

# IF YOU WANT TO BUILD A NEW DAM OR ALTER AN EXISTING DAM

(A new dam may require building approval. Contact your local council)

Is it for domestic and stock purposes?  
(or aesthetic purposes?)

Will the water be used for commercial or irrigation purposes?

Is the dam off a waterway\* and has a wall height less than 5m?

Is the dam located on a waterway\* or has a wall height greater than 5m?

You will need a surface water (take and use) licence. You may also need a dam construction licence. Contact your rural water corporation

Is your property located in a rural residential zone or smaller than 8ha (20 acres)?

Is your property within the Farming zone and greater than 8ha (20 acres)?

You will need a surface water (take and use) licence and/or dam construction licence. Contact your rural water corporation

You need to register your new or altered dam with your rural water corporation before construction

You can build or alter your dam without registering with your rural water corporation

\*If you are unsure if your proposed dam site is located on a waterway, then contact your rural water corporation.