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The Australian Capital Territory Executive, in accordance with section 5 of the *Subordinate Laws Act 1989*, makes the following Regulations under the *Environment Protection Act 1997*.

Dated 2 December 1997.

GARY HUMPHRIES Minister

KATE CARNELL Minister

PART I—PRELIMINARY

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Environment Protection Regulations.

Commencement

2. (1) Regulation 1 and this regulation commence on the day on which these Regulations are notified in the *Gazette*.

(2) The remaining provisions commence on a day, or respective days, fixed by the Minister by notice in the *Gazette*.

(3) If a provision referred to in subregulation (2) has not commenced before the end of the period of 6 months commencing on the day on which these Regulations are notified in the *Gazette*, that provision, by force of this subregulation, commences on the first day after the end of that period.

Interpretation

3. (1) In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears—

- "affected land" means a parcel of land (whether inside or outside the Territory) a person on which is affected by excessive noise, but does not include—
 - (a) if the noise is being emitted from a parcel of leased land—that land; or
 - (b) a road, footpath or cycle way;

"affected occupier" means an occupier of affected land and, in relation to affected land that is—

- (a) unleased land; or
- (b) public land within the meaning of section 153 of the *Crown Lands Act 1989* of New South Wales;

and includes a person who is lawfully on that land;

"agvet chemical product" means-

- (a) an agricultural chemical product; or
- (b) a veterinary chemical product;

within the meaning of the Agvet Code;

- "Agvet Code" means the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code as in force for the time being under the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994* of the Commonwealth;
- "approval", in relation to an activity, means a licence, lease, permit or other instrument (however described) under a law of the Territory authorising the conduct of the activity on specified public land;
- "building work" means building work in respect of which a building permit under Part III of the *Building Act 1972* is required;

- "built-up area" means an area declared under the *Bushfire Act 1936* to be a built-up area;
- "CFC" means a chlorofluorocarbon specified in Part I of Schedule 1 to the *Ozone Protection Act 1989* of the Commonwealth, whether existing alone or in a mixture;
- "chimney" means a structure or opening designed to permit the emission of pollutants into the air from premises, whether or not the chimney is structurally part of the premises;
- "compliance location" has the meaning given by regulation 25;
- "essential service" means the provision of electricity or any other service that is prescribed as an essential service by or under the *Essential Services (Continuity of Supply) Act 1992*;
- "excessive noise" means noise that, by virtue of regulation 27, is to be taken to have an adverse impact on the environment;
- "halon" means a halon specified in Part II of Schedule 1 to the *Ozone Protection Act 1989* of the Commonwealth, whether existing alone or in a mixture;
- "HCFC" means a hydrochlorofluorocarbon specified in Part V of Schedule 1 to the *Ozone Protection Act 1989* of the Commonwealth, whether existing alone or in a mixture;
- "methyl chloroform" means the substance specified in Part IV of Schedule 1 to the *Ozone Protection Act 1989* of the Commonwealth;
- "national emission guidelines" means the guidelines called the "National guidelines for control of emission of air pollutants from new stationary sources 1985" published by or on behalf of the Australian Environment Council and the National Health and Medical Research Council;
- "noise zone", in relation to a parcel of land to which a land use policy specified in column 2 of Table 1 in Schedule 2 applies, means the noise zone specified in column 1 opposite that land use policy;
- "non-scheduled PCB material" means any material that contains PCBs in a measure that is less than the threshold concentration or threshold quantity but is greater than 2 milligrams per kilogram;

- "NRA" means the National Registration Authority for Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals under the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act 1992* of the Commonwealth;
- "NSW Authority" means the Environment Protection Authority under the *Protection of the Environment Administration Act 1991* of the State of New South Wales;
- "NSW Noise Control Act" means the *Noise Control Act 1975* of the State of New South Wales, and includes any regulations in force for the time being under that Act;
- "NSW Noise Control Manual" means-
 - (a) the manual called the "Environmental Noise Control Manual", published by or on behalf of the NSW Authority, as varied and in effect for the time being; and
 - (b) where the manual has been replaced by an equivalent publication—that publication, as varied and in effect for the time being;
- "PCB" means a polychlorinated biphenyl with the chemical formula $C_{12}H_{10-n}Cl_n$, where n is any whole number in the range from and including 1 to and including 10;
- "PCB material" means scheduled or non-scheduled PCB material;
- "permitted agvet chemical product" means an agvet chemical product that is the subject of a permit under Part 7 of the Agvet Code;
- "premises" includes vacant land, vehicles, vessels and aircraft;
- "protocol" means a national environment protection protocol within the meaning of the national scheme laws, and includes a national environment protection protocol in a national environment protection measure made by the National Environment Protection Council and in force from time to time under those laws;
- "registered agvet chemical product" means an agvet chemical product that is registered under Part 2 of the Agvet Code;
- "scheduled PCB material" means any material that contains PCBs in a measure that is equal to or greater than the threshold concentration and threshold quantity;
- "sole occupancy unit" means a part of a building in respect of which a person has an exclusive right of occupation;

- "standard" means a national environment protection standard within the meaning of the national scheme laws, and includes a national environment protection standard in a national environment protection measure made by the National Environment Protection Council and in force from time to time under those laws;
- "the Act" means the Environment Protection Act 1997;
- "threshold concentration" means a concentration of PCB material at 50 milligrams per kilogram;
- "threshold quantity" means 50 grams of PCB material;
- "zone noise standard", in relation to noise being emitted in a noise zone during a period specified in column 3A, 3B, 3C or 3D of Table 1 in Schedule 2, means the zone noise standard specified in that column opposite that noise zone.

