

Are you seeking resource/building consent for subdivision or a change in land use?

If YES, then Fraser Thomas can help get your development through the NESCS quickly, professionally and cost effectively. We are experts!



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The NESCS - What is it?

The NESCS refers to the **National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health**. It aims to address the legacy of soil contamination in New Zealand resulting from Hazardous Activities and Industries (HAIL activities) such as pesticide use/manufacture, petroleum product storage, timber treatment, horticulture, historic sheep dips and industry. It focuses on the **protection of human health** and came into force on **1 January 2012**.

How Does it Affect your Development Proposal?

City and District Councils are required to assess whether the NESCS applies when processing **resource and building consent** applications. If you are subdividing land, applying for a change in land use, removing an underground fuel storage system and/or undertaking significant soil disturbance (>25m³ of soil on-site or taking more than 1 truckload of soil (5m³) off-site per 500m² of land), then you are required to demonstrate whether or not HAIL activities have “more likely than not” taken place in the past or present on the land (or part of the land) subject to development.

How to Assess? – Recommended Approach

- Conduct a Preliminary Site investigation (PSI) = desktop study and site walkover.
- PSI must be undertaken by a Suitably Qualified and Experienced Practitioner (SQEP) and certified by that person (e.g. Chartered Professional Engineer with 10yrs+ relevant experience).
- If PSI finds activity is not permitted then Detailed Site Investigation (DSI), involving soil sampling, is required to determine if consent required - must also be certified by SQEP.

Fraser Thomas Ltd are contaminated land management specialists with over 15 years experience and over 200 projects completed, including:

- All types of contaminated land work – PSIs, DSIs, remediation, validation, ongoing management.
- Wide range of sites – horticulture, sheep dips, industry, petrol stations, bus depots, etc.
- Wide range of contaminants – heavy metals, pesticides, hydrocarbons, asbestos, etc.
- Extensive experience in the Auckland, Waikato, Northland and Canterbury regions.

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