



5 GOOD REASONS TO GET A 'WOF'

- 1 Have you upgraded the effluent system yourself? Then you might want reassurance that your system is fit for purpose.
- 2 Have you budgeted for an upgrade to the system? An independent person who assesses the current system will help you in your decision making.
- 3 Are you buying or selling a farm? You need to know if the system is fit for purpose or if you need to factor upgrades into the offer.
- 4 Are you a sharemilker coming onto a property? Find out how well the effluent system is performing.
- 5 Corporate Board members and absent owners can be liable if an inadequate effluent infrastructure is installed on a farm. Find out what the risk is for your farm.



GET YOUR 'WOF' NOW.

For more info on the service, questions & answers and a list of Certified 'WOF' assessors to choose from, check out www.effluentwof.co.nz or call 0800 7266 9583.

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DOES YOUR EFFLUENT SYSTEM TICK ALL THE BOXES?

Find out with the Dairy Effluent 'Warrant of Fitness'



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WHAT IS THE DAIRY EFFLUENT 'WOF'?

The Dairy Effluent 'Warrant of Fitness' (WOF) is a voluntary programme assessing your effluent system. It helps you understand all the requirements to make sure your system is fit for purpose and capable of being compliant 365 days a year. You will receive a brief report with practical actions you can take.

The assessment is carried out by a trained and certified independent professional and takes three to four hours. The certified assessor:

-  looks at your farm's effluent consent or permitted rules: are all requirements being met?
-  views the nutrient budget and checks nitrogen loadings
-  runs the dairy effluent storage calculator to estimate if there is enough storage for the farm effluent system
-  checks over the storage facility for signs of possible risk areas
-  looks at all catchment areas, particularly stand-offs, feedpads and underpasses
-  tests the application depth and rate of the irrigation system
-  identifies the hazards and notes general health and safety requirements.



WHAT DOES AN EXAMPLE REPORT LOOK LIKE?

Areas of risk	Why of concern	Suggested action
High application depth	Average depth applied greater than allowed in WRC rules	Repair and maintain irrigator
Siphoning and ponding at first irrigator	Ponding can occur breaching WRC rules	Ensure irrigator is moving after pump turned on. Repair.
Sludge piles on unsealed surface	Leakage from the pile appeared to be going to drain, breaching WRC rules	Place stone trap cleanings on a sealed surface that drains to the effluent system
Pump quite noisy	If it is not working well, irrigator performance may decrease. Risk of catastrophic failure & damage to pump and motor	Have pump serviced or checked out
Camlocks fitted to drag hose in incorrect direction	The camlock legs get damaged when line is moved, also they could catch and uncouple the hose while irrigating	Re-fit the correct way so that the "legs" are not being pulled

HOW MUCH DOES THIS SERVICE COST ME?

This depends on the size of your farm. It will probably be in the range of \$500 to \$1000. The certified 'WOF' assessor will give you an estimate before coming to your farm.

WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE A CERTIFIED ASSESSOR?

A certified assessor is an independent, experienced industry professional. To become certified, the assessor has completed a three-day training course and passed a competency assessment process. The assessor is committed to observing a Code of Conduct to guarantee professional behaviour and independent advice.

DO COUNCILS RECOGNISE THE 'WOF'?

At this stage the 'WOF' is a voluntary programme that helps you identify and address risks.