(2) Unless the contrary intention appears, an expression used in these Regulations has the same meaning as in Schedule 1 or 2 to the Act.

(3) A reference in these Regulations to an ozone depleting substance shall not be read as including a reference to a thing that has been manufactured where the thing—

- (a) contains, or will use in its operation, an ozone depleting substance; or
- (b) consists in part of an ozone depleting substance only because the substance was used in the manufacturing process.

(4) A reference in subregulation (3) to a thing that has been manufactured shall not be read as including a reference to such a thing that is to be used only for the transportation and storage of an ozone depleting substance unless the substance can only be used in conjunction with the thing.

PART II—AIR

Division 1—Preliminary

Application to tobacco products

4. This Part does not apply in relation to the lighting or smoking of a cigar, cigarette or pipe.

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Division 2—Emissions

Emission of certain pollutants through a chimney

5. For the purposes of paragraph 5 (a) of the Act, a pollutant emitted into the air through a chimney, being a pollutant specified in Table 1 or 2 of the national emission guidelines, shall be taken to cause environmental harm if the measure of the pollutant being emitted into the air from a source specified in that table opposite that pollutant exceeds the standard specified in that table opposite that source.

Smoke and soot

6. (1) Despite regulation 5, the concentration of smoke being emitted into the air through a chimney from a source specified in Table 1 of the national emission guidelines opposite that pollutant—

- (a) may exceed the standard specified in that table opposite that source for a period that does not exceed 20 minutes in any period of 24 hours if—
 - (i) the emission is due solely to the lighting of a boiler or incinerator from cold;
 - (ii) the concentration does not exceed the concentration that appears as Shade 3 on the Ringlemann chart; and
 - (iii) such steps as are practicable and reasonable are taken to prevent or minimise the emission; and
- (b) may exceed the concentration that appears as Shade 3 on the Ringlemann chart for a period that does not exceed 10 minutes in any period of 8 hours if—
 - (i) the emission is due solely to the blowing of tubes of a boiler; and
 - (ii) such steps as are practicable and reasonable are taken to prevent or minimise the emission.

(2) Despite regulation 5, the concentration of soot being emitted into the air through a chimney from a source specified in Table 1 of the national emission guidelines opposite that pollutant—

(a) may exceed the standard specified in that table opposite that source for a period that does not exceed 20 minutes in any period of 24 hours if—

- (i) the emission is due solely to the lighting of a boiler or incinerator from cold;
- (ii) the concentration does not exceed the concentration that appears as a blackening index of Shade 5 when tested by the Bacharach filter paper method; and
- (iii) such steps as are practicable and reasonable are taken to prevent or minimise the emission; and
- (b) may exceed the concentration that appears as a blackening index of Shade 5 when tested by the Bacharach filter paper method for a period that does not exceed 5 minutes in any period of 8 hours if—
 - (i) the emission is due solely to the blowing of tubes of a boiler; and
 - (ii) such steps as are practicable and reasonable are taken to prevent or minimise the emission.

Fires

7. Despite anything in this Division, a pollutant being emitted into the air shall not be taken to cause environmental harm if the source of that pollutant is a fire that is permitted under Division 3.

Motor vehicles

8. Despite anything in this Division, a pollutant being emitted into the air shall not be taken to cause environmental harm if—

- (a) the source of that pollutant is a motor vehicle to which the Act applies; and
- (b) the motor vehicle complies with the requirements of the *Motor Traffic Act 1936* and any regulations in force for the time being under that Act.

Sulfur content of fuel oil

9. (1) For the purposes of clause 3 of Schedule 2 to the Act, sulfur is a prescribed constituent of fuel oil and the proportion of sulfur that may be present in fuel oil shall not exceed—

(a) in the case of fuel oil used on premises on which there is erected equipment capable of consuming fuel oil, either alone or with another substance, at a rate of not more than 200 kilograms an hour—0.5% by weight; or

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(b) in the case of fuel oil used on premises on which there is erected equipment capable of consuming fuel oil, either alone or with another substance, at a rate of more than 200 kilograms an hour— 1.0% by weight.

(2) Notwithstanding subregulation (1), fuel oil containing a higher proportion of sulfur than that referred to in paragraph (1) (a) or (b) may be used on premises if the equipment in which the oil is used is fitted with control equipment of such a kind that the emission from the equipment is not greater than the emission that would be emitted from the equipment if fuel oil with a sulfur content of not more than 0.5% or 1.0%, as the case requires, were used.

Division 3—Lighting of fires

Minor environmental offences

- **10.** For the purposes of Division 1 of Part XIII of the Act—
- (a) an offence against this Division is a minor environmental offence; and
- (b) if the offender is a natural person—the on-the-spot fine is \$120.

Burning of certain substances prohibited

- **11.** (1) A person shall not cause to be burnt—
- (a) synthetic plastics or other synthetic polymers;
- (b) wood that is painted, chemically treated or contaminated with chemicals; or
- (c) chemicals (except those recommended by the manufacturer as fuels for fire);

other than in accordance with an environmental authorisation that authorises the burning of such substances in an incinerator.

Penalty for contravention of subregulation (1):

- (a) if the offender is a natural person—10 penalty units;
- (b) if the offender is a body corporate—50 penalty units.
- (2) A person shall not cause to be burnt—
- (a) waste (including garden waste, but not including paper or cardboard being burnt for the purpose of starting a fire); or
- (b) unseasoned wood;

other than in accordance with an environmental authorisation that authorises the burning of such substances in an incinerator.

Penalty for contravention of subregulation (2):

- (a) if the offender is a natural person—10 penalty units;
- (b) if the offender is a body corporate—50 penalty units.

(3) Subregulation (2) does not apply in relation to the burning of waste on land in an area that is not in the built-up area by a person who is ordinarily resident on that land if—

- (a) the waste is waste as a result of his or her being the resident of the land; and
- (b) the burning occurs on that land.

Open air fires

12. (1) A person shall not—

- (a) cause combustible material to be burnt; or
- (b) cause a fire to be lit, used or maintained;

in the open air.

Penalty:

- (a) if the offender is a natural person—5 penalty units;
- (b) if the offender is a body corporate—25 penalty units.
- (2) Nothing in subregulation (1) applies in relation to conduct—
- (a) that is for the purposes of an activity specified in Schedule 1 being conducted in accordance with the conditions (if any) specified in that Schedule opposite that activity; or
- (b) that is otherwise authorised by or under the Act or these Regulations;

and is, apart from the Act and these Regulations, lawful.

Unfavourable weather conditions

13. (1) Where the Minister is satisfied that meteorological conditions are, or are likely to become, such that fire related activities would—

- (a) cause excessive environmental harm; or
- (b) unduly increase the measure of pollutants in the air;

the Minister may, by notice, prohibit fire related activities.

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- (2) A notice under subregulation (1)—
- (a) shall be—
 - (i) published in a daily newspaper printed and circulating in the Territory;
 - (ii) broadcast from a radio broadcasting station in the Territory; or
 - (iii) televised from a television station in the Territory;
- (b) shall specify the times of the day and the periods during which the prohibition applies; and
- (c) shall specify that—
 - (i) the prohibition applies to the Territory as a whole; or
 - (ii) if it applies to part only of the Territory—the part to which it applies.

(3) A person shall not contravene a notice under subregulation (1). Penalty:

- (a) if the offender is a natural person—10 penalty units;
- (b) if the offender is a body corporate—50 penalty units.
- (4) In subregulation (1)—

"fire related activities" means-

- (a) the burning of combustible material; or
- (b) the lighting, using or maintaining of a fire (other than a fire solely for the purpose of cooking food or heating a potable liquid);

in the open air.

Indoor fires

14. A person shall not light, use or maintain a fire inside a building unless the person takes such steps as are practicable and reasonable to prevent or minimise the environmental harm caused, or likely to be caused, by the emission of pollutants into the air from the fire.

Penalty:

- (a) if the offender is a natural person—5 penalty units;
- (b) if the offender is a body corporate—25 penalty units.

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PART III—HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Division 1—Agvet chemical products

Entry of products into the environment

15. (1) For the purposes of paragraph 5 (a) of the Act, a registered or permitted agvet chemical product shall be taken to cause environmental harm if the measure of the product entering the environment exceeds the measure authorised by the NRA.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph 5 (b) of the Act, an agvet chemical product (other than a registered or permitted agvet chemical product) shall be taken to cause environmental harm if it enters the environment.

Division 2—Ozone depleting substances

Interpretation

16. In this Division—

"discarded domestic article" includes a domestic aerosol, domestic refrigerator or domestic air conditioning equipment, but does not include discarded motor vehicle air conditioner equipment.

Application

17. This Division does not apply to—

- (a) the sale, purchase, storage, supply, use or disposal of—
 - (i) a substance; or
 - (ii) a thing that contains a substance;

merely because the substance includes an insignificant quantity or proportion of an ozone depleting substance; or

(b) the sale or supply of an ozone depleting substance as part of a transaction that is ancillary to the servicing of a thing which uses an ozone depleting substance.

Entry of substances into the atmosphere

18. For the purposes of paragraph 5 (b) of the Act, an ozone depleting substance shall be taken to cause environmental harm if it enters the atmosphere.

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Registered or permitted under the Agvet Code

19. Despite regulation 18, an ozone depleting substance entering the atmosphere shall not be taken to cause environmental harm if the substance—

- (a) is registered under the Agvet Code and is being used in accordance with the conditions of registration; or
- (b) is being used in accordance with a permit under the Agvet Code.

Other permitted discharges

20. Despite regulation 18, an ozone depleting substance entering the atmosphere shall not be taken to cause environmental harm if the substance—

- (a) is discharged as part of an aerosol product the manufacture or import of which is not prohibited under the *Ozone Protection Act* 1989 of the Commonwealth;
- (b) is a halon or an HCFC and is discharged in an emergency for the purposes of extinguishing a fire;
- (c) is a residual CFC or HCFC discharged from a discarded domestic article;
- (d) is discharged from a steriliser being used to sterilise medical devices or equipment where—
 - the steriliser was purchased and was being used for sterilising medical devices or equipment before January 1993;
 - (ii) there is no acceptable alternative to using the substance in the steriliser; and
 - (iii) such steps as are practicable and reasonable are taken to minimise the discharge;
- (e) is discharged during the operation of dry cleaning equipment where such steps as are practicable and reasonable are taken to minimise the discharge; or
- (f) is discharged as a solvent for cleaning or degreasing where—
 - (i) the cleaning or degreasing is necessary for the continued operation of a business;

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- (ii) there is no acceptable alternative to using the substance for that cleaning or degreasing; and
- (iii) such steps as are practicable and reasonable are taken to minimise the discharge.

Class A activities

21. (1) For the purposes of paragraph 2 (a) of Schedule 1 to the Act, the following are Class A activities:

- (a) the sale, purchase, storage, supply, use, reclaiming or disposal of halons;
- (b) the manufacture, sale, purchase, storage, supply, use, servicing or disposal of a thing that uses halons in its operation;
- (c) the sale, purchase, supply, reclaiming or disposal of CFCs or HCFCs;
- (d) the manufacture or servicing of a thing that uses CFCs or HCFCs in its operation;
- (e) the disposal of a thing containing CFCs or HCFCs, other than a discarded domestic article.

(2) Paragraphs (1) (a) and (b) do not apply to the storage or use of halons in an aircraft in the Territory if—

- (a) the halons are used in an emergency to extinguish a fire;
- (b) the owner of the aircraft, within 20 working days after the date of the discharge of the halons, gives written notice of the fact to—
 - (i) an authorised halon supplier; or
 - (ii) the Authority; and
- (c) the notice specifies—
 - (i) the name of the registered owner of the aircraft;
 - (ii) the aircraft registration number;
 - (iii) the type and quantity of the halon released; and
 - (iv) the date of, and reason for, the release of the halon.

(3) In subregulation (1)—

"servicing", in relation to a thing using an ozone depleting substance in its operation, means carrying out an activity for the purposes of

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repairing, maintaining or adjusting the thing, being an activity that risks release into the atmosphere of an ozone depleting substance.

Sale or hire of articles

22. (1) This regulation applies in relation to—

- (a) the first retail sale of a new article or other thing that uses an ozone depleting substance in its operation; or
- (b) the hiring out of an article or other thing that uses an ozone depleting substance in its operation.

(2) A person shall not sell or hire out an article or other thing unless the sale or hiring out is authorised under this regulation.

Penalty:

- (a) if the offender is a natural person—10 penalty units;
- (b) if the offender is a body corporate—50 penalty units.

(3) The sale or hiring out of an article or other thing is authorised under this regulation if, had the article or other thing been sold in the State of New South Wales instead of being sold or hired out in the Territory, the sale would have been permitted under the relevant NSW Ozone Protection legislation.

(4) In subregulation (3)—

"relevant NSW Ozone Protection legislation" means-

- (a) in the case of the sale of an article or other thing in the Territory—
 - (i) the *Ozone Protection Act 1989* of the State of New South Wales; and
 - (ii) the Ozone Protection Regulations 1997 of the State of New South Wales; or
- (b) in the case of the hiring out of an article or other thing in the Territory—
 - (i) the *Ozone Protection Act 1989* of the State of New South Wales as in force at the time the article or other thing was first hired out in the Territory; and
 - (ii) the Ozone Protection Regulations 1997 of the State of New South Wales as in force under that Act.

Division 3—Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)

Entry of PCBs into the environment

23. For the purposes of paragraph 5 (b) of the Act, PCB material or a thing containing PCB material shall be taken to cause environmental harm if the material or thing enters the environment.

PART IV-NOISE

Division 1—Measuring noise levels

Procedures for taking measurements

24. For the purpose of determining whether noise being emitted from a parcel of land is in compliance with the Act or these Regulations—

- (a) the noise level measured shall be $L_{10,T}$; and
- (b) all measurements shall be taken and all adjustments for the nature of the noise shall be determined using the procedures set out in the NSW Noise Control Manual.

Measurements to be taken at compliance location

25. (1) For the purpose of determining whether noise being emitted from a parcel of land is in compliance with the Act or these Regulations, the noise level shall be measured at the compliance location for that parcel of land.

- (2) The compliance location is—
- (a) if the noise is being emitted during the course of conducting an activity in respect of which an environmental authorisation or an environmental protection agreement is in effect; and
- (b) if the authorisation or agreement specifies the compliance location;

the location so specified.

(3) The compliance location for public land to which subregulation (2) does not apply is, if—

- (a) the noise is being emitted during the course of conducting an activity in respect of which an approval is in force; and
- (b) the approval specifies the compliance location;

that location.

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(4) The compliance location for leased land to which subregulation (2) does not apply is—

- (a) if the boundary of the leased land is formed by a road separating 2 noise zones; and
- (b) if those noise zones have different zone noise standards in respect of the period during which the noise is emitted;

any point on or as near as practicable to the boundary of the noise zone with the lowest of those zone noise standards.

(5) The compliance location for leased land to which neither subregulation (2) or (4) applies is—

- (a) if the noise is being emitted from 1 of 2 or more sole occupancy units on the leased land—
 - (i) any point within any of those other units; and
 - (ii) any point on or as near as practicable to the boundary of the leased land; or
- (b) in any other case—any point on or as near as practicable to the boundary of the leased land.

(6) The compliance location for unleased land to which neither subregulation (2) nor (3) applies is any point as near as practicable to 5 metres from the source of the noise.

Adjoining noise zones

26. For the purposes of these Regulations, noise zones are adjoining if the zones—

- (a) have a common boundary; or
- (b) would have a common boundary but for a road separating the zones.

