

## RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION FOR VEGETATION CLEARANCE

This is the application form for vegetation clearance. If you are intending to mill or use the trees for any purpose other than home firewood, a different application form should be used.

Please complete all sections. Examples are provided in brackets to help you answer the questions. If you require assistance in completing the application, please feel free to give us a call on (03) 788 9603, email us at [planning@bdc.govt.nz](mailto:planning@bdc.govt.nz) or make an appointment at the Westport office, as a Duty Planner is available most days.

Site photos are always helpful. If you are taking photos, take one of the area(s) you intend to clear from the closest public access point (probably a public road). Either print the photos and attach to your application, or email them to [planning@bdc.govt.nz](mailto:planning@bdc.govt.nz) with reference to the site that the application is for.

A diagram of the site is essential. It doesn't have to be complicated, just show the important measurements like how far the clearance is from your property boundaries, and how large each clearance area is.

You will need to include a copy of an ecological assessment of the site to be cleared. The assessment needs to be compiled by a suitably qualified person. If Council has concerns over the person's qualifications, a peer review will be needed and this cost will be passed on to the applicant. You are able to check with Council those reports that have been accepted in the past in order to avoid the likelihood of a peer review.

### Checklist

- Have you completed and signed the application?
- Have you completed and signed the attached Assessment of Environmental Effects form?
- Have you attached an assessment of the activity against Part 2 of the Resource Management Act and any relevant Objectives and Policies of the Plan (in accordance with Schedule 4)? To assist with completing this assessment, a copy of Part 2 and the District Plan's Objectives and Policies can be downloaded from the Council's website – <http://bullerdc.govt.nz/application-forms-and-information-sheets/assessmentdocument/>
- Have you attached your ecologist assessment?
- Have you completed the 'Declaration to Accompany Application for Resource Consent' in regard to the National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health (NES)?
- Have you included a site plan?
- Have you included photos of the site, or
  - Plan to email them to Council?
- Have you included the deposit of \$1,000.00?  
(Please note that this is a deposit only and Council operates on a full cost recovery system. Therefore if the cost of processing the consent is more than the deposit, you will be charged the additional amount.)
- Have you included a copy of the Record of Title (RT). The RT must not be older than 3 months), or
  - Do you wish Council to search a copy for you (for a cost of \$40.00 per RT)?
- Have you attached any completed and signed affected parties forms?

**Advice Note:** Please attach separate sheet(s) if required.

**APPLICANT DETAILS**

1. Applicant(s) name(s): (please write all names in full)

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2. Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_  
Private: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Applicant is the  owner/occupier (please tick the appropriate box)  
 prospective owner

Property owner's name: (if different from above)

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Telephone: Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_  
Private: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Correspondence to be sent to the following name and address: (if different from applicant)

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Telephone: Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_  
Private: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPERTY DETAILS**

5. Description of location of activity and/or property address: *(include the name of any relevant stream, river or other water body to which the application may relate, proximity to any well known landmark, etc)*

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6. Legal Description: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Record of Title Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Valuation Roll Number (from rates or valuation notice) \_\_\_\_\_

9. Zone: \_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILS OF PROPOSAL**

10. This is an application for a  Land Use Consent for vegetation clearance

11. Are any other consents required?  Yes  No  
If yes, list consents below, and whether they have been applied for.  
(eg. Regional Council consents for humping and hollowing, flipping, or changes to drainage patterns)

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12. Provide the reasons for the application and for choosing this site: *(conversion to pasture to increase productive farming area, house site, tracking, etc.)*

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13. What is the total size of the area that will be cleared? \_\_\_\_\_ ha.

14. What is the total size of the site? (include area to be cleared and area to be left undisturbed) \_\_\_\_\_ ha.

15. How will the vegetation be cleared? *(one digger, with a root rake going over the site at a later stage, etc)*

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16. Are there any buildings near the clearance area and what are the buildings used for? *(A barn for storage of farm equipment, dwellings for residential activities or a milking shed, etc)*

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17. What will the post clearance land cover be? *(for example will the land be sown in grass or used for a house and gardens or for a road or track)*

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18. Will the clearance take place near any waterway, drainage ditch, road or protected vegetation area?  Yes  No

If yes, state how close the clearance will be. *(The clearance will surround a ditch and be right up to the bank, the clearance will take place up to the boundary with Buller Road, etc)*

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19. How will the vegetation be disposed of after it is cleared? *(burning, burying, carried off site to a registered green waste site, etc)*

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20. The proposed days and hours over which the clearance will occur: *(indicate any seasonal variations, for example the clearance will take approximately 30 hours and will take place during summer during a dry spell. Re sowing of the site will take place after sufficient rainfall and take two 8 hour days to complete)*

