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## 18 Resource Consent Process

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### 18.1 Making an Application

#### 18.1.1 Introduction

Resource consents to undertake an activity described in this regional plan must be obtained from Environment Bay of Plenty. These consents are either for discretionary, controlled or non-complying activities. If a Permitted Activity is allowed by rules in this plan, no resource consent is required. Prohibited activities are not allowed. Environment Bay of Plenty cannot grant a resource consent for any Prohibited Activity.

#### 18.1.2 Statutory Requirements

Each application for a resource consent will need to contain information details as required by section 88 of the Resource Management Act 1991. In particular, regard must be had to the requirement for an application to contain *such detail as corresponds to the scale and significance of the actual or potential effects that the activity may have on the environment; and shall be prepared in accordance with the Fourth Schedule*.

If, on assessment, Environment Bay of Plenty finds that an application does not contain sufficient information to enable it to be satisfactorily processed, an applicant may be requested under Section 92 of the Act to provide further information or evidence to support their application. To prevent this occurring, an applicant would be wise to consult staff as to the adequacy of information before lodging their application. Even if such consultation is made, further information details may still be required from an applicant as the processing of their application proceeds.

#### 18.1.3 Forms and Details

Application forms for the various activities requiring consent are available from any Environment Bay of Plenty office.

These application forms are designed to comply with (be very similar to) the details to be provided by an applicant as listed in Form 5 of the Schedule to the Resource Management (Forms) Regulations 1991.

### 18.2 Information Requirements

An application must contain sufficient specific detail to allow any person to understand what resource use activity is proposed, and any ancillary information that Environment Bay of Plenty may need to process the application effectively.

The information required with any resource consent application should comply with the Fourth Schedule of the Resource Management Act as already outlined. However, due to the variety of resource consents which may be obtained and the variation in scale of likely activities, it is not possible to give a single comprehensive checklist of information required with applications. Environment Bay of Plenty has specific application forms for the following activities:

- (a) Discharge permit
- (b) Water permit
- (c) Land use consent
- (d) Coastal permit

Attached to each of these specific application forms are explanatory notes on the preparation of an assessment of effects on the environment. Applicants should use these notes as guidance to what information is required for any application.