

6.6 Regional rules

Chapter 6 identifies those activities that will be allowed without resource consent, and those activities which can only be undertaken with a resource consent. It also contains the information requirements for resource consent applications, including assessment criteria, that will be used by Environment Canterbury to make decisions.

A **permitted activity** is an activity which is allowed without resource consent if it complies with the conditions specified in the Proposed NRRP.

A **discretionary activity** is an activity:

- (a) which is provided for, as a discretionary activity, by a rule in a plan or proposed plan; and
- (b) which is allowed only if a resource consent is obtained in respect of that activity; and
- (c) which may have standards and terms specified in a plan or proposed plan.

A **prohibited activity** is an activity that the Proposed NRRP expressly prohibits, and for which no resource consent can be applied for or granted. It is possible to seek a plan change reclassifying an activity that is prohibited.

A 'land use consent' is the term given to resource consents for structures or works associated with the beds of rivers and lakes. Resource consent to take, use, dam or divert surface or groundwater is called a 'water permit' (refer to Chapter 5 – Water Quantity). Resource consent to discharge water or contaminants to land or water is called a 'discharge permit' (refer to Chapter 4 – Water Quality).

Table BLR2: Index of rules

Each rule in the Index table below applies everywhere in the region landward of the coastal marine area unless the area covered by the rule is specifically limited to the area identified in the left hand column of the Index adjacent to a rule.

Generally the rules in the Index are arranged in order from least restrictive to most restrictive for each type of activity.

If an activity, for example, take, dam, divert or discharge, fails to comply with one or more conditions in a rule, then the activity will be considered under the most restrictive type of rule activity specified for any of the conditions that cannot be complied with.

Where rule applies	Rule No	Description	Activity Status	Page number	Cross Reference
Rules BLR1 to BLR8 do not apply in the coastal marine area. They apply everywhere else in the Canterbury Region, except where the activity is already covered by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a rule in: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the Opihi River Regional Plan; or (b) the Proposed Waimakariri River Regional Plan; or (c) the Land and Vegetation Management Regional Plan: Part I - Kaikoura East Coast; or (d) Land and Vegetation Management Regional Plan: Part II. Port Hills; or 2. provisions in a water conservation order. Rule BLR9 does not apply in the coastal marine area. It applies everywhere else in the Canterbury Region,	BLR1	Use, maintenance, reconstruction, alteration, extension, demolition or removal of existing structures	Permitted	23	Policy BLR1
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	BLR6	Activities in natural state or high naturalness areas	Permitted	31	Policy BLR1
	BLR7	Land use activities within 7.5 metres of the bed or a flood protection structure	Permitted	33	Policy BLR1
	BLR8	Structures, excavating, disturbance, planting, depositing, reclamation or drainage	Discretionary	34	Policy BLR1
	BLR9	Introduction or planting of pest plants	Prohibited	35	Policy BLR1

Rule BLR1 Use, maintenance, reconstruction, alteration, extension, demolition or removal of existing structures – permitted activity

