

Our reference: 17305  
13 October 2017

Environment Southland  
Private Bag 90116  
Invercargill 9840

Attention: Consent Officer

Dear Consent Officer,

**RE: New farm boundary**

Firdale Farms Ltd submitted a resource consent application on 12 October 2017 for renewal of the farm's Discharge Permit and Water Permit. This document is requested to be part of the application for Discharge Permit.

The farm also owns the adjacent property with legal description Part Lot 1 DP 12023 which is 8.54 ha. This was purchased and has been used as part of the dairy platform before 30 May 2016.

It is requested that the boundary of the dairy platform be changed to include this property (see Attachment 1). It is not sought that this be part of the disposal area. Therefore, effective area and stocking rate in our application are requested to be changed to 242 ha and 2.89, respectively.

**a) Activity Status**

Rule 21 of the Proposed Southland Water and Land Plan (2016) classifies the use of land that existed as at 30 May 2016 as a permitted activity. There is no increase in the number of cows and it is not proposed to be changed. This property is included in the assessment and maps of FAFP of the submitted application.

**b) Assessment of Effects**

The proposed activity of adding this additional piece of land on the dairy platform results to better stocking rate. The additional piece of land has the same FDE risk, soil type, physiographic zone, GW zone and FMU with the rest of the farm. Therefore, the submitted AEE with its mitigation measures and GMP should be applicable and consistent for the proposed activity. However, note that the addition of this land to the dairy platform has the potential of lowering nutrient losses because of better stocking rate.

Overall, the proposed activity will unlikely to have additional adverse effects through the assessment, proposed mitigation measures and GMP presented in this letter and in the submitted AEE application.



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c) Summary

The applicant has current resource consent application submitted yesterday, 12 October 2017. It is requested that the adjacent 8.54 ha property be part of the dairy platform being applied. This property has been converted to dairy farm before 30 May 2016 and therefore a permitted activity.

It is therefore wish of the applicant that you give regard to this letter application.

If you have any questions regarding this application, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Yours sincerely,



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*Attached:*

*Attachment A – New Farm Boundary*

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