

Policy Sheet for Farm Dairy Effluent Applications

Please read these carefully and tick where you agree with the statements. These policies are available in full on Environment Southland's website.



Assessment against Part 2 of the RMA

Relevant Provisions		Agree?
Part 2	The application achieves the purpose of the RMA through sustainable management of natural and physical resources.	

Assessment against the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS FM), 2014

Relevant provisions		Agree?
Objective A1 – Sustainable management, use and development of land	Given that the effects associated with the discharge of effluent are anticipated to be less than minor, the consent application is consistent with Objective A1.	
Objective A2 – maintain or improve water quality	My proposed mitigation measures show that the proposed discharge of dairy effluent will assist in maintaining or improving water quality.	

Assessment against the Southland Regional Policy Statement (SRPS), 2017

Relevant provisions		Agree?
Objective WQUAL 1 and Policy WQUAL 1 – water quality goals and management.	My proposed mitigation measures will ensure that the discharge of effluent is appropriately managed in order to maintain water quality.	
Objectives BIO2 and BIO3 and Policies BIO2 and BIO7 – protection of significant areas, Tangata Whenua and integrated management	My proposed mitigation measures will ensure the discharge of effluent is appropriately managed.	

Assessment against the Proposed Southland Water and Land Plan (pSWLP), 2018

Relevant provisions	Assessment	Agree?
Objective 6 – land use and water quality	My mitigation measures show an understanding of the connection between land use and freshwater and seek to manage any effects on water quality. These will ensure that water quality is maintained.	
Objective 8 - water quality of aquifers	The proposed mitigation measures will ensure that the discharge will not adversely affect existing water quality of groundwater or hydraulically connected waterways.	
Objectives 13 , 13A and 13B– use and development of soils and water quality	The proposed mitigation measures will ensure the discharge of effluent to land will not have a significant or cumulative effect on human health and these are avoided and adverse effects on the environment are avoided, remedied or mitigated.	

Relevant provisions	Assessment	Agree?
Objective 18 – Good practice	I will operate at good practice or better to optimise efficient resource use and to protect land, soils, and water from quality and quantity degradation.	
Policies 1, 2 and 3	I have considered the Iwi Management Plan and I will not adversely affect Taonga species.	
Policy 13- Land use and water quality	The proposed mitigation measures will ensure the discharge activities are appropriately managed and water quality will be maintained or improved.	
Policy 14 – Discharges to land	My discharge is to land.	
Policies 15A and 15B - Maintaining and improving water quality	The proposed mitigation measures will ensure any adverse effects on water quality are avoided, remedied or mitigated. My activity results in water quality being maintained.	
Policy 16 – farming activities that affect water quality	I will minimise the environmental effects from my farming activities by having management plans and managing sediment, runoff and nutrient losses.	
Policy 17 – manage agricultural effluent systems and discharges	I am proposing to maintain and operate my effluent system in accordance with best practice, and will avoid any overland flow, ponding, or contamination of water as a result of the effluent discharge.	
Physiographic zone policies (Policies 4-12)	<p>Please read the fact sheet for your zones before agreeing with the below statement:</p> <p>I will avoid, remedy, or mitigate erosion and adverse effects on water quality from contaminants transported by various drainage pathways by implementing GMP's. These GMP's are included in my consent application.</p>	

Assessment against the Operative Regional Water and Land Plan (2010)

Relevant provisions	Assessment	Agree?
Policies 6 and 25 – effects on water quality and soil health	My management practices and GMP's will help me to avoid, remedy or mitigate effects on water quality and soil.	
Policies 7 and 13 – discharges to land	My discharge is to land and not to water.	
Policies 31A, 31C and 31D – land and soil health	My discharge is to land; the management of my discharge means that I mitigate any adverse effects and the level of management of my discharge is in line with the level of risk to the environment.	
Policy 42 – effluent discharges	I have avoided adverse effects as a result of my discharge by matching the level of management of my discharge to the level of risk.	

Assessment against the Regional Effluent Land Application Plan

Relevant provisions	Assessment	Agree?
Objective 4.1.1 and Policies 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 – soil health	My discharge is to land, will be done in a sustainable manner and will be managed to safeguard the life	

	supporting capacity of soil.	
Objective 4.1.2 and Policy 4.2.3 – safeguarding water quality and mitigate adverse effects	My discharge will be managed in a way to avoid or mitigate effects on water quality and to safeguard the life supporting capacity of water.	
Objective 4.1.14 and Policy 4.2.9 – amenity values	I will not adversely effect amenity values as a result of my discharge	
Policies 4.2.4 and 4.2.7– precautionary approach and good practice	I have taken a precautionary approach and there is little uncertainty about the effects of my activity. I will operate at good practice, or above.	