Activity	Conditions	Cross ref
<p>1. The use, reconstruction, alteration, extension, demolition or removal of any lawfully established structure, or part of any lawfully established structure in, on, over or under the bed of a lake or river; or</p> <p>2. any excavating, drilling, tunnelling or other disturbance, planting or removal of any plant or part of any plant, depositing of any substance or reclamation of the bed required to undertake the activities in (1) above;;</p> <p>is:</p> <p>(a) a permitted activity provided the activity complies with all the conditions of this rule;</p> <p>(b) a prohibited activity where condition (5) is not complied with, in which case no consent can be applied for under rule BLR9; or</p> <p>(c) a discretionary activity where any other condition is not complied with, in which case the activity requires resource consent under Rule BLR8.</p>	<p>1. Any reconstruction, alteration or extension to a dam or weir shall not make the structure capable of impounding more than 1000 cubic metres of water.</p> <p>2. Any reconstruction, alteration or extension of the structure, shall not increase the area of bed supporting the structure over or above a level of activity permitted under Rule BLR2.</p> <p>3. The activity or any associated equipment, materials or debris shall not obstruct or alter the passage of water in a manner that causes:</p> <p>(a) any increase in the risk or potential for flooding of surrounding lands;</p> <p>(b) any destabilising of lawfully established flood control structures or flood control vegetation or any other lawfully established structures within the bed of a lake or river;</p> <p>(c) any increase in erosion of the river or lake bed; or</p> <p>(d) drainage of the bed.</p> <p>4. The activity shall not obstruct fish spawning or the passage of fish both upstream and downstream.</p> <p>5. No plant species identified in Schedule BLR1 of this chapter shall be planted or introduced.</p> <p>6. The activity and any associated equipment, materials or debris shall not obstruct or alter the navigation of the bed or water body in a manner that has the potential to cause injury to any person.</p> <p>7. A discharge of sediment into water shall not:</p> <p>(a) for more than a total of 60 minutes in any consecutive 24 hour period:</p> <p>(i) change the colour by more than five Munsell Units; or</p> <p>(ii) decrease the clarity by more than 20 percent; or</p> <p>(b) increase the embeddedness of the bed substrate by more than ten percent.</p> <p>8. Upon completion of the activity:</p> <p>(a) any reject, surplus or unused bed material stored on the bed shall be spread out;</p> <p>(b) any excavated areas shall be left with battered slopes not exceeding a 3:1 slope angle (3 horizontal to 1 vertical); and</p> <p>(c) all equipment and temporary structures associated with the activity shall be removed from the bed.</p>	<p>Policy: BLR1</p>
<p>Where Rule Applies:</p> <p>This rule does not apply to all areas/situations in the Canterbury region - see Table BLR2: Index of rules.</p>		

For information only:

1. The activity may need to comply with any relevant discharge rules set out in Chapter 4 of the Proposed NRRP Water Quality.
2. The activity may need to comply with the relevant damming, diverting, and water take rules within Chapter 5 of the Proposed NRRP Water Quality.
3. 'Maintenance' of a lawfully established structure is encapsulated by 'use, reconstruction and alteration' within this rule.

Rule BLR2 Erection or placement of structures – permitted activity

Activity	Conditions	Cross ref
<p>1. The erection or placement of a structure, or part of any structure in, on, over or under the bed of a lake or river; or</p> <p>2. any excavating, drilling, tunnelling or other disturbance, planting or removal of any plant or part of any plant, depositing of a substance or reclamation required to undertake the activities in (1) above;</p> <p>is:</p> <p>(a) a permitted activity provided the activity complies with all the conditions of this rule;</p> <p>(b) a permitted activity where condition (1) is not complied with, but the activity complies with all the conditions of Rule BLR6;</p> <p>(c) a discretionary activity where condition (1) is not complied with, and the activity does not comply with the conditions in Rule BLR6, in which case the activity requires resource consent under rule BLR8;</p> <p>(d) a prohibited activity where condition (7) is not complied, in which case no consent can be applied for under Rule BLR9; or</p> <p>(e) a discretionary activity where any other condition is not complied with; in which case the activity requires resource consent under Rule BLR8.</p>	<p>1. The activity shall not be undertaken within the beds of any natural state or high naturalness water bodies listed in schedule WQN5.</p> <p>2. For culvert crossings or bridges with abutments in the bed, the width of the bed at the point of crossing shall be less than 5 metres wide .</p> <p>3. Any bridge, spanning a bed greater than five metres wide at the point of crossing, shall not have piers or abutments within the bed and the soffit shall be 600 millimetres above the level of fullest flow (without overtopping its banks).</p> <p>4. The catchment area above any dam or weir shall not exceed 50 hectares or the mean annual flow of the river being dammed shall not exceed 300 litres per second, whichever is the lesser.</p> <p>5. Any dam or weir shall not be capable of impounding more than 1000 cubic metres of water, and shall be less than three meters in total height above the bed.</p> <p>6. The activity shall not be the erection or placement of a jetty or whitebait stand.</p> <p>7. No plant species identified in Schedule BLR1 of this chapter shall be planted or introduced.</p> <p>8. The activity and any associated equipment, materials or debris shall not obstruct or alter the passage of water in a manner that causes:</p> <p>(a) any increase in the risk or potential for flooding of surrounding lands;</p> <p>(b) any destabilising of lawfully established flood control structures or flood control vegetation or any other lawfully established structures within the bed of a lake or river;</p> <p>(c) any increase in erosion of the river or lake bed; or</p> <p>(d) drainage of the bed.</p> <p>9. A discharge of sediment into water shall not:</p> <p>(a) for more than a total of 60 minutes in any consecutive 24 hour period:</p> <p>(i) change the colour by more than five Munsell Units; or</p> <p>(ii) decrease the clarity by more than 20 percent; or</p> <p>(b) increase the embeddedness of the bed substrate by more than ten percent.</p> <p>10. The activity shall not adversely affect flood control vegetation.</p> <p>11. The activity shall not restrict access to flood control structures or flood control vegetation for the purposes</p>	<p>Policy: BLR1</p>

