

23 INDIGENOUS VEGETATION & HABITATS OF INDIGENOUS FAUNA

23.1 RULES

Permitted Activities

23.1.1 Activities that result in the clearance or disturbance of vegetation within an area that is not defined to be an area of 'significant indigenous vegetation and/or significant habitat of indigenous fauna' (as defined in [Chapter 31](#) – Definitions, & [Schedule 4](#)) provided that no activity shall result in the clearance or disturbance of:

- (1) a naturally occurring wetland:
 - (a) over 100m² in area with an average width of at least 5m; or
 - (b) over 100m² in area within the Coastal Zone; or
- (2) more than 100m² of indigenous vegetation within an area of contiguous indigenous vegetation in the Coastal Zone, except where:
 - (a) the vegetation was planted after the date that this plan became operative; and
 - (b) the vegetation was not planted in order to comply with a condition on a Resource Consent.

Note: Harvesting of indigenous vegetation when provided for under Part IIIA of the 1993 Amendments to the Forests Act 1949 may still require resource consent under this District Plan.

Discretionary Activities

23.1.2 Activities that involve the clearance or disturbance of areas of significant indigenous vegetation and/or significant habitats of indigenous fauna.

23.1.3 Activities that result in the clearance or disturbance of any naturally occurring wetland, not provided for as a permitted activity.

Note: *in interpreting the rules in this chapter of the District Plan refer to the definitions of 'Clearance or Disturbance' and 'Significant Indigenous Vegetation and/or Significant Habitat of Indigenous Fauna' in [Chapter 31](#) – Definitions.*

Cross References:

Part B – Resource Management Strategy

- [Chapter 5](#) – Recognising and Providing for Natural & Physical Resources of Significance

Part D – District Wide Rules

- [Chapter 23](#) – Indigenous Vegetation and/or Habitats of Indigenous Fauna

Part E – Applying for a Resource Consent

- [Chapter 30](#) – Resource Consent Assessment Matters
- [Chapter 31](#) – Definitions

Schedules:

- [Schedule 4](#) – Significant Natural Areas
- [Schedule 5](#) – Significant Rivers and Lakes
- [Schedule 6](#) – Threatened Plants and Animals

Planning Maps