

Annual compliance report

Earthworks and forestry

Activities this report covers

This report covers compliance monitoring for earthworks and forestry sites for the previous year up to 30 June 2016.

What we've done

This year we monitored 162 consents relating to earthworks and forestry sites:

Earthworks			
Complying	Minor non-compliance	Major non-compliance	Total
81	16	7	104
Forestry			
Complying	Minor non-compliance	Major non-compliance	Total
54	3	1	58

What we've noticed

The 2015/16 earthworks season was particularly busy due to the favourable weather conditions. This meant that many sites were able to meet and work beyond projected targets. Four consent holders applied for winter works to continue to operate in order to complete stages and stabilise sites ready for the 2016/17 season.

The number of active forestry operations was low this year, however with the increased number of forestry consents being granted we are expecting more activity and monitoring this coming year.

We utilise external experts (Southern Skies Environmental) to assist with our compliance programme. We will be continuing to utilise their expertise in the coming year.

What we'd like to fix or change

We will be reviewing our Winter Works Protocol to provide consent holders with more certainty about what activities can or cannot be done during the high risk winter season.

