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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 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 600.00?
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 \$10 per Title)?
- Have you signed the application?
- Have you filled in and attached an 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)

2. Postal Address: _____

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)

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)

6. Legal Description: _____

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)

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

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)

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)

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)

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)

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

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)

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)

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)

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