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21. Details of any post clearance landscaping proposed: *(The site will be re contoured to make a 1:2 gradient with a flat area at the top for a house site)*

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22. Will the clearance require the storage or use of any dangerous goods? *(ie flammable liquids, gases, solids)?*

Yes  No

If yes, what is the nature of the goods? *(Diesel in fuel tanks. Refuelling will take place on a hard stand, etc)*

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23. Do you wish to be contacted prior to a member of the Planning Department undertaking a site visit?  Yes  No

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(to be signed by or on behalf of applicant)

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE READ THE CHECKLIST ON THE FRONT PAGE AND PROVIDED ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION**

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**ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

**PHYSICAL**

1. Describe the:
- (a) landforms (*eg: mountains, hills, cliffs, streams, rivers, valleys, beaches, lakes, gorges, caves, paddocks*)

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- (b) land slopes (*eg: steep, flat, rolling, angle of slope*)

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- (c) soils (*eg: sand, clay, rock, fill, name of soil*)

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2. Describe any potential for natural hazards (*e.g. flooding, erosion, land slip*)

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3. Are any of the following present in the area? (*delete which do not apply*)

- (a) river protection works  
(b) bridges  
(c) railways and roads  
(d) telephone/electricity wires or cables

*Please indicate these features on a site diagram/map.*

**FLORA, FAUNA AND ECOSYSTEMS**

4. Describe the vegetation within the application area. List the major species, and any rare or endangered species. (*"Native bush" and "scrub"* is not a satisfactory answer).

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5. Will native vegetation clearance occur? If so, how much?

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6. Describe and/or list the birdlife, wildlife, freshwater and marine life within the application area, or in the vicinity and any recognised special wildlife habitats (*"usual West Coast wildlife"* or similar is not a satisfactory answer).

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7. Describe the effects the activity will have on ecosystems, including effects on plants or animals, any physical disturbance of habitats in the area.

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**LAND USE**

8. Describe the current land use (give as many details as possible).

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9. Describe neighbouring land uses.

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10. What is the public use of the area?

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11. Describe any recreational uses that occur on the land.

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12. What is the intended post-activity vegetation cover and land use? (e.g. forestry, road, residential subdivision, pasture, etc)

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13. What effect will this application have on alternative uses of the land, resources and/or the environment at present or in the future? (discuss the reasons for your answer)

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14. Describe the present land surface and how it will be rehabilitated (if applicable).

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**CONTINGENCIES OR SAFEGUARDS**

15. If your activity includes the use of hazardous substances and installations, provide an assessment of any risks to the following which are likely to arise from such use:

(a) risks to the physical environment

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(b) the neighbourhood

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(c) the wider community

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16. Describe any mitigation measures (safeguards and contingency plans where relevant) to be undertaken to help prevent or reduce the actual or potential effect of any chemical or other contaminant accidents (*i.e. where will the contents go, how will they be contained, treated, recycled or disposed?*) (continue on separate sheet if necessary)

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17. Describe any possible alternative locations or methods for undertaking the activity.

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**MONITORING**

18. How will the effects of the activity be monitored?

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19. Who will monitor the effects of the activity?

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**SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACTS**

20. State the number of people who will work at the site \_\_\_\_\_

21. Give details of the hours of work (*provide details of any shift times*)

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22. Do you intend working on weekends or outside the hours 7.00am to 6.00pm?

Yes     No

**NOISE**

23. Is a residential area or any occupied dwelling close by or within the application area?

Yes     No

24. Give details and distances.

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25. Give details of any anticipated noise levels and likely impacts on both wildlife and residents in the area.

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26. Details of noise reduction measures (*rubber lined hoppers, mufflers, shelters, vegetation or soil screens, etc.*)

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**EXPLOSIVES**

27. Will you use explosives?  Yes  No

28. If so give details of purpose, public warning methods, frequency, timing, storage and handling facilities, type and quantity of blast. Discuss the impacts blasting will have on nearby residents and any measures that will be taken to minimise such effects.

