

Public notified consent process

1 ▶ Application lodged

Once the application has been lodged, it will be assessed. If all required content is included, it will be formally accepted for processing.

2 ▶ Public notification

The application will then be publicly notified. Anyone who wishes to make a submission has 20 working days to do so.

3 ▶ Submissions

After submissions close, a summary of all submissions will be provided to the applicant(s).

4 ▶ Pre-hearing meeting

One or more pre-hearing meetings can be held between the applicant(s), the submitters and Environment Southland to discuss the content of submissions and to determine whether any common ground can be reached.

5 ▶ Public hearing

If the parties can't agree, Environment Southland will hold a formal public hearing to give submitters and the applicant(s) a chance to explain their views.

6 ▶ Decision

Environment Southland will consider the relevant submissions and make a decision to either grant or decline the consent. If the application is granted, it will likely be subject to conditions.

7 ▶ Appeals

If the submitters or the applicant(s) don't agree with the decision or conditions, they have the right to file an appeal to the Environment Court within 15 working days of receiving notice of the decision.

If Environment Southland is the applicant, then any processing of the consent, facilitation of discussions and final decision-making will be done by independent professionals to ensure objectivity.