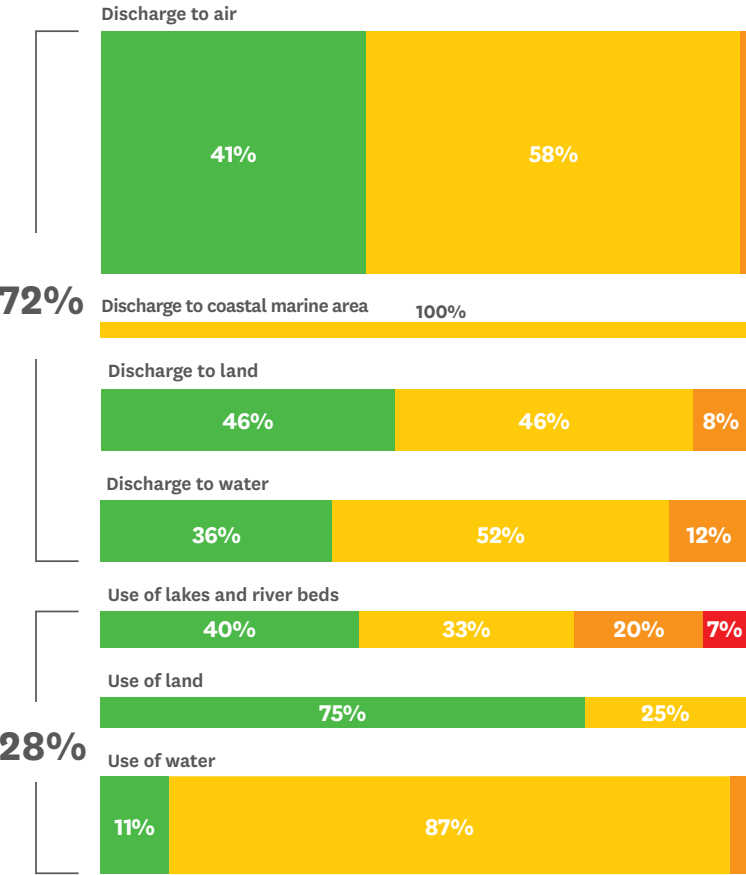


# Incident response in the Ashburton zone

We research and evaluate all incidents involving contaminants in waterways or unauthorised discharges to land or air to assess the potential environmental effects the reported incident may have.

## What we found

202 Incidents excluding 8 which are still in process



Due to rounding, percentages will not always add up to 100% exactly.

## What the grades mean

- A (Full compliance)** Full compliance with all relevant plan rules, regulations and national environmental standards
- B (Low Risk Non-Compliance)** Compliance with most of the relevant plan rules, regulations and national environmental standards. Carries a low risk of adverse environmental effects.
- C (Moderate non-compliance)** Non-compliance with some of the plan rules, relevant regulations and national environmental standards. Some environmental consequence.
- D (Significant non-compliance)** Non-compliance with many of the relevant plan rules, regulations and national environmental standards. Significant environmental consequence.

## How we respond to incidents:



Our first response is to work with individuals and businesses to stop environmental damage and achieve the right environmental outcome if there is an issue.

We then investigate to determine what action should be taken, including enforcement.



**Formal written warnings** are sent out to notify of an offence and they require action to be taken.



If it is a significant breach we may issue an **infringement notice** which includes payment of a fine.



**Abatement notices** are a formal written direction, requiring certain actions to be taken or to cease within a specified time.



Anyone can make an application to the Environment Court to issue an **enforcement order**. The court then identifies the conditions which must be satisfied before issuing the order. Breaching an enforcement order issued by the court is an offence which may lead to prosecution.



Advice and Education



Written Warnings



Infringement notices



Abatement notices



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## Ashburton zone

# Compliance monitoring and incident response

## 2018-19 SNAPSHOT REPORT

## Local council at the forefront of compliance in waste management

Ashburton District Council (ADC) adopted its Waste Management and Waste Minimisation Plan in 2016. The plan sets out the Council's vision, goals, objectives and specific strategies to promote waste minimisation and reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. As part of this activity there has been a very proactive approach to ensure that the all resource consent requirements for the Ashburton and Rakaia Resource Recovery Parks and waste transfer stations are compliant and fit for operational use.

Over the past year, significant improvements made to the Ashburton site include a stormwater upgrade, truck wash area, and covered processing and storage for recyclable items.

Ongoing enhancements to the closed landfill site adjacent to the park have also occurred to ensure that all aspects of this regionally significant consent are compliant.

Environment Canterbury's compliance and monitoring officer for ADC resource consents Steve Howard says this work has made his task simpler.

"All the redevelopment by the Ashburton District Council and EnviroWaste Limited, the resource recovery park operator, makes Environment Canterbury's job of monitoring the group of consents for this activity much easier, with good compliance outcomes for all".

- ▶ See inside for our consent compliance results.
- ◀ See the back for our incident response results.

# Compliance monitoring

JULY 2018 – JUNE 2019 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.

### What the grades mean



**(Full compliance)** Full compliance with all relevant consent conditions, plan rules, regulations and national environmental standards



**(Low Risk Non-Compliance)** Compliance with most of the relevant consent conditions, plan rules, regulations and national environmental standards. Carries a low risk of adverse environmental effects.



**(Moderate non-compliance)** Non-compliance with some of the relevant consent conditions, plan rules, regulations and national environmental standards. Some environmental consequence. 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.



**(Significant non-compliance)** Non-compliance with many of the relevant consent conditions, plan rules, regulations and national environmental standards. Significant environmental consequence.

### 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:



**Formal written warnings** notify of an offence and require action to be taken.



**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.

# Ashburton zone compliance results

1111 Consents Monitored

996 Completed  
115 still in process



53%

## Water consents

83%

6% 12%

28%

## Discharge – dairy

93%

## Discharge – other

95%

## Discharge – human effluent

91%

## Discharge – Stormwater

83%

17%

19%

## Land use consents

97%

Due to rounding, percentages will not always add up to 100% exactly.

Note: In the graph the 115 consents still in process are not shown. Only data for completed monitored visits are shown.

## How we responded to improve compliance grades



Advice and Education

119



Written Warnings

36



Infringement notices

4



Abatement notices

9

## Regional compliance monitoring 5,362 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.

