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## RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION FOR VEGETATION CLEARANCE

This is the application form for vegetation clearance. If you are intending to mill or use the trees for any purpose other than home firewood, a different application form should be used.

Please complete all sections. Examples are provided in brackets to help you answer the questions. If you require assistance in completing the application please feel free to give us a call, or make an appointment at the Westport office, as a Duty Planner is available most days.

Site photos are always helpful. If you are taking photos, take one of the area(s) you intend to clear from the closest public access point (probably a public road). Either print the photos and attach to your application, or email them to [planning@bdc.govt.nz](mailto:planning@bdc.govt.nz) with reference to the site that the application is for.

A diagram of the site is essential. It doesn't have to be complicated, just show the important measurements like how far the clearance is from your property boundaries, and how large each clearance area is.

You will need to include a copy of an ecological assessment of the site to be cleared. The assessment needs to be compiled by a suitably qualified person. If Council has concerns over the person's qualifications, a peer review will be needed and this cost will be passed on to the applicant. You are able to check with Council those reports that have been accepted in the past in order to avoid the likelihood of a peer review.

### Checklist

- Have you included a site plan?
- Have you included photos of the site, or
  - Plan to email them to Council?
- Have you included the deposit of \$800.00?  
Please note that this is a deposit only and Council operates on a full cost recovery system. Therefore if the cost of processing the consent is more than the deposit, you will be charged the additional amount. Upon payment of any additional amount, you will receive the decision.
- Have you included a copy of the Certificate of Title, or
  - Do you wish Council to search a copy for you (at a cost of \$40 per Title)?
- Have you signed the application?
- Have you filled in the attached assessment of environmental affects form?
- Have you attached your ecologist assessment?
- Have you attached any affected parties forms that have been completed.  
If you have **not included all the information required** for Council to assess your application, it will either be **sent back** to you or be lodged (which means Council keeps the application but does **not start to process the application**).

**Applicant Details**

1. Applicant(s) name(s): (please write all names in full)

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2. Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

Private: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Applicant is the  owner/occupier (please tick the appropriate box)  
 prospective owner

Property owner's name: (if different from above)

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Telephone: Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

Private: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Correspondence to be sent to the following name and address: (if different from applicant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

Private: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Details**

5. Description of location of activity and/or property address: (include the name of any relevant stream, river or other water body to which the application may relate, proximity to any well known landmark, etc)

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6. Legal Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Certificate of Title Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Valuation Roll Number (from rates or valuation notice) \_\_\_\_\_

9. Zone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Details of Proposal**

10. This is an application for a  Land Use Consent for vegetation clearance

11. Are any other consents required?  Yes  No

If yes, list consents below, and whether they have been applied for.  
(eg. Regional Council consents for humping and hollowing, flipping, or changes to drainage patterns)

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12. Provide the reasons for the application and for choosing this site: (conversion to pasture to increase productive farming area, house site, tracking, etc.)

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13. What is the total size of the area that will be cleared? \_\_\_\_\_ ha.

14. What is the total size of the site? (include area to be cleared and area to be left undisturbed) \_\_\_\_\_ ha.

15. How will the vegetation be cleared? (one digger, with a root rake going over the site at a later stage, etc)

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16. Are there any buildings near the clearance area and what are the buildings used for? (A barn for storage of farm equipment, dwellings for residential activities or a milking shed, etc)

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17. What will the post clearance land cover be? (for example will the land be sown in grass or used for a house and gardens or for a road or track)

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18. Will the clearance take place near any waterway, drainage ditch, road or protected vegetation area?  Yes  No

If yes, state how close the clearance will be. (The clearance will surround a ditch and be right up to the bank, the clearance will take place up to the boundary with Buller Road, etc)

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19. How will the vegetation be disposed of after it is cleared? (burning, burying, carried off site to a registered green waste site, etc)

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20. The proposed days and hours over which the clearance will occur: (indicate any seasonal variations, for example the clearance will take approximately 30 hours and will take place during summer during a dry spell. Re sowing of the site will take place after sufficient rainfall and take two 8 hour days to complete)

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21. Details of any post clearance landscaping proposed: (The site will be re contoured to make a 1:2 gradient with a flat area at the top for a house site)

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22. Will the clearance require the storage or use of any dangerous goods? (ie flammable liquids, gases, solids)?

Yes       No

If yes, what is the nature of the goods? (Diesel in fuel tanks. Refuelling will take place on a hard stand, etc)

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23. Do you wish to be contacted prior to a member of the Planning Department undertaking a site visit?

Yes       No

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 200

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(to be signed by or on behalf of applicant)

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE READ THE CHECKLIST ON THE FRONT PAGE AND PROVIDED ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION**

# ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

1. Answer all questions fully. Some may not apply to your proposal.
2. Please provide a locality map and a copy of the Certificate of Title.
3. Contact the Planning Department with any queries or if you require assistance.

## Physical

1. Describe the:

(a) landforms (eg: mountains, hills, cliffs, streams, rivers, valleys, beaches, lakes, gorges, caves, paddocks)

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(b) land slopes (eg: steep, flat, rolling, angle of slope)

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(c) soils (eg: sand, clay, rock, fill, name of soil)

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**2. Describe any potential for natural hazards (e.g. flooding, erosion, land slip)**

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**3. Are any of the following present in the area? (delete which do not apply)**

- (a) river protection works
- (b) bridges
- (c) railways and roads
- (d) telephone/electricity wires or cables

Please indicate these features on a site diagram/map.

**Flora, Fauna and Ecosystems**

**4. Describe the vegetation within the application area. List the major species, and any rare or endangered species. (“Native bush” and “scrub” is not a satisfactory answer).**

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**5. Will native vegetation clearance occur? If so, how much?**

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6. Describe and/or list the birdlife, wildlife, freshwater and marine life within the application area, or in the vicinity and any recognised special wildlife habitats (*“usual West Coast wildlife”* or similar is not a satisfactory answer).

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7. Describe the effects the activity will have on ecosystems, including effects on plants or animals, any physical disturbance of habitats in the area.

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**Land Use**

8. Describe the current land use (give as many details as possible).

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9. Describe neighbouring land uses.

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**10. What is the public use of the area?**

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**11. Describe any recreational uses that occur on the land.**

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**12. What is the intended post-activity vegetation cover and land use?** (e.g. forestry, road, residential subdivision, pasture, etc)

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**13. What effect will this application have on alternative uses of the land, resources and/or the environment at present or in the future?** (*discuss the reasons for your answer*)

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**14. Describe the present land surface and how it will be rehabilitated (if applicable).**

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**Contingencies or Safeguards**

**15. If your activity includes the use of hazardous substances and installations, provide an assessment of any risks to the following which are likely to arise from such use:**

(a) risks to the physical environment

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(b) the neighbourhood

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(c) the wider community

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**16. Describe any mitigation measures (safeguards and contingency plans where relevant) to be undertaken to help prevent or reduce the actual or potential effect of any chemical or other contaminant accidents (i.e. where will the contents go, how will they be contained, treated, recycled or disposed?)**  
*(continue on separate sheet if necessary)*

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**17. Describe any possible alternative locations or methods for undertaking the activity.**

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**Monitoring**

**18. How will the effects of the activity be monitored?**

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**19. Who will monitor the effects of the activity?**

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**Socio-economic Impacts**

**20. State the number of people who will work at the site \_\_\_\_\_**

**21. Give details of the hours of work (provide details of any shift times)**

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**22. Do you intend working on weekends or outside the hours 7.00am to 6.00pm?**

- Yes       No

**Noise**

23. Is a residential area or any occupied dwelling close by or within the application area.  Yes  No

24. Give details and distances.

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25. Give details of any anticipated noise levels and likely impacts on both wildlife and residents in the area.

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26. Details of noise reduction measures (rubber lined hoppers, mufflers, shelters, vegetation or soil screens, etc.)

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**Explosives**

27. Will you use explosives?  Yes  No

28. If so give details of purpose, public warning methods, frequency, timing, storage and handling facilities, type and quantity of blast. Discuss the impacts blasting will have on nearby residents and any measures that will be taken to minimise such effects.

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**Maori Interests**

29. Give details of particular Maori interest in the land or water within or bordering the application area, or likely to be affected by the application (*sacred or spiritual sites and values, traditional food gathering areas, etc*).

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**Visual Effects**

30. Is the operation or activity visible from:	Yes	No
- nearby dwellings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- roads (including rest areas)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- walking tracks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- known observation points	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- areas of public access?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If so give details and discuss any measures that will be taken to minimise the visual impacts (i.e. buffers, vegetation, screens planted, trees, etc).

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**Effects on Present and Future Generation**

31. Discuss socio-economic and cultural effects the (*both positive and/or adverse*) activity will have on the immediate neighbourhood and where relevant the wider community for present and future generations (e.g. *additional housing and service requirements, noise, vibration, dust, lighting, aesthetic values, change of lifestyle, recreation, scientific values, water supply, increased traffic, historical, spiritual values, etc.*)

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32. Describe any effects (*both positive and negative*) on natural and physical resources having aesthetic, recreational, scientific, historical, spiritual, cultural, or other special value for present or future generations:

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**Consultation**

33. Have you discussed your proposal with your neighbours and other parties who may be adversely affected (eg. Community & Public Health, Department of Conservation, Historic Places Trust, Ngati Waewae, New Zealand Transport Agency (formerly Transit NZ) , New Zealand Railways Corporation, local electricity supplier and Telecom New Zealand Limited).

If so, who was consulted? \_\_\_\_\_

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34. Are all affected persons consent forms completed and attached, or forwarded to Council?       Yes       No

If no, your application will be placed on hold until Council receives these forms.

35. If any environmental concerns have been raised by affected neighbours or other parties, how can these concerns be met?

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**Other Information**

36. Outline other information (if any), required to be included in the application by the District Plan or regulations.

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***Have you remembered to :***

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- 2. Enclose - Deposit   
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  - Site Plans
  - Affected Parties
  - Copy of Certificate of Title

Please contact planning staff with any queries. (Telephone: 03 788 9111)

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(to be signed by or on behalf of applicant)