

Registering your property

March 2020

All farming properties with an area greater than 4.1ha in the Waikato and Waipā river catchments will need to register with Waikato Regional Council.

Why is it important for me to register my property and what are the benefits?

Registering gives us a better understanding of farming within the catchments. It also helps us to identify what your needs may be, then tailor information for you to better support your farm.



When will I need to register my property?

There is no common deadline by which all properties in the Waikato and Waipā river catchments need to be registered.

For farming activities that require a resource consent, the latest registration can occur is when a consent application is made. The timing for this will be determined by your subcatchment location.

Farms operating under permitted activity need to register when plan change 1 becomes operative.

What information will I need to provide?

The types of information you may need to provide includes:

- confirmation of property boundaries
- trading name (if applicable) and contact details of property owner(s), user(s), and the person completing the registration
- a description of the land use activities occurring on the property, including the area of each activity
- for animal grazing, the stocking rate (annual and winter rate at the time of registration) of the property and a map identifying waterways, existing fences and stock crossing points.

How do I start my registration?

We are working on an online tool which you will use to register your property. We will contact you when we have opened for registration. This will include providing more specific guidance on how to complete the registration process, as well as information on assistance that may be available for those who have difficulty with computer and/or internet access.

What will be done with my contact and property information?

The safe management of farm and landowner information is important to us. Your information will be used for registration, administration, monitoring and plan and policy development purposes. We will not disclose the information to other parties unless we are required to do so by law.

How much will it cost?

There is no cost to complete property registration and we anticipate there will be free support options to help you. However, you may choose to work with a third party to assist you who may charge a fee.

Who can register my property?

Registration can be either completed by you as the property owner, the users of your land, or anyone else you choose to help you. However, as the owner you are responsible for registration being completed.

How long will it take to register?

For most properties it will only take around 30 minutes. However, if you have multiple properties to register and/or the properties are large or complex, the process can take longer. To help speed this up, we suggest you gather the relevant contact, land use and stock information prior to starting the process.


Doesn't the council already have this information?

Registration information provides us with baseline information about farming activities across the region. This information is not currently held by any one agency. The information gathered will enable us to more efficiently engage with and support you through the plan change 1 process.

Have more questions?

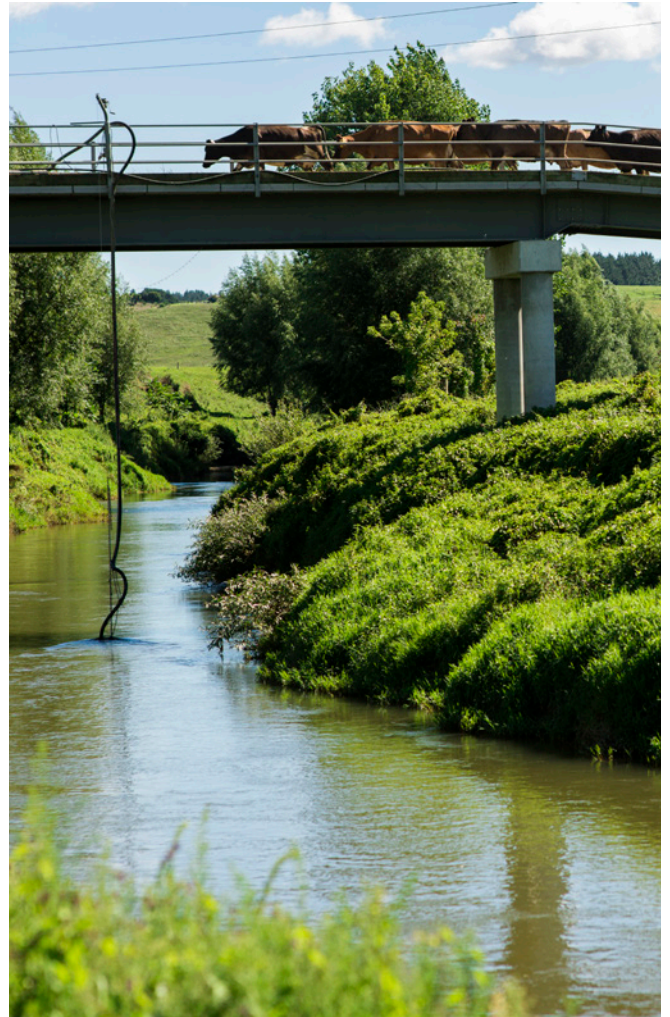
You can find the decisions version of the proposed rules on our website. We also have a team of trained staff who can answer your questions.

Call us on

 **0800 800 401**


Or send an email to

 **healthyrivers@waikatoregion.govt.nz**



Important

This information has been provided based on Waikato Regional Council's interpretation of the decisions version of the proposed plan change notified in March 2020. Please take the time to read the decisions version and seek your own advice, too. Also note that the proposed plan is subject to possible change by the Environment Court through the appeals process.

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