nitrogen fertiliser cap of 190kgN/ha/year applies.

Dairy farms need to start recording use of synthetic nitrogen fertiliser to provide Taranaki Regional Council in July 2022.

Feedpads and stock holding standards apply.

31 Oct 2022

Dairy farmers required to report the amount of synthetic fertiliser applied and the area it was applied to the Taranaki Regional Council for the year prior.

1 July 2023

Stock must be excluded from lakes and rivers wider than 1m anywhere in the land parcel as follows.

- Dairy cattle and pigs on any terrain
- Intensively grazed beef cattle and deer on any terrain
- All beef, dairy, dairy support cattle, deer and pigs from wetlands identified in the Regional Freshwater Plan for Taranaki

2026

Natural Resources Plan operative

2020

2021

2022

2023

2024

2025

2026

3 Sep 2020

Regardless of other timeframes all essential freshwater rules apply to new pastoral systems.

Intensification and land-use changes apply.

New rules around structures and fish passage in rivers and lakes in effect.

Consent required for new freshwater structures, earthworks drainage or river reclamation.

1 Nov 2022

Intensive winter grazing practice must not have adverse effects on the environment.

Good management practice must apply.

2024

Freshwater farm plans are expected to come into effect in Taranaki in 2024.

The Government is seeking your input into the regulations.

Mid-2024

Natural Resources Plan notified

1 July 2025

Stock must be excluded from lakes and rivers wider than 1m anywhere in the land parcel as follows.

- Dairy support cattle on any terrain
- Non-intensively farmers beef cattle and deer on low slope land
- All beef, dairy, dairy support cattle, deer and pigs from wetlands that support a population of threatened species
- All beef, dairy, dairy support cattle, deer and pigs from natural wetlands on low slope land

