You need written consent to create new fire break on a Crown pastoral lease. To apply for consent, complete this activity form and a consent application form.

This activity form asks for details about your proposed fire break. The application form asks for your details, details of the property, and the activity you’re applying for. The application form also tells you where to send your forms.

If you have any questions about your application, email [pastoraltenure@linz.govt.nz](mailto:pastoraltenure@linz.govt.nz).

Definitions of natural resources and inherent values

This form asks you about the natural resources of the land, and the inherent values of those resources.

Natural resources include any:

* plants and animals
* air, water, or soil in which plants or animals may live
* landscape and landforms
* geological features
* ecosystems

Inherent values are a natural resource’s ecological, landscape, cultural, heritage, or scientific features.

Include a map showing the area you want to create a new fire break

Include a map with your application that shows where you want to create the fire break in relation to any:

* roads and tracks
* property boundaries
* neighbouring properties
* watercourses
* wetlands
* existing structures and buildings
* historic sites
* identified sites of cultural significance
* other relevant features of the surrounding environment.

Your map can be a detailed sketch, plan, or aerial photograph.

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| Description of the fire break   1. What is the work that you’re proposing?   Describe the construction that you’re proposing. Fully explain the work you have planned. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. What is the type of land and vegetation cover in the site?   Describe the type of land and the type of vegetation cover at the site where you propose to create the fire break. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. How will the land be cleared of vegetation?   By mechanical grading or scraping, or burnt fire break, or both. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. Describe the design of the firebreak   Is the fire break generally to be formed along spurs and ridges, placed low in the landscape, or constructed across a slope to follow the contour?  Include minimum and maximum widths, vertical clearance, estimated total length, and turning areas or passing areas (if any). |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. Is the fire break to be formed on the perimeter of the property or block? |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |

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| 1. What is the estimated amount of soil disturbance / earthworks (m3): |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. What drainage will be used to achieve effective draining of water from the break? |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. Will the break cross any waterways or wetlands (and their buffers)? |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. How will the firebreak provide safe and efficient access for firefighting resources? |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. What ongoing maintenance will the fire break require? |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |

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| 1. What are the site’s inherent values?   Describe the inherent values of natural resources on the site where you propose to create the fire break. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Why is the fire break necessary   1. Describe why the work is necessary to enable pastoral farming under the lease or licence.   When we’re deciding whether creating a fire break is necessary, we’ll consider whether the activity:   * is part of a regular cycle to maintain existing pasture created by oversowing, top-dressing, or cultivation * is necessary to provide access to tracks to land that’s being oversown or top-dressed for livestock grazing * is necessary to use, maintain, or replace consented existing infrastructure or buildings * helps you meet your obligations under any other laws * is necessary to address an exceptional circumstance * is needed for the ongoing financial viability of the pastoral farming enterprise   and any other relevant considerations. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. What negative effects could the construction have?   Describe any negative effects the creation of a fire break may have on the inherent values of the land’s natural resources. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |

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| 1. How will you mitigate the negative effects?   Describe what you will do to help prevent or reduce negative effects of the construction. Include safeguards and contingency plans where relevant. Consider how you will reduce impact on inherent values, the spread of weeds, and measures to mitigate soil erosion by wind and water. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. Have you considered alternatives to the fire break?   Describe alternatives you’ve considered to the current proposal that would have had less of an impact on inherent values. Explain why you have not pursued these alternatives.  We can decline your application if there are viable alternatives that would have less of an impact on inherent values. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. Do you need any resource consents or permits?   Describe any resources consents or permits you need to create the fire break.  Consider fire season status and permitting requirements when planning to use fire as a land management tool. The first stage is to check and comply with the legal and administrative requirements of the area where you want to have the burn. Check the fire season status and permitting requirements in your region using the <https://www.checkitsalright.nz/> website.  Check with your local territorial authority and regional council about any other restrictions or rules for burning in open air.  You may need a resource consent from your district council to undertake earthworks for large fire breaks or on erosion-prone land. |
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| 1. Is there any other relevant information that we should consider with your application? |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |