

NES Plantation Forestry – Guidance

Permitted Activities - Afforestation



This guide has been developed to assist you to understand if your forestry afforestation is a permitted activity, and if so what standards you are required to meet for this.

Definition: Afforestation is planting and growing plantation forestry trees on land where there is no forestry and where harvest has not occurred within the last 5 years.

If the area you are planting had forestry harvest within the last 5 years refer to the NES Plantation Forestry - Guidance for Permitted Activities – Replanting Information Sheet.

1. Do you need a resource consent for afforestation?

	Consent Required	
	Yes	No
1.1 Does the afforestation area include more than 2ha/year of Red Zoned ESC classification Land?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.2 Are you afforesting within a significant natural area? <i>Refer to Tairāwhiti Resource Management Plan Maps to check if your afforestation is within these areas.</i>		
a. A Protection Management Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. A Riparian Management Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. A Regionally Significant Wetland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. An Outstanding Waterbody	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. An Aquatic Ecosystem Waterbody	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. A Scheduled Protected Watercourse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3 Are you afforesting within an outstanding natural feature or land or an outstanding or visual amenity landscape? <i>Refer to Tairāwhiti Resource Management Plan Maps to check if your afforestation is within these natural features or landscapes.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.4 Are you afforesting within a wetland – or where this might modify a wetland?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.5 Are you afforesting in the buffer area of a Scheduled Archaeological Site or Area, or a Waahi tapu site or area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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2. Are you able to meet the Permitted Activity Standards for Afforestation?

If any of these standards are not met, then consent is required

	Met	Not Met
Written notice to the Council of between 20-60 days prior to commencing or annually for ongoing harvesting.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wilding tree risk calculator score completed within the last 6 months by a suitably competent person. <i>Contact the Council if you need help with this.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No afforestation with conifers is occurring in areas where the wilding tree risk score is 12 or more.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Control measures are in place to ensure all wilding conifers from afforestation are eradicated where established in wetlands or significant natural areas on the property and adjacent properties within the same ownership/management as the afforestation site.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Setback requirements:		
5m from:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A perennial river less than 3m wide • A wetland larger than 0.25ha 		
10m from:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a Scheduled Protected Watercourse • the boundary of an adjoining property in different ownership • a stream 3m or wider • a lake larger than 200m² • an outstanding waterbody, a regionally significant wetland or a protection management area <i>Refer to Tairāwhiti Resource Management Plan Maps to check if your afforestation area includes these areas</i>		
30m from:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the coastal marine area • papakainga and urban area zones 		
40m from:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all dwellings on adjacent properties 		
Sufficient distance so that no dwelling or paved public road would be shaded by the forest when fully grown between 10am and 2pm on the shortest day of the year.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Remember if no consent is required you must undertake afforestation in accordance with the Permitted Activity Standards.