

**Hill and High Country means land more than 20 degrees in slope or more than 600 metres above sea level.**

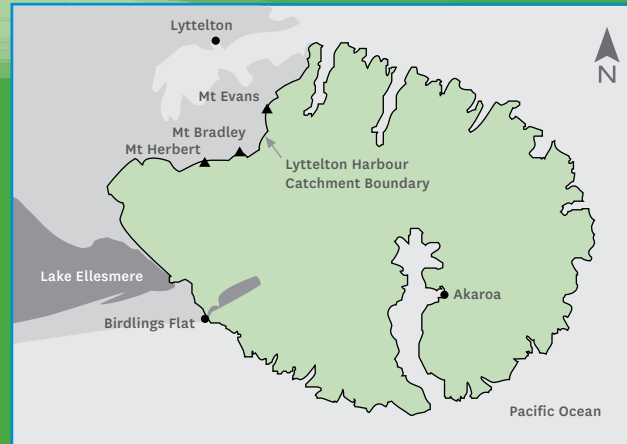
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- DO YOU BURN AREAS OF VEGETATION IN WETLANDS?
- IS THE SLOPE OF LAND ON WHICH YOU INTEND TO BURN MORE THAN 20 DEGREES?
- IS THE LAND MORE THAN 600 METRES ABOVE SEA LEVEL?

If you answer YES to any of the above and your burning falls within the conditions described in this brochure then your burning is a permitted activity and you will not need a resource consent.

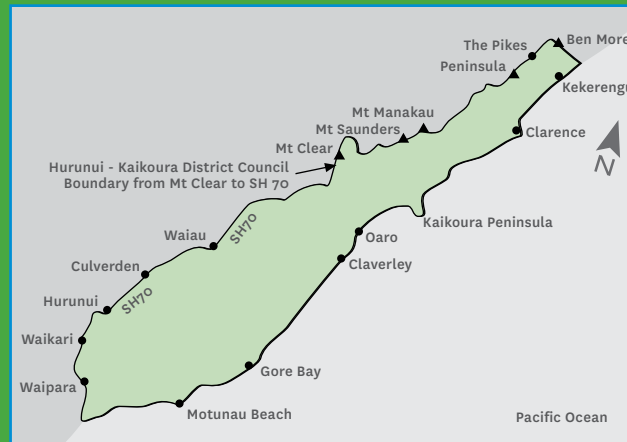
Resource consent is required if your burning falls outside of the conditions.

Please remember that you may also have an obligation to obtain a permit from your local Rural Fire Authority, District Council, Land Information NZ or Department of Conservation.

*DISCLAIMER: This brochure is a guide only and should not be relied on as the basis for whether burning is a permitted activity or requires and resource consent. Please check the Regional Land and Vegetation Management Regional Plan Part IV or contact Customer Services.*