Division 2—Excessive noise levels

Noise levels exceeding zone noise standards

27. (1) For the purposes of paragraph 5 (a) of the Act, subject to this regulation, noise being emitted from a parcel of land in a noise zone shall be taken to cause environmental harm if the noise level exceeds the zone noise standard in respect of the period during which the noise is emitted.

(2) Noise being emitted from a sole occupancy unit on a parcel of leased land in a noise zone shall be taken to cause environmental harm in

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another sole occupancy unit on the leased land if the noise level at any point within that other unit exceeds 5 dB(A) below the zone noise standard in respect of the period during which the noise is emitted.

(3) Where the boundary of a parcel of leased land is also the boundary of a noise zone that adjoins another noise zone or other noise zones, the zone noise standard at that boundary for that parcel of land is the average of the zone noise standards for the adjoining noise zones in respect of the period during which the noise is emitted, rounded up to the nearest dB(A).

Noise from certain activities

28. Despite regulation 27, noise being emitted from a parcel of land shall not be taken to cause environmental harm if—

- (a) the noise is emitted during the course of conducting an activity for the purpose of—
 - (i) protecting life or property; or
 - (ii) preventing, minimising or remedying environmental harm;
- (b) the noise is emitted during the course of conducting an activity for the purpose of maintaining an essential service; or
- (c) the noise is emitted during the course of constructing or maintaining an arterial road.

Noise complying with certain conditions

29. (1) Despite regulation 27, noise being emitted during the conduct of an activity specified in Table 2 in Schedule 2 shall not be taken to cause environmental harm if the activity is conducted in accordance with the conditions specified in that table opposite that activity.

(2) A reference in Table 2 in Schedule 2 to a zone followed by a letter is a reference to the noise zone so lettered in Table 1 in Schedule 2.

(3) A reference in Table 2 in Schedule 2 to a period followed by a number is—

- (a) if the period is during a Sunday or a public holiday—the period specified in column 3 of Table 3 in Schedule 2 opposite the same number specified in column 1 of that table; or
- (b) if the period is during any other day—the period specified in column 2 of Table 3 in Schedule 2 opposite the same number specified in column 1 of that table.

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Approval prevails

30. In the event of an inconsistency between an approval and this Part, the approval prevails.

Complaint must be made by affected person

31. A person who conducts an activity that emits excessive noise shall not be taken to have committed an offence against the Act or these Regulations in respect of that emission unless—

- (a) an affected occupier makes a complaint to an authorised officer;
- (b) in the case of noise being emitted from a sole occupancy unit on a parcel of leased land—if the noise level in another sole occupancy unit on the leased land exceeds 5 dB(A) below the zone noise standard for the noise zone that the leased land is in; and
- (c) in any other case—the noise level at the affected land exceeds the zone noise standard for the noise zone that the affected land is in.

Division 3—Sale and hire of articles

Sale or hire of articles

32. (1) This regulation applies in relation to—

- (a) the first retail sale of a new article or other thing; or
- (b) the hiring out of an article or other thing.

(2) A person shall not sell or hire out an article or other thing unless the sale or hiring out is authorised under this regulation.

Penalty:

- (a) if the offender is a natural person—10 penalty units;
- (b) if the offender is a body corporate—50 penalty units.

(3) The sale or hiring out of an article or other thing is authorised under this regulation if, had the article or other thing been sold in the State of New South Wales instead of being sold or hired out in the Territory, the sale would have been permitted under the relevant NSW Noise Control legislation.

(4) In subregulation (3)—

"relevant NSW Noise Control legislation" means-

(a) in the case of the sale of an article or other thing in the Territory—

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- (i) the *Noise Control Act 1975* of the State of New South Wales; and
- (ii) any regulations in force for the time being under that Act; and
- (b) in the case of an article or other thing hired out in the Territory—
 - (i) the *Noise Control Act 1975* of the State of New South Wales as in force at the time the article or other thing was first hired out in the Territory; and
 - (ii) any regulations in force under that Act.

PART V—PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

Construction and marking of petrol pumps

33. (1) For the purposes of clause 10 of Schedule 2 to the Act, a petrol pump used to dispense unleaded petrol into motor vehicles shall—

- (a) have a hose that is equipped with a nozzle that has an external diameter of not more than 21.34 millimetres; and
- (b) have the word "UNLEADED" marked on the pump—
 - (i) in letters not less than 20 millimetres in height; and
 - (ii) in a position that is clearly visible to a driver of a motor vehicle intending to obtain petrol from the pump.

(2) For the purposes of clause 10 of Schedule 2 to the Act, a petrol pump used to dispense leaded petrol into motor vehicles shall—

- (a) have a hose that is equipped with a nozzle that has an external diameter of not less than 23.6 millimetres; and
- (b) have the words "CONTAINS LEAD" marked on the pump—
 - (i) in letters not less than 20 millimetres in height; and
 - (ii) in a position that is clearly visible to a driver of a motor vehicle intending to obtain petrol from the pump.

PART VI—WATER

Environmental values

34. (1) For the purposes of this Part and Schedules 3 and 4, the environmental values of a waterway are the environmental values specified

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in Part C2, Water Use and Catchment Policies, of the Territory Plan in respect of the waterway.

- (2) The following are examples of those environmental values:
- (a) Domestic Water Quality (DOM1/2/3);
- (b) Primary and Secondary Contact Recreation (REC/1 & REC/2);
- (c) Waterscape (VIEW);
- (d) Agricultural Uses (STOCK).