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**MAORI INTERESTS**

29. Give details of particular Maori interest in the land or water within or bordering the application area, or likely to be affected by the application (*sacred or spiritual sites and values, traditional food gathering areas, etc.*)

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**VISUAL EFFECTS**

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| 30. | Is the operation or activity visible from: | <b>Yes</b>               | <b>No</b>                |
|     | -nearby dwellings                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|     | -roads (including rest areas)              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|     | -walking tracks                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|     | -known observation points                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|     | -areas of public access?                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If so give details and discuss any measures that will be taken to minimise the visual impacts (*i.e. buffers, vegetation, screens planted, trees, etc.*)

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**EFFECTS ON PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATION**

31. Discuss socio-economic and cultural effects the (*both positive and/or adverse*) activity will have on the immediate neighbourhood and where relevant the wider community for present and future generations (*e.g. additional housing and service requirements, noise, vibration, dust, lighting, aesthetic values, change of lifestyle, recreation, scientific values, water supply, increased traffic, historical, spiritual values, etc.*)

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32. Describe any effects (*both positive and negative*) on natural and physical resources having aesthetic, recreational, scientific, historical, spiritual, cultural, or other special value for present or future generations:

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**CONSULTATION**

33. Have you discussed your proposal with your neighbours and other parties who may be adversely affected (eg. Community & Public Health, Department of Conservation, Heritage New Zealand, Ngati Waewae, New Zealand Transport Agency (formerly Transit NZ) , New Zealand Railways Corporation, local electricity supplier and Telecom New Zealand Limited).

If so, who was consulted?

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34. Are all affected persons consent forms completed and attached, or forwarded to Council?  
 Yes  No

35. If any environmental concerns have been raised by affected neighbours or other parties, how can these concerns be met?

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**OTHER INFORMATION**

36. Outline other information (if any), required to be included in the application by the District Plan or regulations.

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**ASSESSMENT OF THE ACTIVITY AGAINST PART 2 OF THE RMA ASSESSMENT OF THE ACTIVITY IN REGARD TO ANY RELEVANT OBJECTIVES, POLICIES, OR RULES IN A DOCUMENT**

You can either fill in your assessment in the spaces below, or use the Assessment Document which can be downloaded at <http://bullerdc.govt.nz/application-forms-and-information-sheets/assessmentdocument/> and attach it to your application.

In reaching a decision on an application, the Council has to be satisfied that by granting the application, Part 2 of the RMA will be achieved. For further information on Part 2 of the Resource Management Act. <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1991/0069/latest/DLM230265.html>

Please provide an assessment of your proposal against Part 2:

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**BULLER**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Te Kaunihera O Kawatiri

Please provide an assessment of your proposal against:

- (a) any relevant objectives, policies, or rules in a document; and
- (b) any relevant requirements, conditions, or permissions in any rules in a document; and
- (c) any other relevant requirements in a document (for example, in a national environmental standard or other regulations).

(A full copy of the District Plan’s Objectives and Policies can be obtained from Council’s website - <http://bullerdc.govt.nz/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Part 4-Significant-Resource-Management-Issues-Objectives-and-Policies.pdf>)

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Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## DECLARATION TO ACCOMPANY APPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSENT

**This Declaration MUST be completed, signed and submitted with your application**

The *National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health* (NES) applies to particular activities on a piece of land where an activity or industry described in the current edition of the *Hazardous Activities and Industries List* (HAIL) is being undertaken, has been undertaken, or it is more likely than not that it is being or has been undertaken.

The HAIL and other useful information about the NES, including a *User's Guide on the NES*, can be found on the Ministry for the Environment's website, <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/land/nes-assessing-and-managing-contaminants-soil-protect-human-health/about-nes>. A copy of the current HAIL is attached.

**To help determine whether or not the NES will apply to your activity please answer the following questions:**

Is an activity described on the HAIL currently being undertaken on the piece of land to which this application applies?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Has an activity described on the HAIL ever been undertaken on the piece of land to which this application applies?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is it more likely than not that an activity described on the HAIL is being or has been undertaken on the piece of land to which this application applies?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

**If 'Yes' to ANY of the above, then the NES may apply. Please answer the following questions:**

Is the activity you propose to undertake removing or replacing a fuel storage system or parts of it?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the activity you propose to undertake sampling soil?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the activity you propose to undertake disturbing soil?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the activity you propose to undertake subdividing land?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the activity you propose to undertake changing the use of the land?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

**If 'Yes' to ANY of the above activities, then the NES is likely to apply.**

For further information about the NES and what is required please contact Council's Planning Department on (03) 788 9603 or [planning@bdc.govt.nz](mailto:planning@bdc.govt.nz).

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this form is true and correct.

**Applicant's Signature:** (or person authorized to sign on applicant's behalf)

..... **Date:** .....

