



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 proposal. It is relevant to most of the notes in the water quality protection series.

What's regulated?	Western Australian legislation	Authority
Planning schemes, rezoning, subdivision and development	<i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i>	Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage www.wa.gov.au Western Australian Planning Commission www.planning.wa.gov.au Local Government authorities
Native Title and Aboriginal sites of significance	<i>Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972</i> Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 1974	Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage www.wa.gov.au
Environmental impact of significant development	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986 Part IV: Environmental impact assessment</i>	Department of Water and Environmental Regulation www.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> <i>Water Services Act 2012</i>	
Licensing for taking groundwater or surface water and disturbing waterways	<i>Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914</i>	

What's regulated?	Western Australian legislation	Authority
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>	
Clearing of native vegetation	Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004	
Contaminated Sites	<i>Contaminated Sites Act 2003</i> Contaminated Sites Regulations 2006	
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>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2018	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions www.dbca.wa.gov.au Swan River Trust www.dbca.wa.gov.au/swan-canning-riverpark/swan-river-trust
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> Swan and Canning Rivers Management Regulations 2007	

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Mining and Petroleum exploration and operations	<i>Mining Act 1978</i> Mining Regulations 1981 <i>Offshore Minerals Act 2003</i>	Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety www.dmirs.wa.gov.au
Transport, storage and handling of fuels, solvents, explosives and dangerous goods	<i>Dangerous Goods Safety Act 2004</i> Dangerous Goods Safety Regulations 2007	
Safety of workers	<i>Work Health and Safety Act 2020</i> Work Health and Safety (General) Regulations 2022	
Onsite wastewater treatment systems Community health issues	<i>Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911</i> <i>Public Health Act 2016</i> <i>Public Health Amendment (Safe Access Zones) Act 2021</i>	Department of Health www.health.wa.gov.au Local Government
Emergency response planning	<i>Fire and Emergency Services Act 1998</i>	Department of Fire and Emergency Services www.dfes.wa.gov.au

What's regulated?	Western Australian legislation	Authority
Soil conservation, land drainage, clearing, land degradation assessment	<i>Soil and Land Conservation Act 1945</i>	Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development www.wa.gov.au
Declared pests and weeds	<i>Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007</i> Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Regulations 2013	
Discharge to sewer or main drains	<i>Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage Act 1909</i> <i>Water Services Act 2012</i>	Water Corporation www.watercorporation.com.au Other applicable water service providers

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