Entry of certain pollutants into waterways

35. For the purposes of paragraph 5 (b) of the Act, a pollutant specified in a table in Schedule 3 shall be taken to cause environmental harm if it enters a waterway that has as 1 of its environmental values the value specified in that table.

Water quality standards

36. The ambient environmental standards in relation to water quality for a waterway that has as 1 of its environmental values the value specified in a table in Schedule 4, in flow conditions not exceeding the long term 5 percentile high flow value, are the standards specified in that table opposite that value.

Compliance with standards

37. (1) An indicator specified in a table in Schedule 4 (other than dissolved oxygen and light penetration) shall be taken to comply with the standard value specified in that table opposite that indicator if—

- (a) where the standard value is expressed as a range—the measure of the indicator is within the range; or
- (b) in any other case—the measure of the indicator does not exceed the standard value.

(2) Dissolved oxygen or light penetration specified in a table in Schedule 4 shall be taken to comply with the standard value specified in that table opposite that indicator if the indicator is equal to or exceeds the standard value.

PART VII—MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL OFFENCES

Offences specified in Schedule 5

38. (1) An offence specified in column 2 of an item in Schedule 5 is punishable, on conviction, by a penalty not exceeding—

- (a) if the offender is a natural person—the penalty specified in column 3 of that item; or
- (b) if the offender is a body corporate—5 times that penalty.
- (2) For the purposes of Division 1 of Part XIII of the Act—
- (a) an offence specified in column 2 of an item in Schedule 5 is a minor environmental offence; and
- (b) if the offender is a natural person—the on-the-spot fine for an offence specified in column 2 of an item in Schedule 5 is the amount specified in column 4 of that item.

No offence committed

39. A person does not commit a minor environmental offence within the meaning of Division 1 of Part XIII of the Act if—

- (a) the act or omission that would but for this provision have constituted the offence or an element of the offence was authorised by or under the Act or these Regulations; or
- (b) in any other case—
 - (i) the act or omission that would but for this provision have constituted the offence or an element of the offence occurred during the conduct of an activity that was, apart from the Act or these Regulations, lawful; and
 - (ii) in conducting the activity, the person was complying with the general environmental duty.

PART VIII—OTHER MATTERS TO BE PRESCRIBED

Sampling and analysis of pollutants other than noise

40. (1) The sampling and analysis of a pollutant other than noise shall be conducted in accordance with—

(a) a procedure for that purpose specified by or under another law of the Territory or a law of the Commonwealth, a State or another Territory;

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- (b) a protocol recommended for that purpose in a standard published by or on behalf of the Standards Association of Australia;
- (c) a protocol recommended for that purpose in a standard published by or on behalf of the International Standards Organisation, Geneva; or
- (d) a protocol published by a recognised entity.

(2) The analysis of a pollutant other than noise shall be conducted by a person employed as an analyst in any of the following organisations:

- (a) a laboratory operated by or on behalf of the Territory, the Commonwealth, a State or another Territory;
- (b) an Australian university;
- (c) a laboratory accredited by the National Association of Testing Authorities;
- (d) a laboratory notified by the Minister in the *Gazette* as a laboratory for the purposes of this subregulation.

(3) A notice under paragraph (2) (d) is a disallowable instrument for the purposes of section 10 of the *Subordinate Laws Act 1989*.

(4) In this regulation—

"Australian university" means a university established by a law of the Territory, the Commonwealth, a State or another Territory;

"recognised entity" means—

- (a) the Territory, the Commonwealth, a State or another Territory;
- (b) the Authority or a body established by or under a law of the Commonwealth, a State or another Territory having functions corresponding to those of the Authority;
- (c) the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO);
- (d) the Australia and New Zealand Environment and Conservation Council;
- (e) the National Environment Protection Council established by the national scheme laws;
- (f) the Agricultural and Resource Management Council of Australia and New Zealand;

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- (g) the United States Environment Protection Authority;
- (h) the American Public Health Association;
- (j) a Co-operative Research Centre established under the Commonwealth's Co-operative Research Centre Program; and
- (k) an Australian university.

PART IX—MISCELLANEOUS

Review of decisions

41. (1) Application may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for review of a decision of the Authority—

- (a) under paragraph 40 (2) (d) approving a laboratory; or
- (b) under paragraph 40 (2) (d) refusing to approve a laboratory.

(2) Where a decision of a kind referred to in paragraph (1) (a) or (b) is made, the Authority shall give notice in writing of the decision to the applicant.

(3) A notice under subregulation (2) shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Practice in force under subsection 25B (1) of the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1989*.

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SCHEDULE 1

Subregulation 12 (2)

OPEN AIR FIRES: PURPOSES AND CONDITIONS

Item	Activity	Conditions
1	Cooking food or heating a potable liquid	
2	Heating	 The activity is conducted— (a) in a built-up area using a brazier or constructed fireplace; or (b) in an area that is not a built-up area.
3	A display, ceremony, celebration or similar activity	 The activity— (a) if on leased land to which the land use policy of residential applies—is conducted during the period commencing on the Saturday that is 9 days before the public holiday observed as the Sovereign's birthday and ending on the Sunday that is 6 days after that public holiday; (b) if on any other leased land—is authorised by the Chief Fire Control Officer or the Fire Commissioner, and is conducted with the consent of the lessee and in accordance with an approval; or (c) if on unleased land—is authorised by the Chief Fire Control Officer or the Fire Commissioner, and is conducted with an approval; or
4	Providing instruction in fire fighting methods	The activity is authorised by—(a) the Chief Fire Control Officer; or(b) the Fire Commissioner.
5	Burning plant matter in the course of primary production	The activity is conducted in an area that is not a built- up area.

