



For more detail see the supporting document *Understanding your legal responsibilities* on our website:

[www.amlnrm.sa.gov.au](http://www.amlnrm.sa.gov.au)

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South Australian landholders have a range of responsibilities under different legislation, including the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004* and the *Native Vegetation Act 1991*. This information sheet helps to explain the approvals required to conduct a range of activities under this legislation.

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## Vegetation Removal



\* Water affecting activity





## Water Affecting Activities: Capturing and using water

Do you want to:

Drill, deepen or backfill a bore/well?



Apply for a water licence or transfer a water allocation?



Drain or discharge into a well (Managed Aquifer Recharge)?



Approval is required from the Department for Water



Refer to website [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au)  
Search for 'water use for irrigators'  
Or phone Licensing Administration Ph (08) 8463 6863

Do you want to:

Build, enlarge or clean out a dam?



Is the dam wall height greater than 3 metres or the finished volume greater than 5 megalitres\*

Yes



Development approval is required from your local council



Contact your local council for further information

No



Apply for a WAA permit from your local NRM Board



Refer to website [www.amlnrm.sa.gov.au](http://www.amlnrm.sa.gov.au)  
Search for 'permit'  
Or phone the AMLNRM Board Ph 8273 9100

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Dumping of material of any kind in a water course is illegal

\* 1 megalitre = 1 million litres





## Water Affecting Activities: Activity within a watercourse

Do you want to:

**Construct a culvert or stock crossing?**



**Definition:** Erection, construction or placement of any building or structure in a watercourse



**Excavate or remove material from a watercourse?**



**Definition:** Excavating or removing rock, sand or soil from a watercourse or lake bank



**Discharge water into a watercourse?**



**Definition:** Allowing water from another source to flow into a watercourse



Apply for a water affecting activity permit from your NRM Board\*



**AMLR NRM Board**

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## What is a watercourse

A watercourse can be a river, creek or other natural watercourse (whether modified or not) in which water is contained or flows either permanently or from time to time. In order to be considered a watercourse, bed and banks are required.

\*Construction or excavation in some development zones (eg watercourse zone or floodplain zone) as identified in the Development Plan is considered development and must be assessed by the relevant local council. A WAA permit is not required.







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**Other**

Do you want to change land use?

May require development approval from your local council

Contact your local council for further information

What do you do about pest animals and plants?

Control of declared animals and plants is the responsibility of the landholder

Seek advice from the AMLR NRM Board if you are unsure (see contact details, left)

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
You have a general statutory duty to protect and NOT damage the environment

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
You have specific responsibilities to protect your soil from degradation and maintain your watercourse condition

**What does this all mean?**  
See the Board’s website for further info or contact your local office



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