

16.7 Assessment of Resource Consent Applications

In assessing any application, in addition to the matters contained in the Fourth Schedule of the Act, the Council will have regard to, but not be restricted by the following matters:

16.7.1 Cumulative Effects

The cumulative effect of the incremental loss or modification of areas of indigenous vegetation and habitats of indigenous fauna.

16.7.2 Conservation Values

The necessity of the proposed activity for the purpose of maintaining or enhancing the conservation values of the area.

16.7.3 Sensitivity

The sensitivity of the area of significant conservation value to the actual and potential adverse effects of the proposed activity in terms of the likelihood of, and projected time frame for, complete recovery from any such effects.

16.7.4 Guidelines and Accords

Any guidelines, accords or codes of practice which address conservation values such as the Otago Regional Council's Code of Practice for the management of Vegetation Burning in the Otago High Country and the Forestry Stewardship Council's Forest Certification process.

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16.8 Anticipated Environmental Results

The anticipated environmental results are:

16.8.1

Remaining areas of indigenous vegetation and habitats of indigenous fauna are retained.

16.8.2

Areas of significant conservation value are protected.

16.8.3

Enhanced public awareness of areas of indigenous vegetation and habitats of indigenous fauna, and areas of significant conservation value.

16.8.4

Identification of additional areas to be accorded 'Areas of Significant Conservation Value' status.