

How can I access the SLUR?

On GWRC's website we have a GIS mapping tool which shows sites in our region that have been included on the register. These sites are identified with a pink polygon and are labelled with a unique site number (SN).

To search the SLUR go to www.gw.govt.nz/selected-land-use-register-slur-register-search



GWRC's Masterton Office at 34 Chapel Street is included on the SLUR because it has previously had fuel storage tanks located on the site.

Important!

We are continually updating the SLUR with new information. Even if a site is not on the register, it does not guarantee that it hasn't been used for a HAIL activity in the past.

Contact us

You can find further information about SLUR on our website www.gw.govt.nz/selected-land-use-register-slur

Property owners are entitled to any information GWRC holds on SLUR about their property, and we will gladly provide this information free of charge.

To make an enquiry please:

1. Check www.gw.govt.nz/contaminated-site-enquiry-2 to find out the process and what details you should provide
2. Email us at slur@gw.govt.nz

Or you can call our Customer Contact Centre on **0800 496 734** and ask to speak to our SLUR administrator.

To report an environmental issue or pollution incident please call our environment hotline on 0800 496 734

For more information, contact the Greater Wellington Regional Council

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Wellington 6142
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What is the Selected Land Use Register (SLUR)?

The Selected Land Use Register (SLUR) is a database administered by the Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) on behalf of the eight city and district councils in the region.

The register contains information on sites that are known or suspected to have been involved (either historically or currently) in the use, storage or disposal of hazardous substances.

Why do we need the SLUR?

The SLUR is necessary to help us manage the risk posed by hazardous sites to human health and the health of our environment.

Section 30 of the Resource Management Act 1991 requires GWRC to collect and manage information regarding hazardous or potentially contaminated sites. To do this, we follow the Ministry for the Environment's (MfE) Contaminated Land Management Guidelines.

Information held on the SLUR is also available to city and district councils who administer the National Environmental Standard for Contaminants in Soil (NESCS 2011).

How do we identify sites to include on the SLUR?

We identify sites to be included on the SLUR based on a list of land uses – called the Hazardous Activities and Industries List (HAIL) – produced by MfE. The HAIL consists of 53 activities and industries and includes things such as service stations, chemical storage facilities, cemeteries, sheep dips and landfills.

This helps us to identify where hazardous activities or industries have taken place, that could cause contamination of the environment as a result of manufacturing, using, storing or disposing of hazardous substances.

Notifications of potential HAIL sites come from a range of sources such as district or city councils, GWRC investigations, independent consultant reports and local knowledge.

Information about these sites is compiled and sent to an independent consultant to review and approve prior to being included on the register.

How do we classify sites?

In some cases sites will be found to be contaminated, however many may not. To distinguish between sites, SLUR classifies them under six different categories. For a full list and definition of the SLUR categories go to www.gw.govt.nz/description-of-categories

I think my site category might be wrong – can I change it?

If you think your property has been put in the wrong category please contact us. Quote the site number (SN) and gather any supporting information, for example, results from an environmental investigation.

Any information that confirms your site has not been associated with an activity listed on the HAIL, or that other HAIL activities might have taken place on your site, is particularly important. Please let us know so we can keep our records up-to-date and accurate.



An old sheep dip in Whitireia Park, a remnant of historic farming practices in the area.

My property is on SLUR – what should I do now?

If your property is classified *Category III – Contamination Confirmed* there are rules in the proposed Natural Resources Plan that may apply to you. Go to www.gw.govt.nz/proposed-natural-resources-plan for further information.

If your property is **not** classified as *Category III – Contamination Confirmed* and you have no plans to alter the site, you are not obliged to do anything further.

However, if you do have plans to subdivide, change the land use, remove or replace a fuel storage system or disturb the soil, you will need to comply with the NESCS 2011. Your local city or district council is responsible for administering this, so for further information on how this applies to your property please contact your local council.

If you are selling your property you should provide any SLUR information to prospective buyers or recommend that they contact GWRC.

Important!

If you are conducting an environmental investigation at your site you will need to comply with the rules in the proposed Natural Resources Plan and send us a copy of the report. Go to www.gw.govt.nz/proposed-natural-resources-plan for further information.

Purchasing a new property?

It's easy to check online (refer to the "How can I access the SLUR?" section) and see if the property you are considering purchasing is included on the SLUR. We also recommend a Land Information Memorandum (LIM) is obtained from your local council.

If you require more information about a property listed on the register please email slur@gw.govt.nz, quoting the site number (SN).