

## Land Use Consent

Under **Section 104B** of the Resource Management Act 1991, a resource consent is granted by the Southland Regional Council to **Pahia Dairies Limited of 171 Ruahine Road West, RD 1, Riverton 9881** from **Date Consent Granted**.

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 Consent

Purpose for which permit is granted: Use of land on a farm as dairy farm land and for intensive winter grazing

Location - groundwater zone Orepuki  
- physiographic zones Lignite Marine Terraces, Bedrock/Hill Country, Peat Wetlands, Oxidising  
- catchment Rurikaka Creek  
- FMU Aparima

Expiry date: **31 December 2030**

### Schedule of Conditions

1. Except as modified by conditions of resource consent, the activities authorised by this resource consent shall be carried out in general accordance with the application for resource consent (APP-20222765)<sup>1</sup> and all subsequent information provided during the application and the Farm Environmental Management Plan required by this consent.
2. For the avoidance of doubt, in the event that any inconsistency between the conditions of resource consent and the information and plans, including the Farm Environmental Management Plan (FEMP), submitted as part of the application, the conditions of resource consent shall prevail.

<sup>1</sup> Environment Southland Document ID: A860599

3. This consent shall be exercised in conjunction with Discharge Permit AUTH-20222602 or any subsequent replacement permits.

**Advice Note:** Routine monitoring inspections of this consent may occur up to twice a year. This number does not include any other required inspections.

4. The use of land for farming shall occur on the landholding at 171 Ruahine Road West, Orepuki, as shown on the plan attached as Appendix 1, and consisting of:

(a) A block of land forming the dairy platform referred to as the "Pahia dairy platform", at or about map reference (NZTM 2000) 1196245E 4854030N and comprising Section 11 Block V Longwood SD, Section 12 Block V Longwood SD, Lot 1 DP 401670 and Lot 2 DP 10746; and

(b) A block of land referred to as the "Browns Block", at or about map reference (NZTM 2000) 1196630E 4854161N and comprising Part Section 14 Block V Longwood SD and Crwon land Block V Longwood SD.

5. The farming activities shall be limited as follows:

- (a) a maximum milking herd of no more than 1,000 cows;
- (b) grazing 250 R1 and 250 R2 dairy support cattle;
- (c) grazing up to 50 mating bulls; and
- (d) intensive winter grazing on a maximum of 55ha of crop.

6. When intensive winter grazing is occurring on any part of the landholding, the Consent Holder shall:

- (a) maintain a 5 metre buffer at all times between any surface waterbody (river, artificial watercourse, modified watercourse and natural wetland) and the area being grazed;
- (b) maintain a 10 metre buffer at all times between any surface waterbody (river, artificial watercourse, modified watercourse and natural wetland) and sloping land over 10 degrees;
- (c) progressively graze stock from the top to the bottom of any slope, where this is not possible a 20 metre "last bite" strip shall be left at the bottom of the slope to be grazed last;
- (d) back fence cattle at all times to prevent the stock re-entering previously grazed areas;
- (e) provide transportable water trough(s) in or near the areas being grazed;
- (f) place supplementary feed (including silage, baleage or hay) in portable feeders in the area being grazed;
- (g) critical source areas (including swales) within the area being grazed, shall be uncultivated and ungrazed; and
- (h) graze cattle in mobs of no more than 120.

**Advice note:** Intensive winter grazing is defined as the grazing of stock between May and September (inclusive) on forage crops (including brassica, beet and root vegetable crops), excluding pasture and cereal crops.

7. The Consent Holder shall notify the Consent Authority the identity of the Person in Charge of the dairy farming activity:

- (a) prior to the first exercise of this consent, and
- (b) no more than five working days following the appointment of any new Person in Charge.

#### Exclusions

8. No intensive winter grazing shall occur in the exclusion zones as shown on the plan attached as Appendix 2.
9. Cultivation and intensive winter grazing shall not occur on any slope over 20 degrees.