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SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 29

NOISE: STANDARDS AND CONDITIONS

Table 1Zone Noise Standards

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4			
Noise Zone	ACT Areas	NSW Zones	Zone Noise Standard (dB(A))		A))	
		1	A MonSat. 7 am-10 pm	B MonSat. 10 pm-7 am	C Sun. & Public Holidays 8 am-10 pm	D Sun. & Public Holidays 10 pm-8 am
Zone A	3 Industry	Queanbeyan City Industrial Zones	65	55	65	55
Zone B	2A Commercial —Civic Centre 2B Commercial —Town Centre Designated Area A*	Queanbeyan City Business Zones	60	50	60	50
Zone C	2C Commercial —Group Centre 2E Commercial —Corridors and Office Sites Designated Area B*		55	45	55	45
Zone D	2D Commercial —Local Centre		50	35	50	35
Zone E	5 Restricted Access Recreation 10 Broadacre		50	40	50	40
Zone F	 Community Facility Municipal Services Entertainment, Accommodation and Leisure 	Queanbeyan City Special Uses Zones	The zone noise standard in respect of a period specified in column 3A, 3B, 3C or 3D is the same as the zone noise standard for the adjoining noise zone that has the highest noise zone standard for that period.			
Zone G	All other areas, other than Designated Area C*	All other zones	45	35	45	35

- * In column 2 of Table 1—
 - (a) "Designated Area A" means the area specified pursuant to section 10 of the Commonwealth Act as Central National Area (City);
 - "Designated Area B" means the area specified pursuant to section 10 of the Commonwealth Act as Central National Area (The Parliamentary Zone; Barton; Sections 39, 40 and 41 of Yarralumla; Acton; Anzac Parade and Constitution Avenue; Russell; Duntroon, ADFA and Campbell Park; Development Nodes and Clubs of Lake Burley Griffin and Foreshores);
 - "Designated Area C" means the area specified pursuant to section 10 of the Commonwealth Act as Central National Area (Fairbairn);
 - "Commonwealth Act" means the Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988 of the Commonwealth;
 - "Queanbeyan City Industrial Zones", "Queanbeyan City Business Zones" and "Queanbeyan City Special Uses Zones" have the same respective meanings as in the Queanbeyan Draft Local Environmental Plan 1996; and
 - (b) other areas are land use policies under the Territory Plan.

Table 2Noise Conditions

Item	Activity	Conditions
1	Primary production or management of reserved areas (within the meaning of the <i>Nature Conservation</i>	 The activity is conducted during Period 1. Any equipment being used is maintained and operated in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications (if any).
2	<i>Act 1980</i>) Garden maintenance or improvement	(1) The activity is conducted—(a) if on land to which the land use policy of
		 (a) If on faile to which the faile use pointy of residential applies—during Period 2; or (b) if on any other land—during Period 1. (2) Any equipment being used is maintained and operated in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications (if any).
3	Maintenance or repair work	 (1) The activity is conducted during Period 2. (2) Any noise exceeding a zone noise standard is emitted for periods totalling not more than 40 hours in any 8 week period.
		(3) Any equipment being used is maintained and operated in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications (if any).
4	Sounding of security alarms for motor vehicles or premises	The activity is conducted in accordance with the NSW Noise Control Act.
5	Building work	(1) The activity is conducted—
		(a) if in Zone A or B—during Period 4; or
		(b) if in any other noise zone and—
		(i) the activity will be completed within 2 weeks—during Period 2; or
		(ii) the activity will not be completed within 2 weeks—during Period 3.
		(2) Any relevant noise reduction measures specified in Australian Standard 2436 are implemented.
6	Mobile vendoring	The activity is conducted in accordance with Chapter 166 of the NSW Noise Control Manual.

Table 2—continued

Item	Activity	Conditions
7	Playing music for the purposes of a party being held on leased land or a street party	(1) The activity is conducted during the period commencing at 6 pm on 31 December in any year and ending at 12:30 am on 1 January in the following year.
		(2) Any noise being emitted does not exceed 60 dB(A) at—
		 (a) if the party is on leased land—any point on the boundary of the leased land; or
		(b) if the party is a street party—any point on the boundary of any leased land.
8	Conducting tests, other than a test in relation to a prescribed activity, to determine whether noise levels are in compliance	(1) The activity is conducted during Period 2, unless the Authority is satisfied that it is not practicable to conduct the test during that period because the level of ambient noise is likely to prevent effective testing.
	with the Act or these Regulations	(2) Subject to clause (3), any noise exceeding a zone noise standard is emitted only for the minimum time necessary to complete the tests.
		(3) Any noise exceeding a zone noise standard is emitted for periods totalling not more than 2 hours in any 1 week period.
9	Warming up of motor vehicle engines	 Any noise exceeding a zone noise standard is emitted only for—
		(a) a period not exceeding 5 minutes; or
		(b) if a longer period is specified in the vehicle's operating manual—that longer period.
		(2) The vehicle complies with the <i>Motor Traffic Act</i> 1936.
10	Motorsport activities conducted at Fairbairn Park	(1) The activity is conducted between 10 am and 5 pm.
		 (2) Any noise being emitted does not exceed 50 dB(A) at latitude 35°19' 59".57 S and longitude 149° 15' 02".07 E.
11	Emitting non-amplified noise from bells or other equipment for the purposes of religious services	The activity is conducted during Period 1.