<p>Where Rule Applies:</p> <p>This rule does not apply to all areas/situations in the Canterbury region - see Table BLR2: Index of rules.</p>	<p>of their repair or maintenance.</p> <p>12. The activity shall not obstruct the passage of fish both upstream and downstream, or be undertaken within any significant salmon spawning sites listed in Schedule WQN14.</p> <p>13. The activity and any associated equipment, materials or debris shall not obstruct or alter the navigation of the bed or water body in a manner that may cause injury to any person.</p> <p>14. Upon completion of the activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any reject, surplus or unused bed material stored in the bed shall be spread out; (b) any excavated areas shall be left with battered slopes not exceeding a 3:1 slope angle (3 horizontal to 1 vertical); and (c) all equipment and temporary structures associated with the activity shall be removed from the bed. 	
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1. Any discharge associated with the activity may have to comply with relevant discharge rules set out in Proposed NRRP Chapter 4 Water Quality.
2. Any diversion associated with the activity may have to comply with relevant diversion rules set out in Proposed NRRP Chapter 5 Water Quantity.
3. Any taking, use, damming or diversion of water may have to comply with relevant rules set out in Proposed NRRP Chapter 7 Wetlands.
4. The design of any structure may have to comply with New Zealand Building Act requirements. Plan users should contact the local district council to enquire as to the need to gain building consent.

Rule BLR3 Excavation, drilling, tunnelling or disturbance within the bed – permitted activity

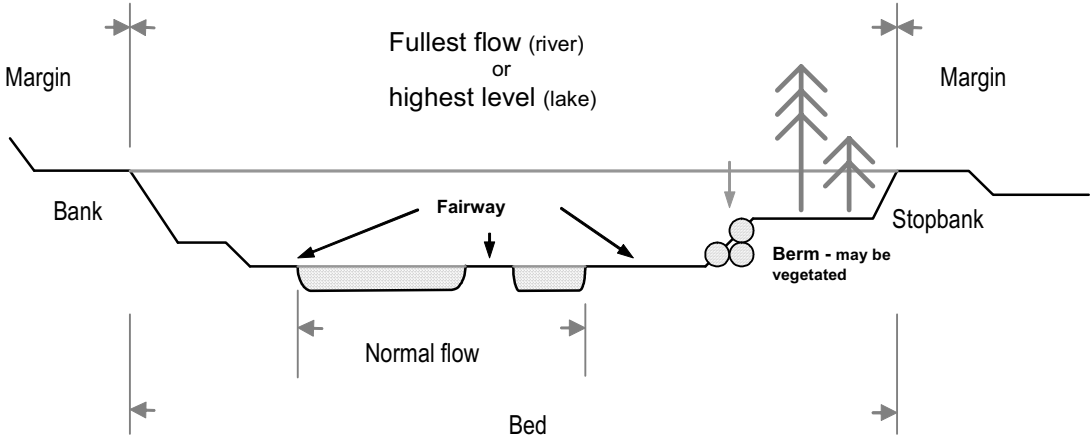
Activity	Conditions	Cross ref										
<p>1. The excavating, drilling, tunnelling or disturbance (but not including excavation of materials for the erection, reconstruction, placement, use, alteration, extension, demolition or removal of a structure classified as a permitted activity by rule BLR1 or BLR2) in, on, over or under the bed of a lake or river, or</p> <p>2. any depositing of excavated material on the bed associated with the undertaking of activities in (1) above (but not including excavation of materials for the erection, reconstruction, placement, use, alteration, extension, demolition or removal of a structure classified as a permitted activity by rule BLR1 or BLR2) in, on, over or under the bed of a lake or river,</p> <p>is:</p> <p>(a) a permitted activity provided the activity complies with all the conditions of this rule;</p> <p>(b) a permitted activity where condition (1) is not complied with, but the activity complies with all the conditions of Rule BLR6;</p> <p>(c) a discretionary activity where condition (1) is not complied with, and the activity does not comply with the conditions in Rule BLR6, in which case the activity requires resource consent under rule BLR8; or</p>	<p>1. The activity shall not be undertaken within the beds of any natural state lakes listed in table 3 of schedule WQN5;</p> <p>2. The activity shall not involve the disturbance or removal of any rocks with a diameter greater than 500millimetres in any direction.</p> <p>3. The volume excavated by any person or on behalf of any person, organisation or corporation:</p> <p>(a) in the bed of any river or lake shall not exceed 10 cubic metres per week and not more than 50 cubic metres in any 12 consecutive months or,</p> <p>(b) between 1 February and 31 August, in the beds listed in Schedule BLR2, shall not exceed 50 cubic metres per month and not more than 150 cubic metres in any 12 consecutive months or,</p> <p>(c) between 1 February and 31 August, in the beds listed in Schedule BLR3, shall not exceed 100 cubic metres per month and not more than 300 cubic metres in any 12 consecutive months.</p> <p>4. Any excavation undertaken in accordance with conditions 3(b) or (c) of this rule will require the Customer Service Centre of Environment Canterbury to be notified, before the activity takes place, as to the location of the excavation site, the quantity of material to be excavated, the dates when the activity is to be undertaken and a contact address and phone number of the person undertaking the activity.</p> <p>5. To avoid destabilising any lawfully established structure in, on, under or over the bed of a lake or river the activity shall:</p> <p>(a) be undertaken at a distance greater than 50 metres from any lawfully established dam, weir, crossing, surface water intake plant or pylon and 150 metres from any lawfully established water level recorder; and;</p> <p>(b) be undertaken at a distance from any existing flood control structures or vegetation and to a depth, not exceeding the depth as determined in the following table:</p> <p>Table BLR3: Setback distances</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="786 1034 1821 1214"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="786 1034 1149 1126">Distance, in metres, from flood protection works or flood protection vegetation</th> <th data-bbox="1149 1034 1317 1126">0 - 3m</th> <th data-bbox="1317 1034 1485 1126">3 - 5m</th> <th data-bbox="1485 1034 1653 1126">5 - 10m</th> <th data-bbox="1653 1034 1821 1126">10m or greater</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="786 1126 1149 1214">Depth, in metres, below ground level immediately surrounding the excavation. (not to be exceeded).</td> <td data-bbox="1149 1126 1317 1214">0m</td> <td data-bbox="1317 1126 1485 1214">0.3m</td> <td data-bbox="1485 1126 1653 1214">0.6m</td> <td data-bbox="1653 1126 1821 1214">1.2m</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Distance, in metres, from flood protection works or flood protection vegetation	0 - 3m	3 - 5m	5 - 10m	10m or greater	Depth, in metres, below ground level immediately surrounding the excavation. (not to be exceeded).	0m	0.3m	0.6m	1.2m	<p>Policy: BLR1</p>
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<p>(d) a discretionary activity where any other condition is not complied with, in which case the activity requires resource consent under Rule BLR8.</p>	<p>6. The activity, or any associated equipment, materials or debris shall not obstruct or alter the passage of water in a manner that causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any increase in the risk or potential for flooding of surrounding lands; (b) any destabilising of lawfully established flood control structures or flood control vegetation or any other lawfully established structures within the bed of a lake or river; (c) any increase in erosion of the river or lake bed; or (d) drainage of the bed. <p>7. The activity shall not destabilise flood control vegetation.</p> <p>8. No part of the activity shall occur within surface water or at or below the water table.</p> <p>9. The activity and any associated equipment, materials or debris shall not obstruct or alter the navigation of the bed or water body in a manner that has the potential to cause injury to any person.</p> <p>10. Upon completion of the activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) all reject surplus or unused bed material stored in the bed shall be spread out; (b) stripped areas shall be left with battered slopes not exceeding a 3:1 slope angle (3 horizontal to 1 vertical) and any flow channels disturbed during the activity shall be reinstated; and (c) all equipment and temporary structures associated with the activity shall be removed from the bed. 	
<p>Where Rule Applies:</p> <p>This rule does not apply to all areas/situations in the Canterbury region - see Table BLR2: Index of rules.</p>		

For information only:

1. Persons exercising this rule should be aware that permission may need to be obtained at their own expense from the legal owner or administering body of the bed and of the resource and/or the owner of land via which access to the riverbed is obtained.
2. The activity may need to comply with relevant discharge standards set out in Proposed NRRP Chapter 4 Water Quality.
3. Figure BLR4 (below) indicates the fairway, where activities should be able to be undertaken while complying with conditions 6, 7 and 8.

Figure BLR4: Lake and riverbed landforms



Rule BLR4 Introduction or planting of plants – permitted activity

Activity	Conditions	Cross ref
<p>The introduction or planting of any plant or part of any plant in, on or under the bed of a lake or river, including any associated disturbance of the bed, is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a permitted activity provided the activity complies with all the conditions of this rule; (b) a permitted activity where condition (1) is not complied with, but the activity complies with all the conditions of Rule BLR6; (c) a discretionary activity where condition (1) is not complied with, and the activity does not comply with the conditions in Rule BLR6, in which case the activity requires resource consent under rule BLR8; (d) a prohibited activity where condition (2) is not complied with and no consent can be applied for under Rule BLR9; or (e) a discretionary activity where any other condition is not complied with, in which case the activity requires resource consent under Rule BLR8. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The activity shall not be undertaken within the beds of any natural state or high naturalness water bodies listed in schedule WQN5. 2. No plant species identified in Schedule BLR1 of this chapter shall be planted or introduced. 3. The activity shall not obstruct the passage of fish both upstream and downstream, or be undertaken within any significant salmon spawning sites listed in Schedule WQN14. 4. The planting or introduction and any associated equipment or materials shall not obstruct or alter the passage of water in a manner that causes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any increase in the risk or potential for flooding of surrounding lands; (b) any destabilising of lawfully established flood control structures or flood control vegetation or any other lawfully established structures within the bed of a lake or river; (c) any increase in erosion of the river or lake bed; or (d) drainage of the bed. 5. The activity shall not restrict access to flood control structures or flood control vegetation for the purposes of their repair or maintenance. 6. A discharge of sediment into water shall not: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) for more than a total of 60 minutes in any consecutive 24 hour period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) change the colour by more than five Munsell Units; or (ii) decrease the clarity by more than 20 percent; or (b) increase the embeddedness of the bed substrate by more than ten percent. 7. The planting or introduction shall not contravene rules WQN45 or WQN46 under Chapter 5 of this Proposed NRRP. 	<p>Policy: BLR1</p>
<p>Where Rule Applies:</p> <p>This rule does not apply to all areas/situations in the Canterbury region - see Table BLR2: Index of rules.</p>		

For information only:

1. Other matters relating to the establishment of production forestry and its impact on water availability are provided for within Proposed NRRP Chapter 5 Water Quality.
2. Any taking, use, damming or diversion of water may have to comply with relevant rules set out in Proposed NRRP Chapter 7 Wetlands.

Rule BLR5 Disturbance of vegetation and harvesting practices – permitted activity