**Nutrient Management**

10. The Consent Holder shall implement a soil testing regime to determine the soil fertility status over the landholding and to develop fertiliser recommendations based on the soil testing results.
11. The Consent Holder shall maintain a record of their soil testing regime, soil testing results and fertiliser recommendations required by Condition 10 within the Farm Environmental Management Plan.
12. The Consent Holder shall:
  - (a) manage the application of fertiliser in accordance with:
    - (i) The Code of Practice for Fertiliser Nutrient Management, Fertiliser Association of New Zealand, 2023; or
    - (iii) any subsequent updates;
  - (b) not apply fertiliser:
    - (i) to land during the period 1 June - 31 July inclusive;
    - (ii) within 10 m of a surface water body;
    - (iii) within 10 m of any wetland boundary;
    - (iv) within 20 m of any bore;
    - (v) when soil temperature is at or below six degrees Celsius;
    - (vi) when soil moisture capacity is exceeded; and
    - (vii) directly to land within a riparian strip/margin.
  - (c) not apply synthetic nitrogen fertiliser to land in pastoral land use at a rate of more than 190kg N/ha/year on an individual hectare basis and as an average over the landholding.
13. The Consent Holder shall:
  - (a) take representative soil samples at least once every two years and have those samples analysed for Olsen P by a laboratory with IANZ accreditation;
  - (b) if Olsen P levels exceed a range of 28 - 34 the Consent Holder must reduce the amount of P fertiliser being applied to the landholding to ensure the risk of P loss is reduced; and
  - (c) record the Olsen P results required by Condition 13(a) and any fertiliser reduction required by Condition 13(b) in their Farm Environmental Management Plan.

**Nutrient Modelling**

14. The Consent Holder must ensure that nitrogen and phosphorus losses to water from farming activities undertaken on the land are maintained at, or below the baseline contaminant loss rates of:
  - (a) 44 kilograms per hectare per year nitrogen;

- (i) as estimated by the four-year rolling average loss rates using OVERSEER FM® version 6.5.0, undertaken in accordance with the generally accepted best practice modelling including the applicable Best Practice Data Input Standards/Overseer FM User Guide.
- (b) 1.5 kilogram per hectare per year phosphorus;
  - (i) as estimated by the four-year rolling average loss rates using OVERSEERFM® version 6.5.0, undertaken in accordance with the generally accepted best practice modelling including the applicable Best Practice Data Input Standards/Overseer FM User Guide; and
  - (ii) information from published New Zealand and Overseas research to estimate the additional phosphorus loss mitigation, beyond that modelled in Overseer, that is likely to occur as a result of the mitigation being implemented in accordance with the FEMP required under this resource consent.

For the purposes of this resource consent, the four-year rolling average is defined as the average of the most recent four consecutive years' results starting from 1 July 2023.

- 15. Each and every year for the duration of this consent, using the current version of OverseerFM and in accordance with the generally accepted best practice modelling and the current Best Practice Data Input Standards, the Consent Holder shall:
  - (a) model the nitrogen and phosphorus loss rates for the previous year from 1 July to 30 June inclusive;
  - (b) calculate the four-year rolling average of nitrogen and phosphorus loss rates; and
  - (c) re-model the baseline contaminant loss rates specified in condition 14 in the current version of Overseer.
- 16. The re-modelled baseline contaminant loss rates, modelled in accordance with Condition 15(c) shall supersede and replace the baseline contaminant loss rates specified in condition 14.
- 17. A report must be provided to the Consent Authority by 30 September each year summarising the results of Overseer nitrogen and phosphorus loss modelling required by condition 15. The report must include:
  - (a) a review of the Overseer input data to ensure that the annual nutrient budget reflects the farming system;
  - (b) an explanation of any differences between that nutrient budget and the annual nutrient budget of all previous years of farming undertaken under this consent;
  - (c) a comparison of the four-year rolling average nitrogen and phosphorus losses with the applicable baseline contaminant loss rates; and
  - (d) the names and summaries of the relevant qualifications and experience of the person(s) who prepared and (if relevant) reviewed the nutrient budget.
- 18. All nutrient loss modelling required by this consent must be undertaken by a person who is a Certified Nutrient Management Advisor (CNMA) under the Nutrient Management Advisor Certification Programme (NMACP).
- 19. The Consent Holder may use an alternative model that has been demonstrated to be equivalent to Overseer provided:

- (a) the evidence to demonstrate equivalence is provided to the Consent Authority at least six months prior to submitting the relevant annual report as required by condition 17; and
- (b) the use of the alternative model is approved by the Chief Executive of the Consent Authority.

#### Mitigation Measures

- 20. The Consent Holder shall undertake maintenance of the existing and any new dairy lanes to ensure they are contoured to ensure that any run-off occurs onto vegetated areas where it will not enter any surface water body.
- 21. The Consent Holder must manage the dairy lanes so that agricultural effluent and effluent sludges from the lanes does not:
  - (a) accumulate in gateways;
  - (b) accumulate in paddocks; or
  - (c) result in the ponding, pooling, overland or lateral flow of any effluent or sludge beyond the dairy lane.
- 22. Prior to the exercise of this consent, the Consent Holder shall inspect all bridges and culverts and, where necessary, undertake improvements to the structures to ensure that there is no runoff of agricultural effluent to surface water.
- 23. Except for crossings of surface waterways, the Consent Holder shall not construct any new dairy lanes within 10 metres of a surface waterbody.
- 24. The Consent Holder shall install any new permanent fencing of any temporarily fenced surface waterbodies with a minimum 3-metre buffer and written confirmation, along with date stamped photos, of the new fencing provided to the Consent Authority ([EScompliance@es.govt.nz](mailto:EScompliance@es.govt.nz)) by 1 June 2023.
- 25. The Consent holder shall have and maintain a Riparian Management Plan for the farm that includes the use of native plants. This plan shall begin being implemented within 6 months of the consent being granted and be incorporated into the Consent Holder's Farm Environmental Management Plan required by Condition 30.
- 26. The Riparian Planting Plan required by Condition 25 shall include, but not be limited to the areas below:
  - (a) the planting of one side of the waterway that runs between paddock 11 and paddock 13, as detailed in the application, beginning at or about NZTM 1195971E 4855087N and finishing at or about 1196182E 4854935N, as per Appendix 1;
  - (b) the planting of one side of the waterway that runs between paddock 8 and paddock 10, as detailed in the application, beginning at or about NZTM 1195776E 4854943N and finishing at or about 1195908E 4854654N, as per Appendix 1;
  - (c) the planting of one side of the waterway that runs between paddock 18 and paddocks 16/21 as detailed in the application, beginning at or about NZTM 1196228E 4854956N and finishing at or about 1195888E 4854578N, as per Appendix 1;
  - (d) the planting of one side of the waterway that runs from paddocks 15/114 to paddocks 28/112, as detailed in the application, beginning at or about NZTM 1196478E 4854980N and finishing at or about 1196528E 4854088N, as per Appendix 1;

- (e) the planting of one side of the waterway that runs from paddocks 105/106 and paddocks 109/120, as detailed in the application, beginning at or about NZTM 1197688E 4854620N and finishing at or about 1197312E 4854320N, as per Appendix 1;
- (f) the planting of the southern farm boundary that runs from paddock 94 to paddock 88, beginning at or about NZTM 1196260E 4951978N and finishing at or about 1195407E 4852327N, as per Appendix 1; and
- (g) the planting of the wetland area located on Browns Block, as detailed in the application, at or about NZTM 1196822E 4854536N, as per Appendix 1.

27. The Consent Holder shall take all reasonably practicable steps to avoid pugging of soils as a result of the intensive winter grazing activity.
28. Following intensive winter grazing on all areas of the landholding, the Consent Holder shall re-sow at the earliest opportunity based on paddock suitable conditions and as soon as practicable to minimise the amount of time that bare ground is exposed.
29. The Consent Holder shall cultivate;
- (a) with the contour of the land being used for cultivation and shall not cultivate up and down the slope; and
  - (b) no less than 5 metres from the outer edge of any surface water body or natural wetland unless for the purpose of renewing or establishing pasture in accordance with Rule 25(b) of the Proposed Southland Water and Land Plan (Decisions Version), or any subsequent replacement versions.

#### **Farm Environmental Management Plan**

30. The Consent Holder shall have and maintain a Farm Environmental Management Plan (FEMP) for the landholding. The FEMP shall, in accordance with Appendix N of (Decisions Version) the Southland Water and Land Plan (or any replacement Appendix in an updated version of the plan), demonstrate how the following outcomes are to be achieved:
- (a) nutrients are used efficiently and nutrient loss to water is minimised;
  - (b) contaminant losses from critical source areas are reduced;
  - (c) cultivation is undertaken in a manner that minimises the movement of sediment and phosphorus to waterways;
  - (d) intensive winter grazing occurs in a way that minimises the loss of sediment, phosphorus and microbiological contaminants to waterways; and
  - (e) agricultural effluent and other discharges are managed in a way that avoids or minimises the loss of contaminants to water.
31. The FEMP required by Condition 30 shall also include, but not be limited to:
- (a) a site map showing the location of critical source areas; physiographic zones; permanent or intermittent rivers, streams, lake, drains, ponds or wetlands; where known the location and depth of any subsurface drainage systems including outlets, riparian vegetation and fences adjacent to waterways and stock access points across waterways;
  - (b) details of the implementation and maintenance of mitigation measures required by the conditions of this consent;
  - (c) details of the implementation and maintenance of Good Management Practices, including adoption of changing industry good management practices. This includes where the implementation of these is to avoid, remedy or mitigate any farm specific environmental risks to water quality shown through any monitoring undertaken on the property voluntarily or as required by the conditions of this consent;

- (d) a review of the data obtained from the monitoring undertaken in accordance with the Farm Environmental Management Plan and any changes made, or to be made, as a consequence of that monitoring;
- (e) a Winter Grazing Plan, to be prepared in accordance with the most recent version of the "Your Winter Grazing Plan" template published by Dairy NZ (or any other document considered appropriate by the consent holder and ES). The Winter Grazing Plan must include details of how the following will be provided:
- i. access to a balanced feed regime sufficient to meet the nutritional requirements of dairy cows including the provision of supplementary feed (including silage, baleage or hay) in portable feeders in the area being grazed;
  - ii. readily accessible fresh water supply (replenished frequently and so to meet cows' immediate needs) including the provision of transportable water trough(s) in or near the areas being grazed where appropriate;
  - iii. mineral supplementation to ensure all animals receive nutrients to meet the Dairy NZ reference minerals requirements for dairy cows;
  - iv. access to a clean, soft, dry lying space equivalent to a minimum of 10 m<sup>2</sup> per cow each day in standard weather conditions. In adverse weather conditions, ensure that lying space is provided as a priority (following ensuring immediate safety, provision of food supply, and effective shelter).
  - v. relocation to pasture paddocks no less than 14 days prior to their calving date to ensure they do not calve on a crop paddock.

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**Advice Note 1:** *Should the use of a Freshwater Farm Plan be required or available, on the basis that it is certified under section 217G of the Resource Management Act 1991 (as amended from time to time in accordance with section 217E(2) or (3)) and available for use, the Consent Holder may elect to use such plan.*

**Advice Note 2:** *"Adverse weather conditions means any period over which MetService has issued a Severe Weather Warning.*

32. The FEMP shall be reviewed at least once each milking season and can be modified at any time by the Consent Holder; and either
- (a) an updated version shall be provided to the Consent Authority by 31 May each year; **or**
  - (b) the Consent Holder must notify the Consent Authority in writing that no changes have been made by 30 September each year.

**Advice Note**

*The results from the review of the FEMP will be assessed by the Consent Authority to ensure that the FEMP will still achieve the objectives specified in the FEMP and the FEMP has been prepared in accordance with Appendix N of the Southland Water and Land Plan (Decisions Version) (or any updated version of the plan).*

33. The Consent Holder shall operate in accordance with the FEMP at all times. Where there is inconsistency between the FEMP and the conditions of the consent, the conditions of this consent shall prevail.

**Auditing**

34. The Consent Authority may require the Consent Holder to have the farming activity as authorised by this consent independently audited, in accordance with Appendix 3, by a person who is a Certified Nutrient Management Advisor or Farm Environmental Plan Auditor or a Suitably Qualified Person who has demonstrated an equivalent level of expertise.

**Lapse and Review**

35. 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) determining whether the conditions of this permit are adequate to deal with any adverse effect on the environment, including cultural effects on the tangata whenua and/or cumulative effects, which may arise from the exercise of the permit, and which it is appropriate to deal with at a later stage, or which become evident after the date of commencement of the permit; or
  - (b) ensuring the conditions of this consent are consistent with any National Environmental Standards Regulations, relevant plans and/or the Environment Southland Regional Policy Statement;
  - (c) Amending the auditing/monitoring/recording/reporting/modelling programme to be undertaken;
  - (d) Adding or adjusting compliance limits;
  - (e) Ensuring the Aparima Freshwater Management Unit meets the freshwater objectives and freshwater quality limits set in an operative regional plan or National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management; and
  - (f) Requiring the Consent Holder to adopt the best practicable option to remove or reduce any adverse effect on the environment as a result of the exercise of this permit.

for the **Southland Regional Council**

Jayne MacDonald  
**Hearing Commissioner**

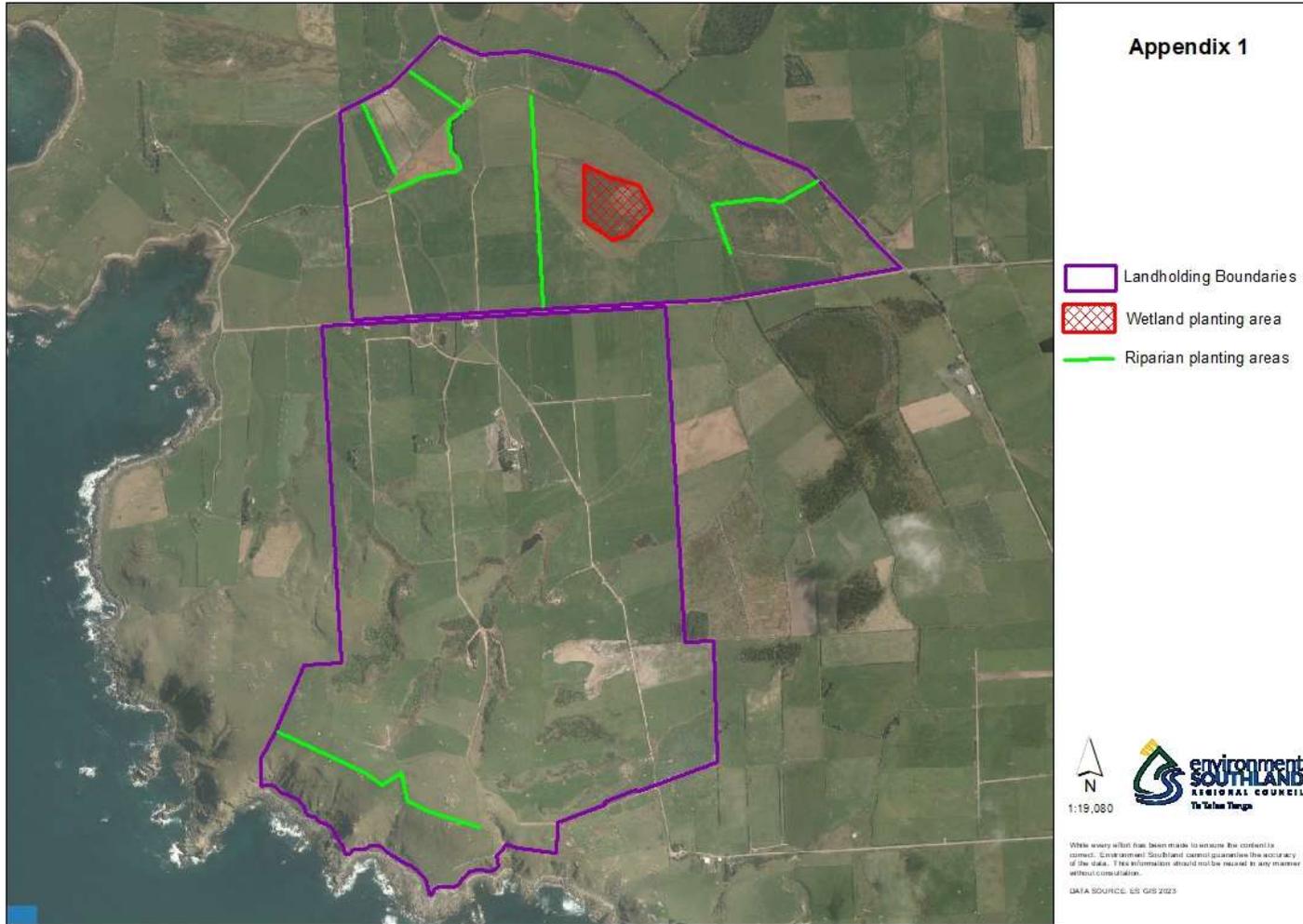
**Notes:**

1. *Reporting to Council is required by conditions of your consent. The key dates for you to meet are listed below in table 1:*

Due date	Condition number	Requirement
