You need written consent to top dress, sow seed, or both 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 top dressing or sowing. 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:pastoral@linz.govt.nz).

Definitions of top dressing, natural resources and inherent values

Top dressing is applying any lime or fertiliser from the air or the ground.

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 track you want to top dress or sow

Include a map with your application that shows where you want to top dress or sow 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 topdressing or sowing   1. What is the work you’re proposing?   Describe how you propose to top dress and sow the site. Include:   * whether you’ll top dress and sow by air, drill, or both * whether you’ll lime the site * the type of fertiliser you’ll use * how often you’ll apply fertiliser * the species of pasture you plan to grow. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. What rate or amount of top dressing will be applied? |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. Has the site previously been sown or fertilised?   Describe any previous sowing, oversowing, or fertilising at the site you propose to top dress or sow. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. Is spraying required to remove existing vegetation to prepare the application area?   If yes, describe the spraying activity. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |

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| 1. What is the type of vegetation cover at the site? |
| 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 top dress or sow |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. Why is the topdressing or sowing necessary?   Describe why the topdressing or sowing is necessary to enable pastoral farming under the lease or licence.  When we’re deciding whether topdressing or sowing 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 topdressing or sowing have?   Describe any negative effects the topdressing or sowing 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 topdressing or sowing. Include safeguards and contingency plans where relevant. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. Have you considered alternatives to topdressing or sowing?   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 may 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 want to top dress or sow on an ongoing basis?   Is the site you’re proposing to top dress or sow part of an ongoing maintenance programme? If so, are you also requesting to sow seed and apply fertiliser on an ongoing basis? |
| 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 do the topdressing or sowing. |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. Is there any other relevant information that we should consider with your application? |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |