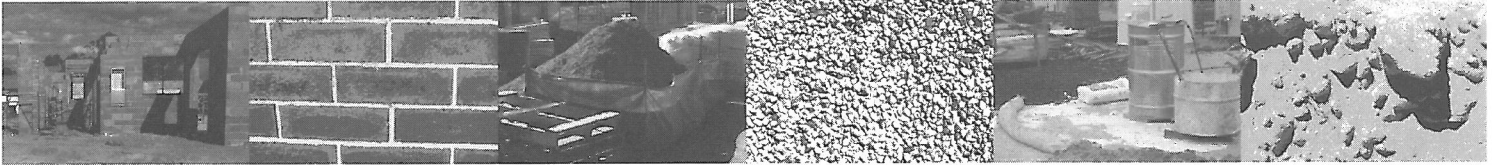


Diversion of Up Slope Water



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Within the Southwest waterways there is evidence of adverse impacts from sediment deposition in waterways.

These impacts include:

- Increased weed grow on deposited sediment;
- Adverse impacts on native fauna (including fish) from muddy water reaching the waterway, weed growth on new sediment and loss of river pools and deep water habitat; and
- Reduced capacity of stormwater systems due to drainage pipes becoming blocked with sediment, resulting in a higher risk of flooding.

If you are involved in the building industry, you are required to provide the right circumstances necessary to reduce any environmental impact as a result of the building process.

All building work must be carried out in a way to stop the entry of any pollution into the stormwater system.

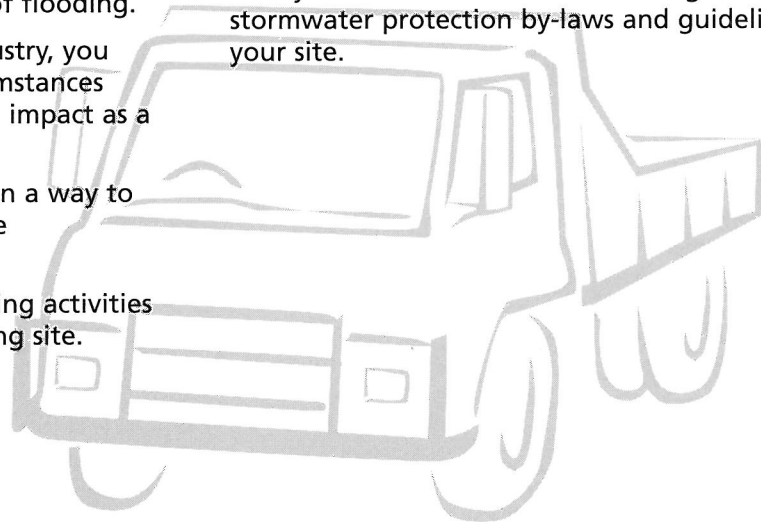
The following hints are aimed at building activities and trades involved on a typical building site.

Upslope Water Diversion

Where practical allow for diversion of up slope stormwater around the site. Stormwater can be diverted with the use of small turf or geotextile lined catchment drains, subsoil drains, or with the use of diversion banks.

Diverted stormwater should be discharged onto stable areas and should not be diverted into neighbouring properties unless written permission is obtained from the land owner(s). Avoid directing stormwater towards material stockpiles or the site's entry/exit point.

Always check with the local Shire regarding stormwater protection by-laws and guidelines on your site.



WARNING: On the spot FINES apply

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