

CONCERNED ABOUT VEGETATION CLEARANCE?

If you see or suspect native vegetation clearance that you are concerned about, you can contact the Council on (03) 307 7700 or email info@adc.govt.nz and provide location details. Staff can investigate your concerns while ensuring your details are kept confidential.

If you think you might want to clear native vegetation you should contact Council Planners to work out whether resource consent is needed.

If a resource consent is required an application form, as well as information on the resource consents process, is available on the Ashburton District Council website www.ashburtondc.govt.nz.

You will need to pay a deposit fee and reasonable additional charges relating to the consideration of your application. This is on a case by case basis and Council Planners will be able to assist you in understanding what costs may be involved.

The length of time for resource consent processing depends on the quality of the application being received. The Council processes a large percentage of applications within 20 working days however some consents may take longer to process. As a guide, you should allow about three months for resource consent applications.

LEARN MORE ABOUT NATIVE VEGETATION AT
www.ashburtondc.govt.nz/biodiversity

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Native Vegetation

IN THE ASHBURTON DISTRICT



Native Broom (Carmichaelia Australis)



Useful information on native vegetation

APPROXIMATELY 20,000HA OF THE DISTRICT REMAINS UNDER INDIGENOUS FOREST VEGETATION

Native plants are important for our heritage and the natural environment and are protected in the Ashburton District.

Depending on the nature and location of the vegetation, a resource consent may be required for its clearance. This applies to all forms of clearance including burning, spraying and crushing of vegetation.

By requiring resource consents, we are all protecting important native vegetation for future generations to enjoy, while ensuring the viability of economic activities.



Kanuka

DISTRICT PLAN REQUIREMENTS

The Ashburton District Plan requires resource consents for native vegetation clearance under some circumstances. This is determined by the zone the vegetation is in. You can find out what zone applies to you by looking at the maps on the Ashburton District Council website at www.adc.govt.nz or by calling (03) 307 7700.

In Rural Area A and B you will need a resource consent to remove any native vegetation except in shelter belts or private gardens.

In Rural Area C you need resource consent for any clearance of more than:

- 1000m² of indigenous vegetation over a five year period
- 100m² of indigenous vegetation over a two year period where the vegetation is protected by either close canopy trees higher than three metres or scrublands higher than 1.5 metres
- 100m² of land over a two year period where Matagouri or Beech trees exceed 1.5 metres in height
- 500m² of tall tussocks over a five year period unless it is within an area of improved pasture. This does not apply to areas identified as being of significant conservation value. In these areas no more than 100m² can be cleared over five years.

You also need a resource consent if the District Plan lists the area the native vegetation is in as:

- 'Inland Mountain Outstanding Natural Landscapes'
- 'Significant Nature Conservation'



Cabbage Trees (Photo courtesy of Val Clemens)

MORE INFORMATION

Please note that other rules may apply to your proposed clearance. This might include requirements for consent from Environment Canterbury.

For more information please contact Council Planners who can provide you with assistance and advice. Email the Planning Team at info@adc.govt.nz or call (03) 307 7700.