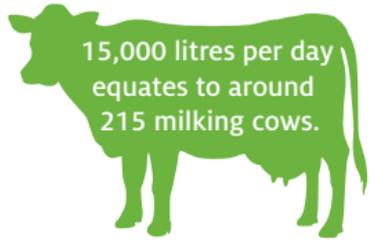


Got your **water**
consent
Sorted?



Time is running out

If you take more than **15,000 litres** of water per day for milk cooling or dairy shed washdown, you will likely need a resource consent.



Over two-thirds of farmers who need a consent to take water have now applied.

If you don't apply by the end of 2014 you risk not having access to essential water for your dairy shed.

The streamlined catchment group processing option has now closed for all but the Piako catchment, which closes **31 July 2014**. If your catchment group processing has closed, you still have until the end of 2014 to secure access to the water that has been made available to you under Variation 6.

The earlier you start the better, as it may take time to get all the information required.

If you need a consent but do not apply and continue taking water without any legal authorisation to do so, you could be subject to enforcement action.

If you haven't sorted your application yet, there are options, and help is available.

- If you take less than 15,000 litres per day and it's surface water, you may still need a consent. To find out if this applies to you visit www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/watertakes.
- If all your shed water is supplied by a water supply scheme you won't need a consent as the scheme operator should already have one. Check directly with the scheme operator if you are unsure of their consent status or want to understand the supply arrangements you have with them.
- If you have converted to dairy or increased cow numbers since 2008, remember these consents are processed on a first in, first served basis.



Call Waikato Regional Council's resource use freephone 0800 800 402 or your milk company.