**Name:** (Please Print) .....

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## Hazardous Activities and Industries List (HAIL)

October 2011

### A Chemical manufacture, application and bulk storage

1. Agrichemicals including commercial premises used by spray contractors for filling, storing or washing out tanks for agrichemical application
2. Chemical manufacture, formulation or bulk storage
3. Commercial analytical laboratory sites
4. Corrosives including formulation or bulk storage
5. Dry-cleaning plants including dry-cleaning premises or the bulk storage of dry-cleaning solvents
6. Fertiliser manufacture or bulk storage
7. Gasworks including the manufacture of gas from coal or oil feedstocks
8. Livestock dip or spray race operations
9. Paint manufacture or formulation (excluding retail paint stores)
10. Persistent pesticide bulk storage or use including sport turfs, market gardens, orchards, glass houses or spray sheds
11. Pest control including the premises of commercial pest control operators or any authorities that carry out pest control where bulk storage or preparation of pesticide occurs, including preparation of poisoned baits or filling or washing of tanks for pesticide application
12. Pesticide manufacture (including animal poisons, insecticides, fungicides or herbicides) including the commercial manufacturing, blending, mixing or formulating of pesticides
13. Petroleum or petrochemical industries including a petroleum depot, terminal, blending plant or refinery, or facilities for recovery, reprocessing or recycling petroleum-based materials, or bulk storage of petroleum or petrochemicals above or below ground
14. Pharmaceutical manufacture including the commercial manufacture, blending, mixing or formulation of pharmaceuticals, including animal remedies or the manufacturing of illicit drugs with the potential for environmental discharges
15. Printing including commercial printing using metal type, inks, dyes, or solvents (excluding photocopy shops)
16. Skin or wool processing including a tannery or fellmongery, or any other commercial facility for hide curing, drying, scouring or finishing or storing wool or leather products
17. Storage tanks or drums for fuel, chemicals or liquid waste
18. Wood treatment or preservation including the commercial use of anti-sapstain chemicals during milling, or bulk storage of treated timber outside

### B Electrical and electronic works, power generation and transmission

1. Batteries including the commercial assembling, disassembling, manufacturing or recycling of batteries (but excluding retail battery stores)

2. Electrical transformers including the manufacturing, repairing or disposing of electrical transformers or other heavy electrical equipment
  3. Electronics including the commercial manufacturing, reconditioning or recycling of computers, televisions and other electronic devices
  4. Power stations, substations or switchyards
- C Explosives and ordinances production, storage and use**
1. Explosive or ordinance production, maintenance, dismantling, disposal, bulk storage or re-packaging
  2. Gun clubs or rifle ranges, including clay targets clubs that use lead munitions outdoors
  3. Training areas set aside exclusively or primarily for the detonation of explosive ammunition
- D Metal extraction, refining and reprocessing, storage and use**
1. Abrasive blasting including abrasive blast cleaning (excluding cleaning carried out in fully enclosed booths) or the disposal of abrasive blasting material
  2. Foundry operations including the commercial production of metal products by injecting or pouring molten metal into moulds
  3. Metal treatment or coating including polishing, anodising, galvanising, pickling, electroplating, or heat treatment or finishing using cyanide compounds
  4. Metalliferous ore processing including the chemical or physical extraction of metals, including smelting, refining, fusing or refining metals
  5. Engineering workshops with metal fabrication
- E Mineral extraction, refining and reprocessing, storage and use**
1. Asbestos products manufacture or disposal including sites with buildings containing asbestos products known to be in a deteriorated condition
  2. Asphalt or bitumen manufacture or bulk storage (excluding single-use sites used by a mobile asphalt plant)
  3. Cement or lime manufacture using a kiln including the storage of wastes from the manufacturing process
  4. Commercial concrete manufacture or commercial cement storage
  5. Coal or coke yards
  6. Hydrocarbon exploration or production including well sites or flare pits
  7. Mining industries (excluding gravel extraction) including exposure of faces or release of groundwater containing hazardous contaminants, or the storage of hazardous wastes including waste dumps or dam tailings
- F Vehicle refuelling, service and repair**
1. Airports including fuel storage, workshops, washdown areas, or fire practice areas
  2. Brake lining manufacturers, repairers or recyclers
  3. Engine reconditioning workshops
  4. Motor vehicle workshops
  5. Port activities including dry docks or marine vessel maintenance facilities

6. Railway yards including goods-handling yards, workshops, refuelling facilities or maintenance areas
7. Service stations including retail or commercial refuelling facilities
8. Transport depots or yards including areas used for refuelling or the bulk storage of hazardous substances

**G Cemeteries and waste recycling, treatment and disposal**

1. Cemeteries
2. Drum or tank reconditioning or recycling
3. Landfill sites
4. Scrap yards including automotive dismantling, wrecking or scrap metal yards
5. Waste disposal to land (excluding where biosolids have been used as soil conditioners)
6. Waste recycling or waste or wastewater treatment

**H Any land that has been subject to the migration of hazardous substances from adjacent land in sufficient quantity that it could be a risk to human health or the environment**

**I Any other land that has been subject to the intentional or accidental release of a hazardous substance in sufficient quantity that it could be a risk to human health or the environment**