

Guidelines for Submitting a Water Permit Application

The following is required when submitting an application for a Water Permit:

1. A full description of the proposal.

For example:

To take Wairau Aquifer FMU water from well P28w/4762 located on Lot 2 DP 10707, up to a maximum rate of 24,261 cubic metres per year.

To use water for the irrigation of 9.1 hectares of vineyard on Lot 2 DP 10707.

OR

To take B class Awatere River FMU water from an existing intake (Grid ref 1693879E 5391275N) up to a maximum rate of 310 cubic metres per day.

To use water for the irrigation up to 35 hectares of vineyard, amenity plantings, pasture and crops on Lots 2 and 3 DP 446989 and Lot 2 DP 505653.

2. A site map. This map must include the site or sites of the abstraction, or the location of the well, the location and distances to the nearest neighbouring abstraction sites or wells, the location and distance to the nearest waterway if the abstraction is from a well and the location and extent of the land to be irrigated.

Site maps are best done on aerial photos of the property. These can easily be obtained from the Marlborough District Council's website by using Smart Maps. Two maps may be required if there is a lot of detail around the abstraction site and for a wider picture of the property.

3. Are other consents required under this application?

For example: A consent may be required for a new well or consents may be required if you are installing a new intake in a waterway. If you already have consents for the intake or well, provide the consent numbers or the well number and if the application is to replace an existing permit, please also provide this consent number.

4. An assessment of the proposal against Part 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

5. An assessment of the proposal against the relevant objectives and policies of either the Wairau/Awatere Resource Management Plan or the Marlborough Sounds Resource Management Plan and the proposed Marlborough Environment Plan. Refer to Volume 1 of the resource management plans.

6. An assessment of the proposal against the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (Amended December 2022). Link to the Ministry for the Environment website:

<https://environment.govt.nz/publications/national-policy-statement-for-freshwater-management-2020-amended-december-2022>

7. If the application includes water for irrigation the application must be accompanied by a 'reasonable use calculation' obtained from the Irrigation reasonable Use Database "irricalc".

<http://mycatchment.info>

8. You must identify any person or parties that could be adversely affected by this proposal and if any consultation with these parties has been undertaken.

9. A full and complete assessment of environmental effects.

This must include the following:

- Possible effects on the instream flora and fauna, if the abstraction is from or near a waterway or wetland.
- Possible interference effects of the abstraction on neighbouring wells or intakes. If this is for a re-application for an existing consent then indicate if there have been any interference effects on neighbour's wells or intakes during the existing consent period or if you have had any complaints from the neighbours about the abstraction.
- Possible effects of the abstraction on the aquifer if the abstraction is from a well.
- Possible stream depletion effects if the abstraction is from a well.
- Possible effects on the freshwater/saltwater interface if taken from a well near the coast.
- If the application is a re-application, all meter readings from the existing consent must be provided, whether the existing meter has been verified for accuracy within the last 5 years (provide a copy of the verification certificate) and a discussion of usage as shown by the meter records in relation to the amount of water requested (i.e. does usage during the existing consent period justify the amount of water being requested in this application). If few or no meter readings were taken during the existing consent period, an explanation must be provided for the lack of readings.

If the meter is telemetered and readings are being provided to Council, instead of providing all readings please provide the meter number issued by Council.

- The Marlborough District Council now requires all water meters to have telemetered dataloggers so you will need to say if the meter has already been installed with this system or when one will be installed.
- If the application is a re-application of a water permit, you must comment on compliance with all of the consent conditions of the existing consent, i.e. conditions that required the consent holder to undertake monitoring during the consent period.
- If the abstraction is from a well, is stock and/or domestic water also taken from the well? Please also provide the well number for the well if this is known.
- State what mitigation measures will be taken to ensure the effects of the abstraction will be no more than minor.

For example: Complying with the low flow restrictions for the Wairau River B Class or complying with a well low level restriction condition. How will you ensure the abstraction does not adversely affect the instream flora and fauna and other existing users?

10. If the application is for re-application of a water permit, you must provide an assessment of the value you have invested in the property in relation to the existing water permit.

For example: You should include irrigation infrastructure or investments in capital related to the crop being irrigated. This assessment must be a monetary value, but can just be an approximation.