

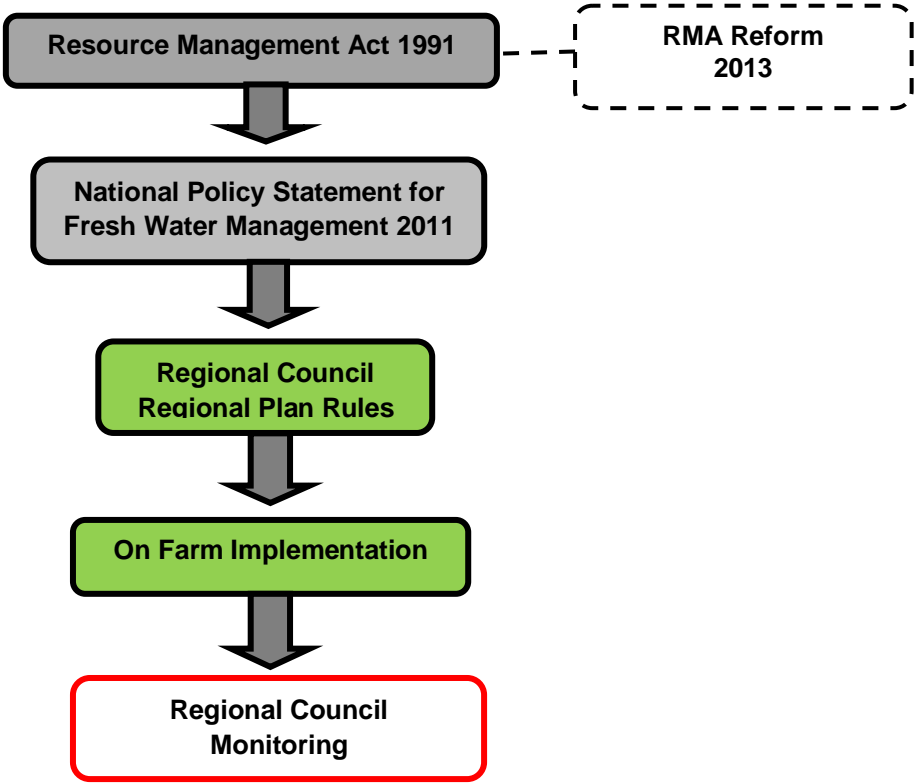


Regional consent process for water access

We are in a time of change

New Zealand’s central government, through the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, requires all regional councils to set water quantity limits on every water body in their region. It is important dairy farmers are aware of the rules and regulations that apply in their region.

The flow diagram below illustrates the new regulatory structure



Change timeframes

The National Policy Statement requires all councils to have quantity limits in place by 2030. Different regions will have rules in place at different times. Some councils already have rules in place and implementation is underway. It is important farmers are aware of rule change timeframes in their regions.



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What does this mean for dairy farming and dairy farmers?

You may need a regional consent to access the water you need for stock drinking water, dairy shed wash down and milk cooling, and irrigation. The consents are issued by your regional council.

How to find out when regional rules are changing?

Watch the local press or call the regional council.

Fonterra will also be in touch to let you know when rules in your region are changing.

DairyNZ aims to hold information days which you can attend to better understand the new rules and the consent process. Fonterra strongly encourages you to attend these information days to gather the correct information to gain the appropriate consent. We will give you details of these information days before they take place in your area.

This fact sheet is produced as part of Supply Fonterra's Water Use Management Programme. This programme aims to help farmers understand when their regional rules are changing and encourages water measurement and monitoring as part of industry wide commitments to better manage this precious resource.

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