



## INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT MAKE, ALTER OR INSTALL A BORE

When submitting your application to the Northland Regional Council “the council” for a Resource Consent to make, alter or install a bore(s), you need to ensure that sufficient information is supplied in support of your application.

When applying to install or alter a bore, please ensure all the relevant questions in “Resource Consent Application – Make, Alter or Install a Bore” are answered fully. Supplying this information will enable council staff to assess your application in terms of the Resource Management Act 1991, and any relevant resource management plans.

In most cases your contracted Driller will fill out the Resource Consent Application on your behalf.

If all the necessary information is not supplied with the application then the council may return your application or request further information (pursuant to Section 92 of the Resource Management Act 1991). This will lead to delays in the processing of your application.

**If the effects of the proposed drilling activity are minor**, then the council is likely to process your application without public notification provided written approvals are gained from all parties that may be adversely affected by the water take. Details of the consultation required are presented later in this document.

If you are unable to supply the necessary written approvals from the affected parties, or if the effects of the drilling activity are more than minor, then the council must publicly notify the application. This can result in significant delays in the processing of your application and additional processing costs.

Please note depending on the location, quantity and intended use of the groundwater to be abstracted from the bore you may also require a Resource Consent to take the groundwater.

If you have any queries as to who you need to provide written approvals from, or what information should be supplied with your application, then you should contact the council.

## **A – General**

Ensure the Applicant's and property owner's (if different) full name, or registered company, are clearly provided including address and contact details.

## **B – Location of the Proposed Drilling Activity**

This section relates to the location of the proposed drilling activity. It is very important that you supply a map showing the items listed on the application form. The map may be hand drawn, however, relevant distances are required between other bores and property boundaries etc.

It is appreciated in some cases the exact location of the bore is not known at the time of filling out the application form, however, an approximate location for the drilling activity must be provided to enable the effects of the activity to be assessed.

## **C – Description of Proposed Drilling Activity**

The Contracted Driller will be able to provide the details required in this section.

## **Question C.2 & C.3**

Provide details of what the water from the bore will be used for and how much water is proposed to be taken from the bore.

## **Question C.4**

If the proposal is to alter an existing bore, provide details of the existing bore, i.e. the reference number, the depth etc.

## **Question C.5 & C.6**

Provide the details of the proposed drilling activity associated with a New Bore in C.5. This will include the estimated bore construction details, and aquifer likely to be intercepted as a result of the drilling activity.

If the drilling activity is associated with an existing bore, then provide the details of the existing bore and what alterations are proposed in C.6.

## **Question C.7**

Depending on the location, quantity and proposed use of the groundwater to be taken from the bore, you may also require a Resource Consent to take the groundwater. It is advised that you apply for any associated consent at the same time.

## D – Assessment of Environmental Effects

In this section tick the appropriate boxes.

You need to consider what the effects of your proposed drilling activity will be on the surrounding environment.

Please note the word “*environment*” includes other groundwater users, surrounding groundwater resource, surface water, land and local iwi.

The level of assessment should be consistent with the potential for adverse effects on the environment, as a result of the proposed drilling activities.

**Where the bore could have a significant effect on the surrounding environment, a detailed environmental assessment will be required.**

### Question D.9

Provide an approximate starting date for the proposed drilling activity. (It is recommended that at least one week is required to process the application.)

## E – Consultation

You need to consider whether your proposed drilling activity will have any effect on neighbours or other groundwater users.

As previously stated, to process an application without public notification, the potential effects of the proposed activity need to be minor and written approvals from all potentially affected parties are required.

A guideline to identify affected parties for a drilling activity, where the proposed groundwater take is for purposes other than domestic use, is:

- Bore Owner(s) within 50 metres, and
- Groundwater users within 50 metres, if different from the bore(s) owner(s).

If the proposed bore is to be used only for domestic purposes, then the property owner is considered to be the affected party, if different from the applicant.

If written approvals from affected parties are not provided with your application, the processing of your application is likely to be delayed. This can increase costs.

If you are unsure of whom you need to consult with, please contact the council.

## F – Signature of Applicant or Driller

Ensure the Applicant or the Driller sign the application.

***If you have any queries relating to information requirements, please contact the Northland Regional Council.***

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