



Water quality protection note no. 14

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Statutory approvals

Scope

This note outlines approvals that may be required as part of a development. It is relevant to most of the notes in the water quality protection series.

| What's regulated? | Western Australian legislation | Authority |
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| Planning schemes, rezoning, subdivision and development | <i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i> | Western Australian Planning Commission www.planning.wa.gov.au Local government www.walga.asn.au |
| Environmental impact of significant development | <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986 Part IV</i> Environmental impact assessment | Environmental Protection Authority www.epa.wa.gov.au |
| Native Title and Aboriginal sites of significance | <i>Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972</i> | Department of Premier and Cabinet www.dpc.wa.gov.au |
| Public drinking water source areas | <i>Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage, and Drainage Act 1909</i> <i>Country Areas Water Supply Act 1947</i> | Department of Water www.water.wa.gov.au |
| Licensing for taking groundwater or surface water and disturbing waterways | <i>Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914</i> | |

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| Discharge to or disturbance of managed waterways | <i>Waterways Conservation Act 1976</i> | |
| Clearing of native vegetation in the Mundaring, Wellington, Harris, Denmark, Warren or Kent catchment areas | <i>Country Areas Water Supply Act 1947</i> | Department of Water www.water.wa.gov.au |
| Clearing of native vegetation | Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004 | Department of Environment Regulation www.der.wa.gov.au |
| Contaminated sites | <i>Contaminated Sites Act 2003</i> , and associated 2006 regulations | |
| Transport of scheduled wastes and discharge of contaminants | Environmental Protection (unauthorised discharges) Regulations 2004 | |
| Licensing and works approvals for prescribed premises that could pollute | <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> - Part V Environmental regulation | |
| Development or activities within national parks, conservation parks, nature reserves, state forests and timber reserves | <i>Conservation and Land Management Act 1984</i> <i>Wildlife Conservation Act 1950</i> | Department of Parks and Wildlife www.dpaw.wa.gov.au |
| Wetlands | <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> | |
| Development near or discharge into the Swan and Canning Rivers | <i>Swan and Canning Rivers Management Act) 2006</i> | Department of Parks and Wildlife www.swanrivertrust.wa.gov.au |
| Mining and petroleum exploration and operations | <i>Mining Act 1978</i> | Department of Mines and Petroleum |

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| Transport, storage and handling of fuels, solvents, explosives and dangerous goods | <i>Dangerous Goods Safety Act 2004</i> ; Dangerous goods safety regulations 2007 | www.dmp.wa.gov.au |
| Onsite wastewater treatment systems Community health issues | <i>Health Act 1911</i> | Department of Health www.health.wa.gov.au Local government |
| Emergency response planning | <i>Fire and Emergency Services Authority of WA Act 1998</i> | Department of Fire and Emergency Services www.dfes.wa.gov.au |
| Soil conservation, land drainage, clearing, land degradation assessment | <i>Soil and Land Conservation Act 1945</i> | Department of Agriculture and Food www.agric.wa.gov.au |
| Declared pests and weeds | <i>Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007</i> | |
| Discharge to sewer or main drains | <i>Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage Act 1909</i> <i>Country Towns Sewerage Act 1948</i> | Water Corporation www.watercorporation.com.au Or other applicable water service provider |
| Safety of workers | <i>Occupational Health and Safety Act 1984</i> | Department of Commerce www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe |

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