



Information for Reviewers

The *Journal of New Zealand Grasslands* publishes peer-reviewed papers with a focus on temperate grassland research. The scope of the journal includes all aspects of pastoral research including agronomy, soils, animals, agricultural extension and farm-systems research.

Types of paper published include research articles, literature reviews, perspectives on specific topics and agricultural practice papers that demonstrate the application of previously published scientific research.

The review policy of the *Journal of the New Zealand Grasslands* is that:

- Research articles are peer-reviewed by two anonymous reviewers with scientific expertise relevant to the topic to ensure quality and consistency.
- Authors are required to amend their papers accordingly and amended papers are re-reviewed by the editor and if necessary sent back to referees for further consideration.

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- there are insufficient data to support any useful conclusions
- inappropriate methods have been used
- results have been incorrectly interpreted
- data have not been statistically analysed (unless there is a very good reason for not doing so)
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