

Water Permit

Under Section 104B of the Resource Management Act 1991, a resource consent is granted by the Southland Regional Council to **Blue Sky Meats (NZ) Limited** of **729 Woodlands Morton Mains Road, RD 1, Morton Mains, Southland 9871** from **27 March 2026**.

Please read this Consent carefully, and ensure that any staff or contractors carrying out activities under this Consent on your behalf are aware of all the conditions of the Consent.

Details of Permit

Purpose for which permit is granted:	To take and use groundwater for the purpose of operating a meat processing plant and a rendering and blood drying plant
Location	- site locality 729 Woodlands Morton Mains Road, Morton Mains, Southland.
	- map reference Bore 1: NZTM2000 1264790E 4857888N Bore 2: NZTM2000 1264792E 4857972N Bore 3: NZTM2000 1264667E 4857892N
	- groundwater zone Middle Gore Lignite Measures confined aquifer
	- catchment Waihopai River
	- well number Bore 1: CG11/0128 Bore 2: F46/1128 Bore 3: F46/0561
	- Physiographic zone Gleyed and Oxidising
Legal description of land at the site:	Lot 1 DP 595
Expiry date:	27 March 2051

Schedule of Conditions

1. This permit authorises the taking of groundwater at the locations specified above. The rate of abstraction shall not exceed:
 - (a) 1,500,000 litres per day;
 - (b) 7,000,000 litres per week; and

(c) 365,000,000 litres per year.

Advice note:

The Consent Holder must ensure that the bore that water abstraction occurs from meets the following conditions for the duration of this consent:

The bore or well design and headwork's prevent:

- i. the infiltration of contaminants; and*
- ii. the uncontrolled discharge or leakage of water to the ground surface or between aquifers.*

Should the bore not meet the above conditions, the Consent Holder shall apply to the Consent Authority for a resource consent for the ongoing use and maintenance of the bore.

2. Prior to the first exercise of this consent, the Consent Holder shall install a backflow prevention device or take other appropriate measures to ensure water and/or contaminants cannot return to the water sources.
3. The bores identified above are to be maintained so that:
 - (a) there is a seal, made of concrete or similar material, placed at ground level around the outside of the casing. The seal will be sufficient to prevent foreign material, surface water, spillage or other leakage entering the space between the casing and the wall of the borehole;
 - (b) the top of the casing is sealed to prevent the entry of contaminants into the casing; and
 - (c) fencing is installed to prevent stock accessing the bores.

Monitoring and reporting

4.
 - (a) At all times during the exercise of this resource consent, the Consent Holder shall have in place:
 - (i) a water meter (or meters) to record the water take, within an error accuracy range of +/-5% over the meter's nominal flow range, and
 - (ii) a datalogger (or dataloggers) with at least 24 months data storage capacity, to record the rate and volume of take, and the date and time this water was taken, and
 - (iii) a telemetry unit (or telemetry units) or other methodology to transmit the information recorded on the datalogger(s), either directly to the Consent Authority or via an intermediary, to comply with Condition 4(e).
 - (b) The water meter(s) shall be installed at a location before any diversion occurs in the water distribution network, and either be:
 - (ba) in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, and provision shall be made for verification of the meter; or
 - (bb) in a straight length of pipe, before any diversion of water occurs.
 - (i) The straight length of pipe shall be part of the pump outlet plumbing, easily accessible, have no fittings and obstructions in it.
 - (ii) There shall be a straight length of pipe on either side of the water meter:

- (a) On the upstream side there shall be a straight length of pipe that is 10 times the diameter of the pipe; and
 - (b) On the downstream side there shall be a straight length of pipe that is 5 times the diameter of the pipe.
 - (iii) If the water meter (or meters) was/were installed prior to the commencement of this resource consent, and the existing placement of a water meter does not comply with (ba) or (bb), the Consent Holder shall within 12 months either:
 - (a) provide confirmation from a suitably qualified person that the existing placement will not reduce the accuracy of the flow measurements; or
 - (b) correct the placement to conform with either (ba) or (bb).
 - (iv) If water is drawn from multiple bores, the water meter shall either be positioned to record the total abstraction, or the Consent Holder shall utilise multiple meters so that the total abstraction can be recorded.
- (c) The Consent Holder shall ensure the full operation of the water meter(s) and datalogger(s) at all times during the exercise of this consent.
- (i) All malfunctions of the water meter(s) and/or datalogger(s) during the exercise of this consent shall be reported to the Consent Authority within five working days of observation, and appropriate repairs shall be performed within five working days.
 - (ii) Once the malfunction has been remedied, a Water Measuring Device Verification Form completed with photographic evidence must be submitted to the Consent Authority within five working days of the completion of repairs.
 - (iii) If a new meter or datalogger is installed, the Consent Holder shall forward a copy of the installation certificate to the Consent Authority within one month of installing the water meter and datalogger.
- (d)
- (i) If a mechanical insert water meter is installed it shall be verified for accuracy each and every year from the first exercise of this consent.
 - (ii) Any electromagnetic or ultrasonic flow meter shall be verified for accuracy every five years from the first exercise of this consent.
 - (iii) Any meter that was installed prior to the commencement of this resource consent shall be verified at the frequencies specified in (i) and (ii), dating back to the installation or last verification, whichever is the most recent. If the installation or verification was last carried at more than the period described in (i) or (ii) for that meter type, then verification for accuracy shall occur prior to 1 July 2026.
 - (iv) Each verification shall be undertaken by a Consent Authority approved operator and a Water Measuring Device Verification Form shall be completed and supplied to the Consent Authority with receipts of service. These shall be supplied within five working days of the verification, and at any time upon request.
- (e) Each day from commencement of the abstraction the Consent Holder shall measure and record the rate volume of water taken at 15 minute intervals.
- (i) The records for each day shall be provided to the Consent Authority by means of telemetry by the end of the following day.
 - (ii) The Consent Holder shall ensure the data is compatible with the Consent Authority's time-series database.

5. The Consent Holder must submit a report in electronic spreadsheet format to the Consent Authority by 31 August each year that contains daily, weekly and annual volumes of groundwater for the immediately preceding year ending 30 June – of the volume of groundwater taken pursuant to this consent.
6. Prior to the exercise of this consent, the Consent Holder shall notify the Consent Authority of the person who is in charge of the operation this consent. If the person in charge changes during the term of this consent, the Consent Holder shall notify the Consent Authority of the new operator no later than five working days after that person takes responsibility.
7. Confirmations, reports, information and notices sent to the Consent Authority shall refer to the relevant consent condition and the consent number (AUTH-20222295-01), unless otherwise agreed by the Consent Authority.
8. The Consent Authority may, in accordance with Sections 128 and 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, serve notice on the Consent Holder of its intention to review the conditions of this consent during the period 1 February to 30 September each year, or within two months of any enforcement action being taken by the Consent Authority in relation to the exercise of this consent, or on receiving monitoring results, for the purposes of:
 - (a) adjusting the consented rate or volume of water under Condition 1, should future changes in water use indicate that the consented rate or volume is not able to be fully utilised;
 - (b) determining whether the conditions of this consent are adequate to deal with any adverse effect on the environment which may arise from the exercise of the consent and which it is appropriate to deal with at a later stage;
 - (c) ensuring the conditions of this consent are consistent with any National Environmental Standards Regulations, National Policy Statement, Water Conservation Order, relevant plans and/or any relevant Regional Policy Statement; or
 - (d) adjusting or altering the method of water take data recording and transmission.

for the **Southland Regional Council**

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Lacey Bragg
Consents Manager

Notes:

1. *In accordance with Section 125(1)(a) of the Resource Management Act, this consent shall lapse after a period of five years after the date of commencement unless it is given effect to or an application is made to extend the lapse period before the consent lapses.*
2. *Section 126 of the Resource Management Act provides for this resource consent to be cancelled if the consent has been exercised in the past but has not been exercised during the preceding five years.*
3. *If you require a replacement permit upon the expiry date of this permit, any new application should be lodged at least six months prior to the expiry date of this permit. Applying at least six months before the expiry date may enable you to continue to exercise this permit until a decision is made, and any appeals are resolved, on the replacement application.*
4. *The Consent Holder shall pay an administration charge to the Consent Authority collected in accordance with Section 36 of the Resource Management Act, payable in advance on 1 July each year.*