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FARM DAIRY PREMISES EFFLUENT MANAGEMENT





Brief History

- Discussions began in 2006 to develop a Code of Practice for Farm Dairy Premises Effluent Management
- Farmers advised of changes ahead from 2006
- Effluent Project Officer employed 2010 – 2011
- Farmers visited and issued an individual Effluent Management Plan
- Code gazetted 24 March 2011
- Audits started in earnest 2013



What's in the Code?

THREE OUTCOMES:

1. **Effluent must not leave the farm boundary.**
2. **Appropriately designed and operated system for responsible management of dairy premises effluent.**
3. **Irrigation/distribution carried out in an environmentally sound manner.**





How TDIA regulates – the Audit process

- Farmers are audited each calendar year.
- **Effluent system review is a risk-based assessment**
- Farmers are advised in advance when an audit will take place, and what records will be required
- Adherence to the *Farm Dairy Premises Effluent Management Code of Practice* is a condition of your Dairy Farmer Licence.

'To operate as a dairy farmer you must comply with the provisions of the *Dairy Industry Act 1994*, (including any Codes of Practice developed under that Act)'



Common findings / issues

- **Not maintaining systems** and/or **increasing herd numbers** without improving systems
- Many Effluent Management Plans have not been used or updated since they were written in 2010/11
- Effluent system management is **REACTIVE** not **PROACTIVE**
- Dairy Farmer Licences are **NOT** automatically transferred when a property is purchased



Moving forward

- Non-conformances raised in audits
- Dairy Farmer Licence application forms and documents
- Future re-issuing of dairy licences will require an updated Effluent Management Plan to be provided to the TDIA (every three years).
- Notice of Completion of dam works in addition to existing requirements (e.g. Certificate of Occupancy, Plumbing Permits)



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Application Process Steps – Dairy Farmer Licence

To obtain a *Dairy Farmer Licence* from the TDIA you will need to meet the following requirements: © TDIA 2020

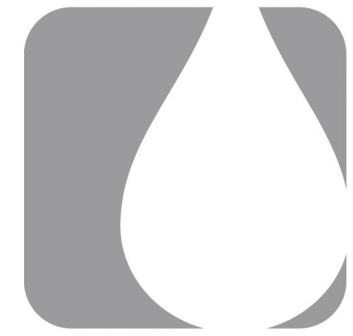
Requirement	New Licence (Greenfield site)	New Licence (Existing Dairy Premises)	Licence Transfers
Certificate of Occupancy (from Building Surveyor)	✓	X	X
Certificate of Completion – Plumbing Permit (from your local Council)	✓	X	X
Notice of Completion of dam works, as aligned with dam works code lodged and approved by DPIPWE Water Management Branch (<i>Water Management Act 1999</i>)	✓	Yes, if changes made to current effluent system	Yes, if changes made to current effluent system
Dairy Farmer Licence Application/Transfer Form	✓	✓	✓
Payment of Dairy Farmer Licence Application/Transfer prescribed fee	✓	✓	✓
TDIA-approved Food Safety Program (from licenced Supply Company)	✓	✓	✓
Dairy Farm Premises Effluent Management Plan (updated)	✓	✓	✓
On-Farm Site Inspection (Conducted by TDIA)	✓	At discretion of TDIA	At discretion of TDIA

Note – Requirements for Licence Transfers and New Licences differ. Contact the TDIA and your local Council to ensure your dairy farm premises meets all necessary requirements – you may also require planning approvals for new or modified premises.

Dam Legislation
Division 3 – In stream irrigation dam
Division 4 – Off stream irrigation or waste dam

- Tick once completed:
- Step 1:** Certificate of Occupancy (from Building Surveyor)
 - Step 2:** Certificate of Completion – Plumbing Permit (from your local Council)
 - Step 3:** Notice of Completion from DPIPWE Water Management Branch
 - Step 4:** Dairy Farmer Licence Application/Transfer Form
 - Step 5:** Payment of Dairy Farmer Licence Application/Transfer prescribed fee
 - Step 6:** TDIA-approved Food Safety Program - Licenced Supply Company or TDIA Generic Food Safety Program. If you intend to supply milk to a company that makes raw milk products, there are additional requirements that need to be met - contact the TDIA for more information.
 - Step 7:** Effluent Management Plan - updated to reflect current operations and management.
 - Step 8:** On-Farm Site Inspection (Conducted by TDIA)

Please note, it can take up to four weeks for the application review and licence approval process – make sure the TDIA are aware of your plans well before you wish to commence milking.

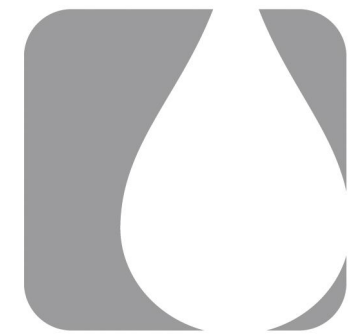


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Division 4 permit – Off stream irrigation or waste dam

- Analysis of environmental, infrastructural and public safety risk
- Consequence Category – risk based assessment by qualified consultant
- Retrospective permits
- Dam Registration
- Repurposing dams



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Division 4 permit – Off stream irrigation or waste dam

- Notice of Intent to Undertake Dam Works submission with DPIPWE (~\$105)
- Approval within ~14 days of lodgement if all required categories are passed.
- Council application with dam on site referral – referral with plumbing permit (s165f)
- **Notice of Completion issued in accordance with the dam works permit lodged and approved by Water Management Branch.**



QUESTIONS?
