



# Three pathways to winter grazing next season

In Southland, there are three pathways that are available to help farmers gain more certainty and ensure they're compliant with the rules for grazing next winter.

## ▶ Permitted activity

This pathway allows you to continue without a consent if your winter grazing activity meets all the criteria to comply with rules for both the proposed Southland Water and Land Plan and the National Environmental Standards for Freshwater.

There's a checklist on the Environment Southland website that can tell you if your winter grazing practices are permitted.

## ▶ Deemed permitted activity

This pathway might apply if you meet all of the criteria in the rules apart from slope.

- This pathway applies for winter grazing on sloping land between 10 and 15 degrees.
- Farmers need to meet all other permitted activity criteria.
- Eligible farmers will need to demonstrate, by outlining their good management practices, that adverse effects on the environment are no different to the effects of intensive winter grazing on low slope land.
- Farmers will need to fill out the online consent form and Environment Southland will determine whether they qualify. If granted, it would be valid for up to 24 months.

## ▶ Resource consent

This pathway might apply if you can't meet the criteria in the rules.

- Farmers who do not meet the criteria for a permitted activity or a deemed permitted activity will need to apply for a resource consent.
- This can be done through the Environment Southland website and, if granted, will likely be for a five-year term.

For more information go to [www.es.govt.nz](http://www.es.govt.nz) or call our consents team on 0800 76 88 45