Prior to exercise	7	Notify Council of Person in Charge of dairy farming activity
30 Sept each year	17	Report summarising results of Overseer modelling
1 June 2023	24	Confirm installation of permanent fencing
31 May each year	32(a)	Provide updated version of FEMP if changes were made due to review
30 Sept each year	32(b)	Confirm no changes were made to FEMP

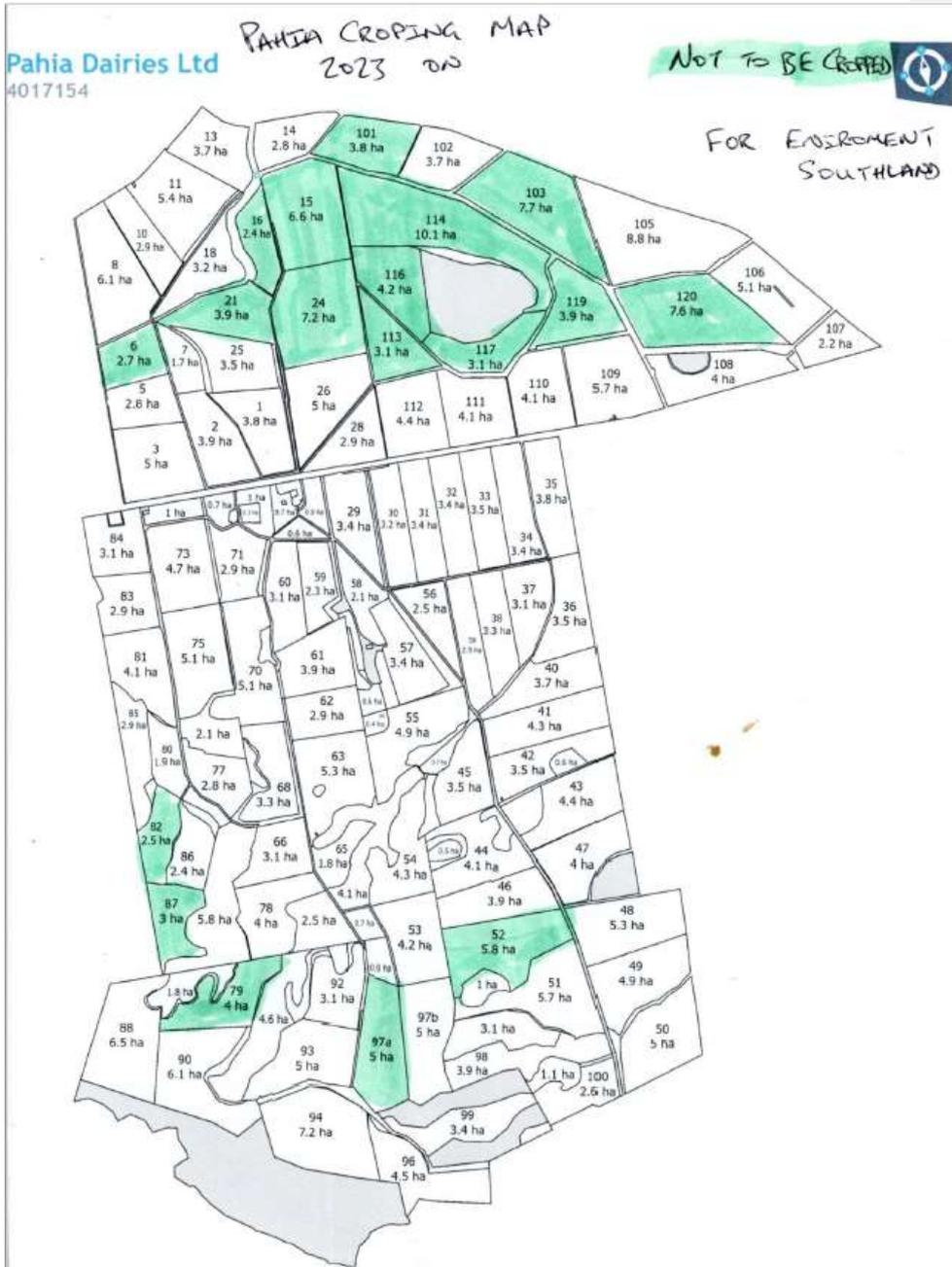
2. *In accordance with Section 125(1)(a) of the Resource Management Act, this consent shall lapse after a period of five years after the date of commencement unless it is given effect to or an application is made to extend the lapse period before the consent lapses.*
3. *In accordance with Section 138 of the Resource Management Act, this consent may be surrendered by providing written notice to the Consent Authority. This written notice must be accompanied with evidence to demonstrate that the conversion is complete and that all of the conditions of this permit have been satisfied in full.*
4. *The Consent Holder shall pay an annual administration and monitoring charge to the Consent Authority, collected in accordance with Section 36 of the Resource Management Act, 1991, payable in advance on 1 July each year. This charge may include the costs of inspecting the site up to two times each year (or otherwise as set by the Consent Authority's Annual Plan).*
5. *The FEMP, supporting evidence and on-site practices may be audited by the Consent Authority at any time for compliance and enforcement purposes.*

