

## **Schedule 4 Information required in application for resource consent**

### **6 Information required in assessment of environmental effects**

1. An assessment of the activity's effects on the environment must include the following information:
  - (a) if it is likely that the activity will result in any significant adverse effect on the environment, a description of any possible alternative locations or methods for undertaking the activity;
  - (b) an assessment of the actual or potential effect on the environment of the activity;
  - (c) if the activity includes the use of hazardous substances and installations, an assessment of any risks to the environment that are likely to arise from such use;
  - (d) if the activity includes the discharge of any contaminant, a description of –
    - (i) the nature of the discharge and the sensitivity of the receiving environment to adverse effects; and
    - (ii) any possible alternative methods of discharge, including discharge into any other receiving environment;
  - (e) a description of the mitigation measures (including safeguards and contingency plans where relevant) to be undertaken to help prevent or reduce the actual or potential effect;
  - (f) identification of the persons affected by the activity, any consultation undertaken, and any response to the views of any person consulted;
  - (g) if the scale and significance of the activity's effects are such that monitoring is required, a description of how and by whom the effects will be monitored if the activity is approved;
  - (h) if the activity will, or is likely to, have adverse effects that are more than minor on the exercise of a protected customary right, a description of possible alternative locations or methods for the exercise of the activity (unless written approval for the activity is given by the protected customary rights group).
2. A requirement to include information in the assessment of environmental effects is subject to the provisions of any policy statement or plan.
3. To avoid doubt, subclause (1)(f) obliges an applicant to report as to the persons identified as being affected by the proposal, but does not –
  - (a) oblige the applicant to consult any person; or
  - (b) create any ground for expecting that the applicant will consult any person.

### **7 Matters that must be addressed by assessment of environmental effects**

1. An assessment of the activity's effects on the environment must address the following matters:
  - (a) any effect on those in the neighbourhood and, where relevant, the wider community, including any social, economic, or cultural effects;
  - (b) any physical effect on the locality, including any landscape and visual effects;
  - (c) any effect on ecosystems, including effects on plants or animals and any physical disturbance of habitats in the vicinity;
  - (d) any effect on natural and physical resources having aesthetic, recreational, scientific, historical, spiritual, or cultural value, or other special value, for present or future generations;
  - (e) any discharge of contaminants into the environment, including any unreasonable emission of noise, and options for the treatment and disposal of contaminants;
  - (f) any risk to the neighbourhood, the wider community, or the environment through natural hazards or the use of hazardous substances or hazardous installations.
2. The requirement to address a matter in the assessment of environmental effects is subject to the provisions of any policy statement or plan.