

Third quarter compliance actions

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The Natural Resource Access Regulator's compliance activities for third quarter 2018

A man from **Oaklands** was issued with two \$750 penalty infringement notices for constructing two crossings over a waterway, offences under s91B of the *Water Management Act 2000*.

A man from **Corowa** received a \$750 penalty notice for building two unauthorised flood levee banks across a floodway. The site was part of a Flood Management Plan area, in which works cannot be done, and he has now removed the structures. The construction of the levees was an offence under s91B of the *Water Management Act 2000*.

A Canberra man has removed a dam and vehicle crossing on a watercourse at **Sutton** after being asked to do so. The construction of the unapproved works was an offence under s91B of the *Water Management Act 2000*. He has also redistributed the materials and revegetated the banks of the waterway.

A **Yass** man has been directed to reduce the capacity of a dam which was larger than allowed under harvestable rights, an offence under s91B of the *Water Management Act 2000*.

A man was given a \$750 penalty notice and directed to remove a causeway constructed over a watercourse without approval at **Mulwala**, as the material would impact floodwaters. The construction of the causeway was an offence under s91D of the *Water Management Act 2000*.

A man from **Pulletop** south of Wagga Wagga was issued with a \$750 penalty notice for unlawfully constructing a dam, an offence under s91B of the *Water Management Act 2000*. He has since removed the dam.

A **Richmond** company received a \$1,500 penalty notice for clearing vegetation and earthworks on the banks of the Hawkesbury River, an offence under s91E of the *Water Management Act 2000*. The company has also been directed to rehabilitate the site.

An **Annangrove** man received a penalty notice for \$750 for earthworks within Blue Gum Creek, an offence under s91E of the *Water Management Act 2000*. The landowner has been directed to rehabilitate the site.

An **Agnes Banks** company received a \$1,500 penalty notice for scraping mud from the bottom of Yarramundi Lagoon and spreading it along the foreshore without approval, an offence under s91E of the *Water Management Act 2000*.



A company was issued with a \$1,500 penalty notice for removing material from the bed and banks of first and third order watercourses and depositing the material on waterfront land, without approval. The actions at a property at **Tamban**, south of Nambucca Heads, are an offence under s91E of the *Water Management Act 2000*. The company was directed to revegetate the site within a stipulated timeframe.

A couple from **Koorainghat near Taree** has been issued with an official caution, and the Wingham contractor they engaged issued with a \$1,500 penalty infringement notice after constructing a dam on a third-order stream. The earthmover was considered more culpable as he built dams regularly and knew the rules. He did not check the stream order for the watercourse and did not check if the landowners had obtained a water supply work approval for the work before commencing. The contractor has also been issued with a direction to prepare a report for decommissioning the dam. The construction of the dam without approval was an offence under s91B of the *Water Management Act 2000*.