

Compliance monitoring

JULY 2016 – JUNE 2017 REPORT

Why this matters

We are working with land managers, individuals and industry to improve compliance to ensure the best long-term environmental results.


Consenting rules

- Resource consents allow people or organisations to do something that may have an effect on the environment, but this comes with conditions to protect the environment.
- It is important consent holders comply with their conditions otherwise they can have a negative impact on the environment.

How we respond to improve compliance grades

- If there is an issue, our first response is to work with individuals and businesses to stop any immediate environmental damage.
- We then investigate to determine what actions should be taken, including enforcement.
- Education can achieve better outcomes and is valued by consent holders who need help. If education does not get the right results, there are a range of compliance actions as set out below:
- Infringement notices**, which include a fine, are issued for more significant breaches.
 - Abatement notices** are typically issued when the offender doesn't co-operate or if we have reason to believe that the offence could happen again.
 - Prosecution** is reserved for offences so serious that they warrant proceedings through the courts.

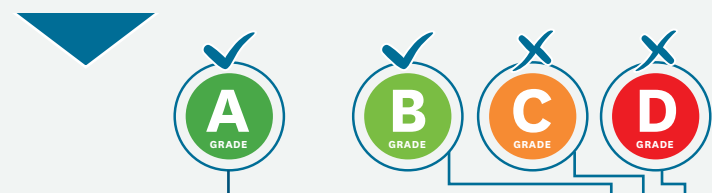
What we monitored
5692
Consents including 585 in process


61%
of consents monitored

30%
of consents monitored

8%
1%

What we found



Water consents

91%

6%

Discharge – dairy

89%

8%

Discharge – other

82%

5

12%

Discharge – human effluent

82%

6

11%

Land use consents

87%

4

8%

Coastal consents

71%

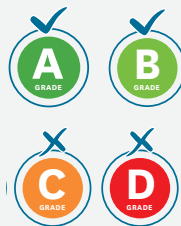
5%

21%

3%

Note: In the graph above the 585 consents that were still 'in process' at the time of the report are not shown. It only presents data for completed monitored visits.

What the grades mean



A/B (Compliant)

Our response is to work with the consent holder to maintain compliance.

C/D (Compliance issues)


Our response is to provide advice and assistance and require action to be taken. Actions may be quite wide ranging depending on the issue.

How we responded to improve compliance grades

Advice and Education




695

 Infringement notices

37

 Abatement notices

171

 Prosecutions completed

5

 Prosecutions initiated

3

8,398 inspections by zone

Some consents have multiple inspections, these include those with a C or D compliance rating, as well as those identified as high-risk which are subject to more regular monitoring.