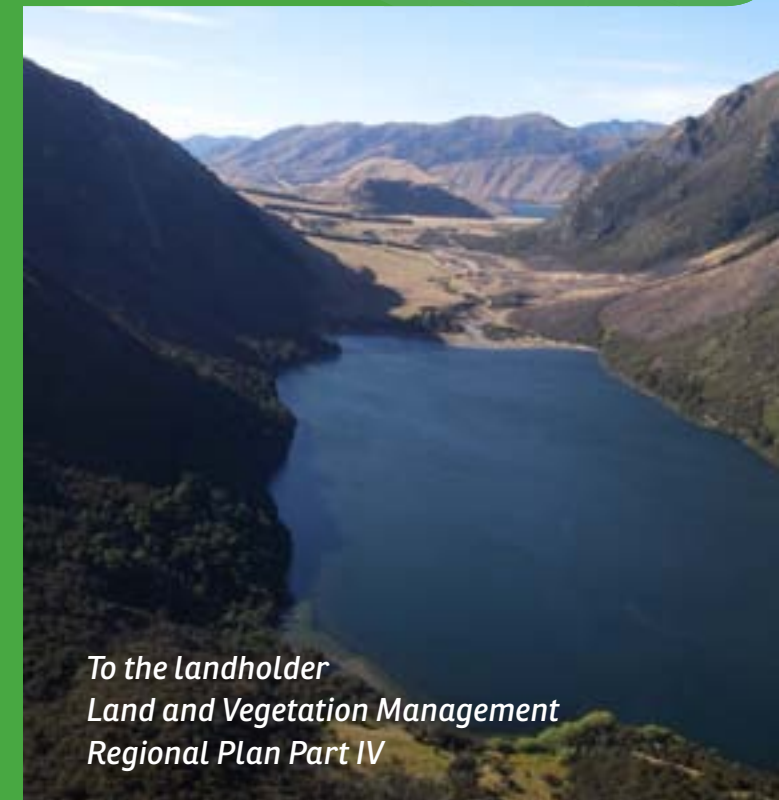
**Banks Peninsula**



**Coastal Hills**

To see the full report visit: [www.ecan.govt.nz](http://www.ecan.govt.nz) and search for hill burning. For further inquiries contact Customer Services on 0800 EC INFO (0800 324 636).

## Land management fires **Hill and High Country**



*To the landholder  
Land and Vegetation Management  
Regional Plan Part IV*

*Everything is connected*

## Burning vegetation in the Canterbury Region is a permitted activity.

(this means that no resource consent is required) provided the following conditions are complied with:

### Burning shall not occur within:

- 5 metres from the bank of a stream - a continually flowing body of fresh water within a defined channel which has an average width from bank to bank of 2 metres or more but does not include any artificial water course
- 10 metres from a wetland greater than 3,000m<sup>2</sup>
- 5 metres from a lake, except for an artificially created lake smaller than half a hectare in area that is a stockwater pond or behind a dam

### Within an area to be burnt:

- The extent of bare ground does not exceed 20 percent
- The slope does not exceed 35 degrees
- The land is less than 900 metres above sea level
- Vegetation in wetlands shall only be burnt where the wetland is less than 3,000m<sup>2</sup> in area

### You must inform Environment Canterbury in writing, at least five working days (for condition 1), or twenty working days (for conditions 2 & 3), prior to commencing the burning:

- Of the estimated date of burning
- Provide location maps of the sites to be burnt at a minimum scale of 1:50,000
- The after treatment proposed (for conditions 2 & 3)

## DEPENDING ON THE REASON FOR BURNING AND THE NATURE OF THE VEGETATION, ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SETS OF CONDITIONS: 1, 2, OR 3, MUST ALSO BE MET.

### 1. The following conditions must be met if the area is being burnt to increase grazing area or to assist with animal and plant pest control:

- All burning must take place between July 1 and October 31; or between June 1 and October 31 within the areas defined on maps Coastal Hills and Banks Peninsula (see overleaf)
- Areas to be burnt must be, or should have been treated in one or more of the following ways:
  - i. Not grazed for at least six months following burning
  - ii. Topdressed with fertiliser within three months of burning
  - iii. Oversown with pasture seed within three months of burning
  - iv. Regularly oversown or topdressed for a period of at least ten years prior to burning
- The same area of land has not had the vegetation burnt within the preceding ten years

### 2. The following conditions must be met if the area is to be burnt for tree-planting, clearing scrub treated with herbicide, or cultivation:

- Tree-planting, or cultivation followed by seed sowing, must be carried out within one year of burning
- Oversowing and topdressing shall be carried out within three months of burning scrub treated with herbicide and the area must not be grazed for at least three months following burning
- The burnt area must not be grazed for at least six months following burning for tree planting or cultivation, unless it has been regularly oversown or topdressed for a period of at least ten years, in which case it must not be grazed for at least two months after burning

### 3. The following conditions must be met if areas of bracken fern are burnt between April 1 and October 31:

- The burnt area shall be oversown with pasture seed or topdressed with fertiliser within six months of burning, unless the area has been regularly topdressed with fertiliser for at least ten years
- The same area of land has not had the vegetation burnt within the preceding ten years