

FACTSHEET: AMENDMENTS TO STOCK EXCLUSION REQUIREMENTS

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The stock exclusion rules released under the NPS-FW last year referred to low slope maps which had many inaccuracies. These rules have been amended to use a more specific program designed to reduce exclusion on sloped land.

DO I NEED TO EXCLUDE MY STOCK FROM LAKES AND WIDE RIVERS?



DEFINITIONS

Stock: includes beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy support cattle, deer, or pigs (but does not include any feral animal). Dairy support cattle refer to all replacement stock (100kg weaned calf) through to carryovers and MA cows. The regulations do not apply to sheep.

Stock exclusion: is a permanent fence with dug or driven posts and at least two hot wires; post and batten or deer fencing. A 3-metre set back from the bed is required for any new fences installed after 3 September 2020.

Wide river: waterways with a bed that is wider than 1 metre at any point, this may go dry over summer. On its own a wide riverbed does not require the exclusion of beef cattle and deer.

Intensively grazed: includes break feeding, grazing on annual forage crops or grazing on pasture that has been irrigated with water in the previous 12 months.

Identifying land between 5-10 degrees slope: This is done using 'local terrain averaging' to average slope aggregated over 4.5 hectare blocks for land between 5-10 degrees, this may include neighbouring land parcels to your property.

Natural Wetlands are permanently or intermittently wet areas, shallow water, and land water margins that support a natural ecosystem of plants and animals that are adapted to wet conditions.

TIMEFRAMES FOR EXCLUSION FROM LAKES AND WIDE RIVERS

	Dairy Cattle	Dairy support	Beef Cattle	Deer	Pigs
3 Sept 2020	For all stock on new pastoral systems.				
1 July 2023	For all stock.		For intensively grazed stock on any slope.	For intensively grazed stock on any slope.	For all stock.
1 July 2025		For stock on low slope (<5 degrees and below 500m ASL)	For stock on low slope (<5 degrees and below 500m ASL)	For stock on low slope (<5 degrees and below 500m ASL)	

NB: Land with slope between 5-10 degrees may need fencing but this will be managed under your FW-FP.

TIMEFRAMES FOR STOCK TO BE EXCLUDED FROM NATURAL WETLANDS

	Dairy Cattle	Dairy support	Beef Cattle	Deer	Pigs
3 Sept 2020	Stock on new pastoral systems.				
1 July 2023	All stock must be excluded from waterways and natural wetlands identified (as at 3 September 2020) in the LWRP, a district plan or regional policy statement.				
1 July 2025	All stock must be excluded from waterways that support threatened species regardless of low slope. Stock must be excluded from natural wetlands that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support a threatened species (as per the NPS-FW) • and/or are larger than 500 square metres. 				

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT ME?

Please review your own farm using this link:

<https://mfe.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=f73222d33d224f1e8d513dae0f91c11d>

This is especially important if the revised low slope mapping would cause considerable disruption to the management of your farm. We intend to submit on the regulations and would be grateful to know of examples to support this.

Of course, you can also provide your own feedback by 26th September 2021.

https://consult.environment.govt.nz/freshwater/stock-exclusion-regulations/supporting_documents/stockexclusionregulationsdiscussiondocument.pdf

