

Part 25 Forest Conservation Zone

For the avoidance of doubt, and notwithstanding the rules which follow, all activities (or applications for consent for such activities) must also comply with such other provisions as may affect the activity or site and which are specified in Parts [7](#), [8](#), [10](#), [11](#), [12](#), [15](#), [22](#), [26](#), [50](#), [51](#), [52](#) and [53](#) of this plan. Where the activity involves the use of a SIGN erected on private property, the SIGN shall be consistent with matters set out in [Rule 15.4](#).

25.1 Permitted Activities

The activities listed below are Permitted, and do not require a resource consent, if they comply in all respects with [Rule 25.4](#) (GENERAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS).

(NOTE: Within the following list, the words in CAPITALS are defined in [Part 50](#).)

- Indigenous forest CONSERVATION
- Wildlife habitats CONSERVATION
- Walking Tracks
- PASTORAL FARMING excluding deer and goat farming, on land already cleared and used for PASTORAL FARMING as at 11 July 1989
- FORESTRY on land already used for that purpose as at 11 July 1989
- Beekeeping
- Intake structures, spillways, pipelines, tunnels and bridges and associated facilities for the damming, taking and distribution of water associated with Cosseys, Wairoa, Upper Mangatawhiri, Lower Mangatawhiri and Mangatangi dams
- ACCESSORY BUILDINGS for the foregoing activities

25.2 Discretionary Activities

- (i) Discretionary activities require a resource consent, and the consent may be granted (conditionally or unconditionally) or refused. An application must be submitted in the prescribed format (available from the Council).
- (ii) Applications will be assessed in terms of the matters set out in [Part 53](#) and where appropriate those matters in [Part 23](#), and conditions of consent may be imposed.
- (iii) The information submitted with the application must be in terms of [Part 52](#).
- (iv) An application for a Discretionary activity may be considered without public notification where Council so determines in terms of section 95 of the Act.. (This is a non-notified application in terms of the Act).
- (v) The activities listed below are Discretionary activities in the Forest Conservation Zone.

(NOTE: Within the list, the words in CAPITALS are defined in [Part 50](#).)

- Camps and short term accommodation for educational and recreational groups
- EARTHWORKS exceeding a total volume of 25 cubic metres or a total area of 250 square metres.

In assessing applications for EARTHWORKS consideration will be given to those matters set out in [Rule 24.6.2](#) and [Rule 15.5.3](#).

25.3 Non-Complying Activities

- (i) Non-complying activities require a resource consent, and the consent may be granted or refused. An application must be submitted in the prescribed format (available from the Council).
- (ii) Applications will be assessed in terms of the matters set out in [Part 53](#), and where consent is granted, conditions of consent may be imposed.
- (iii) The information submitted with the application must be in terms of [Part 52](#).
- (iv) The activities listed below are Non-complying activities in the Forest Conservation Zone.

(NOTE: Within the list, the words in CAPITALS are defined in [Part 50](#).)

- Any other activity to the extent that it is not provided for as a Permitted or Discretionary activity.

25.4 General Performance Standards

The Permitted activities listed in [Rule 25.1](#) shall comply with the following general performance standards.

25.4.1 HEIGHT

No part of any building shall exceed a height equal to 3 metres plus the shortest horizontal distance between that part of the building and the nearest legal boundary; provided that this standard shall not apply where the written consent/s of the owners and occupiers of the abutting sites have been obtained.

25.4.2 DEVELOPMENT SETBACKS

- Coastal Marine Area: All buildings and structures on land adjoining the coastal marine area shall be erected at least 60 metres inland of mean high water springs;
- Lakes and Rivers: All buildings and structures, including wastewater disposal fields, shall be erected at least 30 metres from the edge of a stream, river or lake;

except that development setbacks shall not apply to

- structures associated with flood control works; or
- intake structures, spillways, pipelines, tunnels and bridges and associated facilities for the damming, taking and distribution of water associated with Cosseys, Wairoa, Upper Mangatawhiri, Lower Mangatawhiri and Mangatangi dams.

25.4.3 FRONT YARD

For all buildings on sites having frontage to a legal road, a front yard of

- 20 metres for:

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- State Highways 1 and 2 including motorways;
- 10 metres for all other roads.

(in addition to any distance specified by a road widening designation).

25.4.4 SIGNS

- [Standard deleted as a result of Plan Change 8]

25.4.5 EARTHWORKS

Earthworks shall not exceed a total volume of 25 cubic metres or a total area of 250 square metres.