Activity	Conditions	Cross ref
<p>The disturbance, removal, damage or destroying of any plant or part of any plant in, on, over or under the bed of a lake or river, including any associated disturbance of the bed, and depositions of plant material on the bed, is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a permitted activity provided the activity complies with all the conditions of this rule; (b) a permitted activity where condition (1) is not complied with, but the activity complies with all the conditions of Rule BLR6; (c) a discretionary activity where condition (1) is not complied with, and the activity does not comply with the conditions in Rule BLR6, in which case the activity requires resource consent under rule BLR8; (d) a discretionary activity where any other condition is not complied with, in which case the activity requires resource consent under rule BLR8. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The activity shall not be undertaken within the beds of any natural state or high naturalness water bodies listed in schedule WQN5; unless the activity is classed as a permitted activity under Rule BLR1. 2. The activity and any associated equipment, materials or debris shall not obstruct or alter the passage of water in a manner that causes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any increase in the risk or potential for flooding of surrounding lands; (b) any destabilising of lawfully established flood control structures or flood control vegetation or any other lawfully established structures within the bed of a lake or river; (c) any increase in erosion of the river or lake bed; or (d) drainage of the bed. 3. No vegetation used for flood control, or bank stabilisation shall be disturbed, removed, damaged or destroyed except by or on behalf of the person or agency responsible for maintaining that vegetation for flood control purposes. 4. The activity shall not restrict access to flood control structures or flood control vegetation for the purposes of their repair or maintenance. 5. The activity shall not obstruct the passage of fish both upstream and downstream, or be undertaken within any significant salmon spawning sites listed in Schedule WQN14. 6. A discharge of sediment into water shall not: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) for more than a total of 60 minutes in any consecutive 24 hour period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) change the colour by more than five Munsell Units; or (ii) decrease the clarity by more than 20 percent; or (b) increase the embeddedness of the bed substrate by more than ten percent. 	<p>Policy: BLR1</p>
<p>Where Rule Applies:</p> <p>This rule does not apply to all areas/situations in the Canterbury region - see Table BLR2: Index of rules.</p>		

For information only:

1. The activity may need to comply with all relevant discharge standards set out in Proposed NRRP, Chapter 4 (Water Quality) and Chapter 3 Air Quality.
2. Any taking, use, damming or diversion of water may have to comply with relevant rules set out in Proposed NRRP Chapter 7 Wetlands.
3. Vegetation situated on the berms may assist in reducing the velocity of flood flows, thereby protecting flood protection structures.

Rule BLR6 Activities in natural state or high naturalness areas– permitted activity

Activity	Conditions	Cross ref
<p>The:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. erection, reconstruction, placement, alteration, extension, removal or demolition of any structure or part of any structure; 2. introduction or planting of any plant or any part of any plant; or 3. disturbance, removal or damage to any plant or part of any plant (whether exotic or indigenous); <p>in, on, over or under the bed of any natural state or high naturalness water bodies, listed in schedule WQN5;</p> <p>is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a permitted activity provided the activity complies with all the conditions of this rule. (b) a discretionary activity where any conditions are not complied with, in which case the activity requires resource consent under rule BLR8. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The activity shall be: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any erection or placement of a fence for the purpose of stock control or any regulatory or advisory signs erected by or on behalf of the land occupier, local authority or government agency; (b) any placement of an anchor (rock or tree) necessary for the erection or placement of flood protection planting; (c) any walkway, pathway, footbridge or stile to provide public access; (d) any erection or placement of a bridge or culvert crossing for the purpose of stock crossing; (e) the planting of indigenous plant species that naturally occur in the catchment or; (f) The erection or placement of a hydrological measuring station; or (g) The disturbance, removal, damage or destroying of any plant or part of any plant species listed in Schedule BLR1. 2. For culvert crossings or bridges with abutments in the bed, the width of the bed at the point of crossing shall be less than 5 metres wide. 3. Any bridge shall not have piers or abutments within the bed and the soffit of any bridge shall be 600 millimetres above the level of fullest flow. 4. The activity or any associated equipment, materials or debris shall not obstruct or alter the passage of water or bed material in a manner that causes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any increase in the risk or potential for flooding of surrounding lands; (b) any destabilising of lawfully established flood control structures or flood control vegetation or any 	<p>Policy: BLR1</p>

<p>Where Rule Applies:</p> <p>This rule does not apply to all areas/situations in the Canterbury region - see Table BLR2: Index of rules.</p>	<p>other lawfully established structures within the bed of a lake or river;</p> <p>(c) any increase in erosion of the river or lake bed; or</p> <p>(d) drainage of the bed.</p> <p>5. The activity shall not destabilise flood control vegetation.</p> <p>6. The activity shall not restrict access to flood control structures or flood control vegetation for the purposes of their repair or maintenance.</p> <p>7. The activity shall not obstruct the passage of fish both upstream and downstream, or be undertaken within any significant salmon spawning sites listed in Schedule WQN14.</p> <p>8. A discharge of sediment into water shall not:</p> <p>(a) for more than a total of 60 minutes in any consecutive 24 hour period:</p> <p>(i) change the colour by more than five Munsell Units; or</p> <p>(ii) decrease the clarity by more than 20 percent; or</p> <p>(b) increase the embeddedness of the bed substrate by more than ten percent.</p> <p>9. The activity and any associated equipment, materials or debris shall not obstruct or alter the navigation of the bed or water body in a manner that causes injury to any person.</p> <p>10. Upon completion of the activity:</p> <p>(a) any reject, surplus or unused bed material stored in the bed shall be spread out;</p> <p>(b) any excavated areas shall be left with battered slopes not exceeding a 3:1 slope angle (3 horizontal to 1 vertical) and any flow channels disturbed during the activity shall be reinstated; and</p> <p>(c) any equipment and temporary structures associated with the activity shall be removed from the bed.</p>	
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For information only:

1. Any taking, use, damming or diversion of water may have to comply with relevant rules set out in Proposed NRRP Chapter 7 Wetlands.

Rule BLR7 Land use activities within 7.5 metres of the bed or flood protection structures – permitted activity

Activity	Conditions	Cross ref
<p>The use of land within 7.5 metres of the bed of a lake or river, or any flood protection structure is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a permitted activity provided the activity complies with all the conditions of this rule; (b) a prohibited activity where condition (5) is not complied with for which no consent can be applied for under Rule BLR9; or (c) a discretionary activity where any other condition is not complied with, in which case the activity requires resource consent under Rule BLR8. <p>Where Rule Applies:</p> <p>This rule does not apply to all areas/situations in the Canterbury region - see Table BLR2: Index of rules.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The activity and any associated equipment, materials or debris shall not cause: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any increase in the risk or potential for flooding of surrounding lands; (b) any destabilising of lawfully established flood control structures or flood control vegetation or any other lawfully established structure within the bed or margins of a lake or river; or (c) any increase in erosion of a flood protection structure or the bed or margin of a lake or river. 2. No vegetation used for flood control shall be disturbed, removed, damaged or destroyed except by or on behalf of the person or agency responsible for maintaining that vegetation for flood control purposes. 3. A discharge of sediment into water shall not: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) for more than a total of 60 minutes in any consecutive 24 hour period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) change the colour by more than five Munsell Units; or (ii) decrease the clarity by more than 20 percent; or (b) increase the embeddedness of the bed substrate by more than ten percent. 4. The activity shall not restrict access to flood control structures or flood control vegetation for the purposes of their repair or maintenance. 5. No plant species identified in Schedule BLR1 of this chapter shall be planted or introduced. 	<p>Policy: BLR1</p>

For information only:

1. For assistance in determining the location of the margins of lakes and rivers, please refer to the diagram below Rule BLR3.

Rule BLR8 Structures, excavating, disturbance, planting, deposition, reclamation or drainage - discretionary activities

Activity	Conditions	Discretion	Cross ref
<p>Any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) use, erection, reconstruction, placement, alteration, extension, removal, or demolition of any structure or part of any structure; (b) excavating, drilling, tunnelling; (c) introduction or planting of any plant or any part of any plant (whether exotic or indigenous); (d) depositing of any substance; (including industrial, commercial or residential rubbish); (e) reclamation or drainage; or (f) disturbance, removal or damage to any plant or part of any plant (whether exotic or indigenous), <p>in, on, over or under the bed of any lake or river that is not classified as a permitted activity, a restricted discretionary activity or a prohibited activity in this chapter is a discretionary activity.</p>			Policy: BLR1
<p>Where Rule Applies:</p> <p>This rule does not apply to all areas/situations in the Canterbury region - see Table BLR2: Index of rules.</p>			
<p>Resource consent information requirements:</p> <p>Any application for resource consent under this rule must meet the information requirements set out in 6.7 Information requirements and the resource consent process.</p>			

Rule BLR9 Introduction or planting of plant pests – prohibited activity

Activity	Conditions	Cross ref
<p>The introduction or planting of any plant or part of any of the plant identified within Schedule BLR1 in, on or under the bed of a lake or river is a prohibited activity for which no resource consent will be granted.</p>		<p>Policy: BLR1</p>
<p>Where Rule Applies: This rule applies everywhere in the Canterbury region excluding the coastal marine area.</p>		