



## Plantation forestry National Environmental Standard

New regulations for forest managers/loggers/operators/contractors  
Effective 1 May 2018

### YOU MUST

- Give the Taranaki Regional Council **20 to 60 days' notice** of activities involving afforestation, earthworks, river crossings, quarrying and harvesting. Do this online by going to [www.trc.govt.nz/informcouncil](http://www.trc.govt.nz/informcouncil)
- Have earthworks management plans, quarry erosion and sediment management plans and harvest plans in place **20 working days** before the activity begins.
- Ensure resource consents are in place (if required) before works start.

### EXISTING RESOURCE CONSENTS

- Resource consents issued **before 3 August 2017** will continue to apply.
- For consents issued **after 3 August 2017**, the new National Environmental Standards will apply. If the activity is not deemed a permitted activity (i.e. no consent required if certain standards are met) under the new National Environmental Standard, a new resource consent will be required.
- If you're in doubt, check with the Council's Forestry Compliance Officer.

### EXISTING USE RIGHTS

You may have existing use rights for some activities. Existing use rights are applied differently under the Resource Management Act, depending on whether the activity is under the jurisdiction of regional councils or district councils. If you're engaged in activities that come under the jurisdiction of a district council, you'll need to contact that council.

For activities under the jurisdiction of the Taranaki Regional Council, you have existing use rights if:

- Your activity is currently permitted under the Regional Fresh Water Plan, Regional Soil Plan or Regional Air Quality Plan.
- It actually started before 1 May 2018.
- The effects of the activity will remain the same or similar in character, intensity and scale to its effects before 1 May 2018.

### APPLYING FOR RESOURCE CONSENTS

If resource consents are required, they need to be sought and granted before works begin. Allow at least 20 days for processing. It is your responsibility to determine whether a resource consent is required, by assessing your planned activity against the National Environmental Standards and the Taranaki Regional Council's Regional Fresh Water Plan, Regional Soil Plan and Regional Air Quality Plan. See [www.trc.govt.nz/resource-consent-application-forms/](http://www.trc.govt.nz/resource-consent-application-forms/) for a downloadable application form.

### MONITORING

Compliance monitoring will be undertaken by the Council at the cost of the forest managers/loggers/operators/contractors. See the Council's Long-Term Plan for details.

If you require further explanation of the information in this pamphlet please contact:

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