

# Site Assessment for Historic Sheep Dips

## Use and status of this form:

This form must be completed as part of the Tasman District Council's Property Information Memorandum (PIM) process to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health ("the Standard"). The Standard states that the applicant must establish whether it is more likely than not that a hazardous activity has been undertaken on his or her land.

## Background

The Standard imposes additional rules on landowners and developers when they seek to disturb soil or change the use of potentially contaminated land (see the Hazardous Activities and Industries List [HAIL] published by the Ministry for the Environment).

According to the Council's records, the site of your building project is on land historically used for sheep farming. The Council must determine whether there are any contaminated sites at or near the site of your building project. Of particular concern are historical sheep dips. The soil around old sheep dips (approximately 20 to 30 metre radius) may be contaminated with moderate to high concentrations of arsenic and other chemicals that are very hazardous to human health.

**Important Note:** the presence of a sheep dip does not mean that you cannot progress your building project and, depending on the location, it may not trigger any additional costs or requirements. A sheep dip that is some distance away will probably have no impact on your proposal.

## 1. Do you know of an historic sheep dip of any sort on your land?

 Yes

 No

If "Yes" please attach a plan showing the location, or sketch a plan overleaf

Comments:

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## 2. Are there any visible signs or indications of a sheep dip on your land (See box 1 below)

 Yes

 No

If "Yes" please attach a plan showing the location, or sketch a plan overleaf

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### Box 1

How to recognise a historic sheep dip

#### Look for:

- An old swim through concrete trench. The trench may have been filled in, in which case it will look like two parallel lines of concrete at ground level. A rectangular concrete draining pad will be at one end of the dip.
- Plunge dip is round or key-hole shaped, maybe filled in too, but with draining pad still there.

#### Other clues:

- There is likely to be water nearby – either a stream or a roof water tank from, for example, the shearing shed. However, the water course may have moved or they may have used a pump and pipe.
- Flat land was generally preferred.

For more information, and a photographic guide to identifying historic sheep dips, go to the Tasman District Council's website at [www.tasman.govt.nz/environment/land/contaminated-land/former-sheep-dip-sites](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/environment/land/contaminated-land/former-sheep-dip-sites)

## 3. Are there any other features or locations on your property which may be contaminated? (See box 2)

 Yes

 No

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## Box 2

Examples of other features of locations where soil contamination may exist due to the use of persistent chemicals:

- Farm Dumps
- Fuel Storage sheds or tanks
- Commercial poultry farms
- Offal Pits
- Waste oil storage
- Glass houses
- Agrichemical storage sheds
- Orchard spray sheds

Please use this space to sketch the location of any suspected sheep dips or other sites on your property.

## Further Information

If you have any questions about this process please contact:

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If you suspect you may have a sheep dip or other HAIL activity on your property and wish to discuss it, please contact:

**The Resource Scientist, Contaminated Sites**

Ph. 03 543 8413

## Declaration

I (*please print name*)

hereby acknowledge:

- that the information provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge;
- that I have not knowingly withheld any information that may be relevant to the assessment of my application pursuant to the standard; and
- that I have not knowingly withheld any knowledge of any HAIL activity that is being undertaken, or has previously been undertaken, on my property.

Signature of applicant or authorised agent:

Date

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