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Appendix 2: IWG Exclusion Map



**Appendix 3: Auditing criteria**

1. The audit shall assess the performance of the farming activity occurring on the property against:
  - (a) the objectives and good management practices specified in the FEMP;
  - (b) any additional mitigation measures implemented on the property either voluntarily or as required by the conditions of this consent; and
  - (c) the baseline contaminant loss rates specified in Condition 14 and 16.
2. The audit must determine the level of confidence of achieving each objective set out in the FEMP. This level of confidence shall be categorised into the following:
  - **High** - the objective is probably being achieved
  - **Medium** - the objective is possibly being achieved
  - **Low** - it is unlikely that the objective is being achieved.
3. The audit shall record the justification for each level of confidence assessment, including noting the evidence, or lack of, used to make the determination.
4. Where an objective has received a Medium or Low level of confidence, the audit shall include the actions required for the farm to meet the objective and a timeframe whereby these actions need to be undertaken.
5. Where an objective has received a Medium level of confidence (and the farm has received no Lows), the audit shall also determine whether or not the farm is on-track to achieve the objectives.
6. The audit report shall be provided to the Consent Authority within three months of the date of the Consent Authority issuing a requirement to undertake the audit.
7. The frequency of audit requirements may be annually except where, for two consecutive years, an audit report has concluded that all objectives are probably being achieved (received a high level of confidence). In that situation no further audit will be required for at least three years.
8. Where the audit identifies actions required to be undertaken for the farm to meet the objective the Consent Holder must implement these actions within the timeframes stated in the audit.
9. Upon completion of any changes made and/or mitigations implemented as required by the audit, the Consent Holder shall confirm in writing, including photographs (date and time stamped) to the Consent Authority that these actions have been completed and implemented.
10. Upon completion of all the changes made and/or mitigations implemented as identified in the audit, the Consent Holder must ensure the measures are properly maintained, continue to function and are not removed or altered for the duration of this consent (and any subsequent variation versions).