

# Calculating Nitrogen Discharge Allowances

## What is a Nitrogen Discharge Allowance?

A Nitrogen Discharge Allowance (NDA) sets out the maximum amount of nitrogen loss that is allowed to occur from a property after 2032. All properties that need consent will receive an NDA.

## What is the approach to Nitrogen Allocation in the draft rules?

The approach to allocating nitrogen in the draft rules is guided by the principles within the Regional Policy Statement and the Lake Rotorua Stakeholder Advisory Group. It is acknowledged that any allocation approach will have implications for land owners.

There is no 'right way' to allocate nitrogen discharge allowances. The allocation within the draft rules recognises that everyone needs to be part of the solution to reduce nitrogen loss within the catchment.

A range of options were explored and assessed. In the end, a hybrid approach - sector averaging with ranges adjusted on the basis of Rule 11 benchmarking - was chosen.

## What do the draft rules say?

The draft rules set out how the Start Point and the NDA for 2032 are set for a property (see Schedule One of the Draft Rules for detail).

## NDA's will be calculated using the following steps:

