

Land Use Change Application Form

Date of Application	
Property Ownership (PO) (Individual or Organisation)	
PO Contact Person & phone number	
Farming Entity (FE) (if different from Property Owner)	
FE Relationship to PO (Lease, sharemilker,...)	
FE Contact Person & phone number	
Advising Consultant	

Once the applicant notifies WIL of a change, WIL will assess whether the proposed land use change (LUC) is a permitted activity or requires board approval. Please allow up to **one month** for application processing.

1. Land Use Change (LUC) Proposal

Dear Applicant,

WIL has prepopulated some fields in this document.

Please check the information in the **white fields** for its **correctness and completeness** and correct it where necessary.

Please fill in the blue fields applicable to application.

White Fields	prepopulated by WIL, to be checked and corrected by the Applicant
Blue Fields	to be filled in by the Applicant

Proposed Land Use Description

Please describe the changes you are proposing to make.

Land Area & WIL shares			
	Base Load	Current	Proposed
Land Area (ha)			
WIL Shares (#)			
Description:			

Irrigation			
	Baseload	Current	Proposed
Total Irrigated Area (ha)			
Linear/Centre Pivot (ha)			
Travelling Irrigator (ha)			
Sprinklers/K-line (ha)			
Fixed Grid (ha)			
Other: (ha)			
Description:			

Effluent			
	Base Load	Current	Proposed
Area (ha)			
System			
Storage Volume			
DESC Requirement			
Description:			

Please include a map of your newly proposed effluent area with your application.

Land Use Area(s) (ha)			
	Base Load	Current	Proposed
Dairy			
Dairy Support			
Sheep			
Beef			
Arable			
Other: _____			
Other: _____			
Description:			

Please include a map with your application showing the different land use areas on your property

Winter Grazing (ha)			
	Base Load	Current	Proposed
LWRP Winter Grazing Area ² (specify different crop type)			
Stock Numbers and Class			
Description:			

² Cattle on brassicas or root crops only

Stock			
	Base Load	Current	Proposed
RSU ³ total			
RSU/ha			
Cows/ha ⁴ on grazing land			
Description:			

Other Relevant Changes (please describe)			
	Base Load	Current	Proposed
Description:			

³ From Overseer file

⁴ For dairy

Proposed timing

Please describe

1. When you intend to have your changes completed.
2. The timing of any transitional stages

Transition Period

LUC often requires a development or transition period which may cause different environmental impacts than a steady state. WIL need to understand the implications of the development.

Examples are increased nitrogen loss, sediment loss, soil disturbance or movement, land and vegetation clearing, infrastructure development.

Please describe how you plan to manage your transition period and the resulting N loss and other environmental impacts, including nitrogen and phosphorus loss.

2. Sensitive receiving environments

WIL will be assessing your LUC application against the risks that a change in land use could have on the catchment your property is located in. Are any of these sensitive areas in proximity to your property or potentially affected by your farming operation?

Please find information on Canterbury Maps <https://mapviewer.canterburymaps.govt.nz/>.

Risk Assessment

Sensitive Area	Yes/No	Description
Community Drinking Water Protection Zone (CWDPPZ) ⁵		
Proximity of shallow (<25m) drinking wells ⁶		
Waterways ⁷		
Sites of cultural significance		
Significant site of biodiversity		
Critical Source Areas		

If you answered 'yes' to any of the above, please include a map showing these sites with your application.

Risk Management

Please detail how any risks identified will be managed.

⁵ Add "Community Drinking Water Protection Zones" Layer and check for protected zones near your property boundary.

⁶ Add "Wells & Bores -with Borelogs - Wells" Layer and check for active wells with domestic supply use nearby.

⁷ Include surface water bodies, wetlands, springs and WIL and stockwater race network.

3. Additional Requirements

The National Environmental Standards for Freshwater 2020 (NES-FW 2020) set out regulations regarding land use activities. Land use change and intensification regulations were revoked on 1 January 2025. There are still regulations within the NES-FW 2020 that need to be complied with, the table below provides some guidelines, for an exhaustive list please review the NES-FW 2020.

Land Use	Condition
Stockholding areas and Feedlots	If your proposal includes a stockholding area or feedlot, as defined in the NES-FW 2020 you may require consent.
Intensive winter grazing and Critical Source Area setbacks	If your proposal does not specify 5m setbacks will be maintained from rivers, lakes, wetlands, or drains (regardless of whether there is any water) or you plan to graze a critical source area you are likely to require consent.
Application of synthetic nitrogen	Your proposal must comply with the synthetic nitrogen use regulations of the NES-FW 2020.

In addition to the NES-FW 2020 regulations there are additional regional regulation where compliance must be demonstrated. Please check if your proposed scenario complies with your current **effluent consents** (Effluent Storage and Effluent Discharge) and **water take consents**. If your current effluent consent does not specify cow numbers, the number will default to that stated in the original application documents for the consent. Do you require any further resource consents?

4. Nutrient and environmental management

Nutrient Budget Summary

Please provide us with the nitrogen loss details of your LUC. The information requested is to be provided from Overseer budgets completed by a Certified Nutrient Management Advisor (CNMA).

	Base Load	Current	Proposed
Overseer Account Name			
File Name			
Overseer Version			
N Loss Total (kg N/year)			
N Loss per Hectare (kg N/ha/year)			
N in Drainage (ppm)			
N Conversion Efficiency			

Nitrogen Loss Reduction Plan and Mitigations of Environmental

The table shows the Plan Change 7 cumulative reductions in nitrogen loss from the Baseline years, and dates by which these are to be achieved.

Farming Type	By 1 January 2030	By 1 January 2040
Dairy	20%	30%
All other	5%	10%
Is your property part of an enterprise? (Yes or No).	Yes	No
If yes, please list all properties included in this enterprise:		

If there are multiple land uses on the property, a weighted average reduction calculation will apply.

Please provide us with information on:

- 1. How you intend to reduce your nitrogen loss to meet the Plan Change 7 reductions.
- 2. How you plan to mitigate and manage environmental impacts of the LUC.

Examples of environmental impacts are nitrogen loss phosphorous and sediment loss. Biodiversity impacts, waterway impacts, soils impacts.

This section is critical to the land use change application.

Nitrogen reduction plan and proposed mitigations	Possible timing of Implementation

5. Environmental Improvement

Please provide us with information about your recent audit and progress of implementing actions.

Date of last FEP audit	
Auditor	
FEP Audit Grade	
Required actions and progress on implementation	

Identify opportunities on your property to further improve environmental performance.

Opportunities for continual improvement, including promoting native biodiversity	
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Declaration

I declare the information I have provided is true and correct. If this application for a land use change is approved, I will ensure:

1. The nitrogen losses from the land use change will not exceed those proposed and approved (or equivalent based on later versions of OverseerFM).
2. Good Management Practices are applied, audit actions are completed and proposed mitigations and N loss reduction plans as described are implemented.
3. The farm management mitigations proposed and modelled as part of this application are understood, realistic and achievable.
4. The land use change will be carried out within agreed time frames.

I understand, that Waimakariri Irrigation will follow up within 12 months of this approval being granted for the purpose of ensuring all conditions of approval are met.

Date

Signature (s)

Name (s)