

CONSTRUCTION SITES – ENVIRONMENTAL SITE MANAGEMENT

Construction related activities can cause adverse environmental and nuisance effects. This is a reminder of your responsibilities to avoid and mitigate adverse effects on the environment with your project.

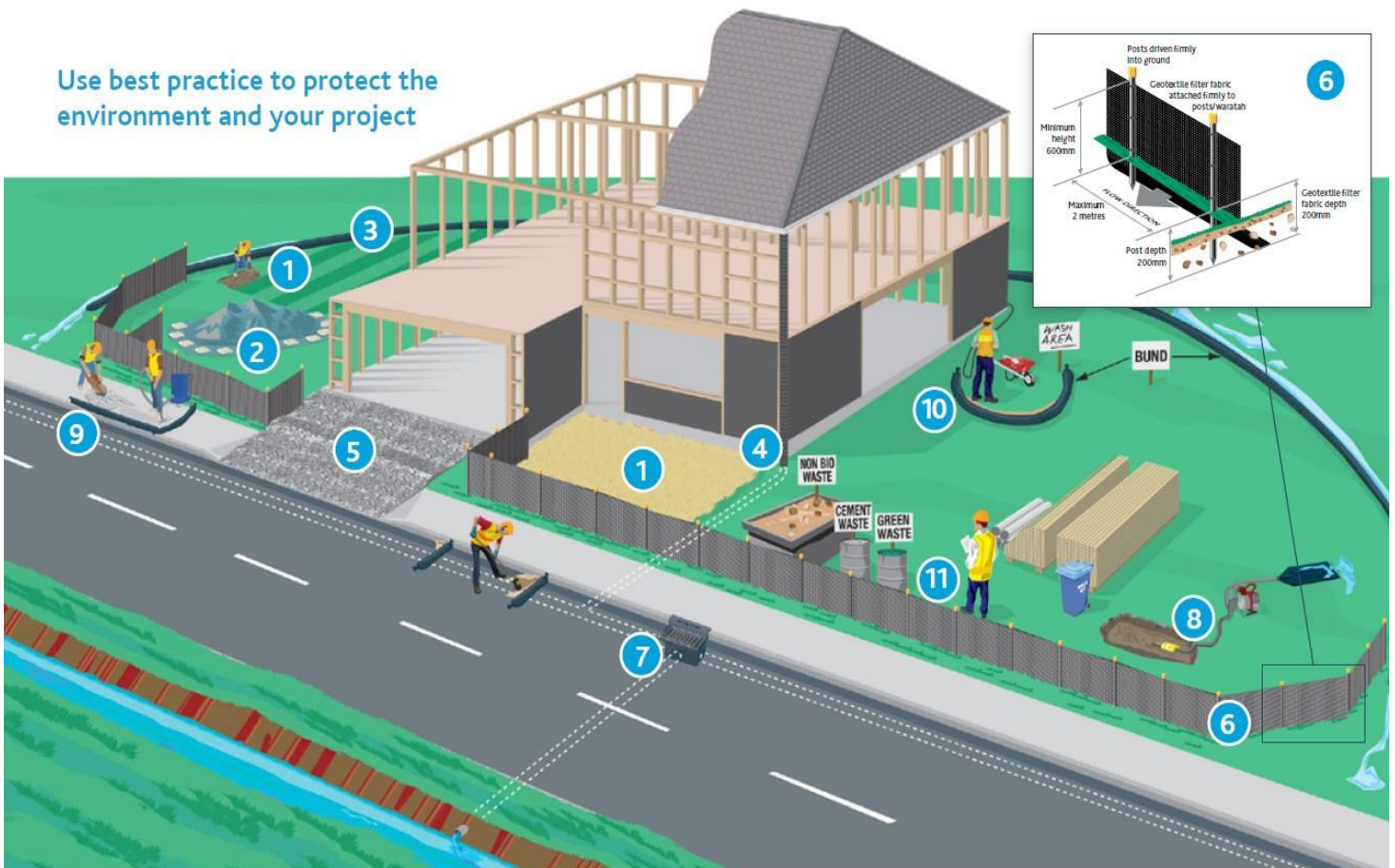
WHAT IS MEANT BY ENVIRONMENTAL SITE MANAGEMENT?

Site management means having adequate controls in place on your site, to ensure that compliance is achieved and harmful by-products of construction activities do not damage the environment or cause nuisance to neighbours.

We've provided some advice below to help you mitigate any possible adverse effects that may be generated on your site, as a result of construction related activities.

TIPS FOR MANAGING YOUR SITE

Use best practice to protect the environment and your project



Key to site diagram

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| 1. Minimise exposed areas | 4. Connect to the stormwater system as soon as the roof is complete | 8. Dewatering |
| 2. Cover stockpiles | 5. Stabilise construction entranceway | 9. Keep concrete cutting away from drains & water courses |
| 3. Clean water diversion | 6. Silt fences | 10. Stop concrete, paint and other chemical waste from entering drains or streams. Isolate it on site |
| | 7. Drain/catchpit protection | 11. Maintenance and inspections |

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THE BENEFITS OF APPROPRIATELY MANAGING YOUR SITE

- **Keeping your project on track.** Non-compliance results in costly and time consuming exercises that delay your project. Erosion can also result in costly rework.
- **Doing your bit for the environment.** Everyone loves to enjoy the wonderful environment the Queenstown Lakes provides us, we all have a role to play in protecting it.
- **Demonstrate to the public** that your company advocates and adopts the required environmental controls needed to limit the environmental effects your project may produce.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

You are required to manage adverse environmental effects associated with development. If these requirements are not met, the responsible parties will be held accountable and enforcement action will occur. QLDC officers will be closely monitoring construction sites to ensure the appropriate environmental controls are in place.

The general public and Council have expressed greater expectations for managing the environmental controls related to building sites. We ask that you take this opportunity to familiarise yourself with best practise environmental guidelines and adopt them on your site. For more complex sites, you may need to engage an environmental professional to help you to get your site under control.

WHAT DOES THE LAW SAY?

Allowing sediment/waste/litter to be deposited off your building site is an offence under the Resource Management Act 1991 and or the Litter Act 1979.

Any construction or development work that creates a nuisance to the public or causes unauthorised discharges to the environment is against the law. This includes dust, noise, litter and any pollution entering the storm water system, streams and our lakes.

Property owners, developers and contractors are ALL responsible for knowing what the requirements are and for ensuring that they are met.

Failure to do so can result in:

- infringement fines up to \$1,000
- abatement notices
- prosecution with fines of up to \$600,000.

WHO CAN I TALK TO?

If you have any questions or need further advice, please do not hesitate to contact QLDC on 03 441 0499 or email RCMonitoring@qldc.govt.nz