

# Monitoring Resource Consents



The planning process is not quite finished when you receive your resource consent. After a period of time, we may make a site inspection to check for compliance with the conditions attached to your resource consent.

#### Why monitor?

There are several reasons why we monitor the progress of resource consents. The main reasons are:

- » It is compulsory for all councils to undertake monitoring under the Resource Management Act 1991
- » To ensure all of the conditions of a resource consent have been complied with. This helps you to avoid future problems when you sell your property, or potential problems with neighbours or others affected by your project
- » Furthermore, the monitoring helps to identify when your resource consent will lapse, which is normally a period of up to five years from the granting of consent, allowing you to apply for a time extension.

#### Which consents are monitored?

We have a strategy for deciding what monitoring will be done. All resource consents have a chance of being monitored on-site.

### Who does the monitoring?

We do the monitoring. This should not be confused with the monitoring of building consents, which is a separate process, under different legislation, and is carried out by Building Control staff.

#### When do we monitor?

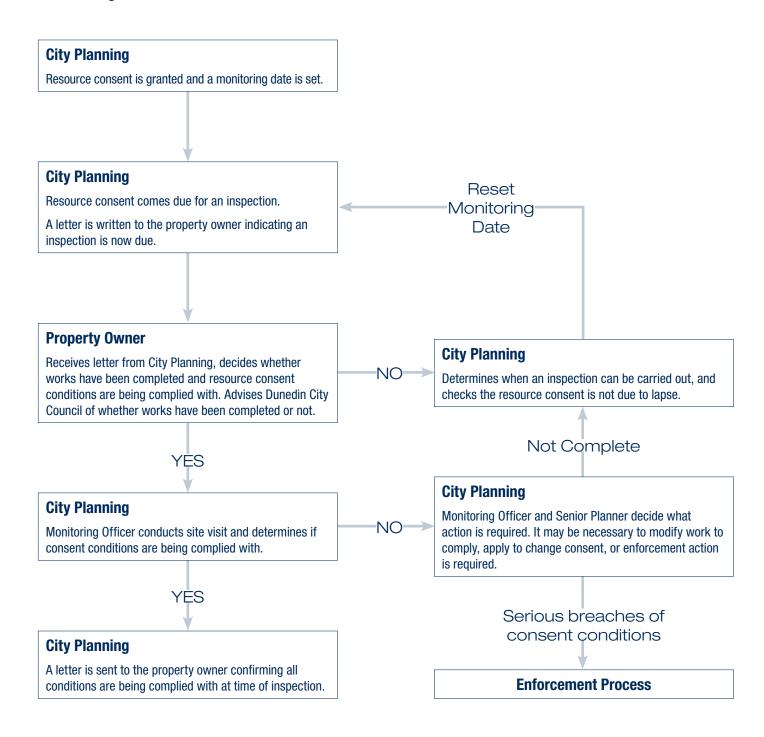
When you apply for your resource consent you will be asked to estimate a finish date. This will be the date when your resource consent will first be monitored. If you do not supply a date, we will review your resource consent about three years after it is granted.

### What is the cost of monitoring?

There is a fee payable. The actual fees and rates are set annually during the annual budget process. A current fees schedule is available on www.dunedin.govt.nz or from City Planning staff.

Normally the monitoring fee will need to be paid at the same time as the lodging of your resource consent application. Sometimes it will be invoiced upon release of a resource consent decision. Alternatively, it can be invoiced at the time of the monitoring inspection being undertaken. Complex consents can require more than one visit and can incur more than one monitoring fee.

## Monitoring Resource Consent Process



# What happens if all the conditions are not complied with?

Another inspection will be carried out if the conditions of the resource consent have not been fully complied with. In some circumstances, you may apply for permission to change a condition of a resource consent. If the resource consent holder fails to comply with all of the conditions of the resource consent, we will consider what enforcement action may be appropriate to achieve compliance.

# What happens when conditions are complied with?

When all of the conditions of the resource consent have been complied with, we will send a letter confirming an inspection has been carried out and that there is compliance with the conditions.

#### Other uses

The resource consent monitoring process is also used to assist us with our on-going review of how resource consents are processed and what conditions are appropriate. The process also provides information to assist with monitoring the performance of the District Plan.



This pamphlet is one of a series about the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Dunedin City Council's District Plan.

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