Table 2—continued

Item	Activity	Conditions
12	Emitting noise from portable loud speakers	(1) The activity is conducted on public land during Period 2.
		(2) The activity is conducted in accordance with an approval.
13	Constructing or maintaining non-arterial roads	The activity is conducted during Period 2.
14	Commercial collection of waste from commercial premises	The activity is conducted in accordance with an accredited code of practice under Part V of the Act.

Table 3Time Periods

Column 1 Period No.	Column 2 Monday to Saturday	Column 3 Sunday and Public Holidays
1	7 am to 10 pm	8 am to 10 pm
2	7 am to 8 pm	8 am to 8 pm
3	7 am to 6 pm	No period specified
4	6 am to 8 pm	6 am to 8 pm

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SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 35

POLLUTANTS ENTERING WATERWAYS

Table 1Domestic Water Quality (DOM1/2/3)

Group A (Inorganic chemicals)				
Aluminium	Chloride	Iron	Nitrite	
Ammonia	Chromium	Lead	Selenium	
Antimony	Copper	Manganese	Silver	
Arsenic	Cyanide	Mercury	Sodium	
Barium	Fluoride	Molybdenum	Sulfate	
Boron	Hydrogen sulfide	Nickel	Zinc	
Cadmium	Iodide	Nitrate		

	Group B (Organic compounds)
Act	rylamide
Ber	nzene
Car	rbon tetrachloride
Chi	lorobenzene
Dic	chlorobenzenes 1,2-dichlorobenzene 1,3-dichlorobenzene 1,4-dichlorobenzene
Dic	chloroethanes 1,2-dichloroethane
Dic	chloroethenes 1,1-dichloroethene 1,2-dichloroethene
Dic	chloromethane (methylene chloride)
Eth	ylbenzene
Eth	nylenediamine tetracetic acid (EDTA)

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Group B—continued		
Hexachlorol	butadiene	
Nitrilotriace	tic acid	
Organotins tribut	tyltin oxide	
polyc styre tetrac tolue trichl	orobenzenes (total) chloride	

Group C (Disinfection by-products)	
Chloramine (see Mono-chloramine)	
Chlorine (free)	
Chlorine dioxide	
Chlorite	
Chloroacetic acids chloroacetic acid dichloroacetic acid trichloroacetic acid	
Chlorophenols 2-chlorophenol 2,4-dichlorophenol 2,4,6-dichlorophenol	
Cyanogen chloride (as cyanide)	
Formaldehyde	
Mono-chloramine	
Trichloroacetaldehyde (chloral hydrate)	
Trihalomethanes (THMs) (total)	

Group D (Pesticides)			
Acephate	2,4-D	Fensulfothion	
Aldicarb	DDT	Fenvalerate	
Aldrin	Diazinon	Flamprop-methyl	
Ametryn	Dicamba	Fluometuron	
Amitrole	Dichlobenil	Formothion	
Asulam	Diclofop-methyl	Fosamine ammonium	
Atrazine	Dicofol	Glyphosphate	
Azinphos-methyl	Dieldrin	Heptachlor (including its epoxide)	
Benomyl	Difenzoquat	Hexaflurate	
Bentazone	Dimethoate	Hexazinone	
Bioresmethrin	Diphenamid	Lindane	
Bromacil	Diquat	Maldison	
Bromophos-ethyl	Disulfoton	Methidathion	
Bromoxynil	Diuron	Methiocarb	
Carbaryl	DPA (2,2-DPA)	Methomyl	
Carbendazim	EDB	Methoxychlor	
Carbofuran	Endosulfan	Metolachlor	
Carbophenthion	Endothal	Metribuzin	
Carboxin	EPTC	Metsulfuron-methyl	
Chlordane	Ethion	Mevinphos	
Chlorothalonil	Ethoprophos	Molinate	
Chloroxuron	Etridiazole	Monocrotophos	
Chlorphenvinphos	Fenamiphos	Napropamide	
Chlorpyrifos	Fenarimol	Nitralin	
Chlorsulfuron	Fenchlorphos	Norflurazon	
Cichlorvos	Fenitrothion	Oryzalin	
Clopyralid	Fenoprop	Oxamyl	

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Group D—continued			
Paraquat	Propachlor	Terbufos	
Parathion	Propanil	Terbutryn	
Parathion methyl	Propargite	Tetrachlorvinphos	
Pebulate	Propozine	Thiobencarb	
Pendimethalin	Propiconazole	Thiometon	
Pentachlorophenol	Propyzamide	Thiophenate	
Permethrin	Pyrazophos	Thiram	
Picloram	Quintozene	Triadimefon	
Piperonyl butoxide	Silvex (see Feneprop)	Trichlorfon	
Pirimcarb	Simazine	Trichlorpyr	
Pirimiphos-ethyl	Sulprofos	Trifluralin	
Pirimiphos-methyl	2,4,5-T	Vernolate	
Profenofos	Temephos		
Promecarb	Terbacil		

Table 2Primary and Secondary Contact Recreation
(REC/1 & REC/2)

Faecal coliforms
Nitrogen
Oil and grease
Phosphorus

Table 3Waterscape (VIEW)

Nitrogen
Oil and grease
Phosphorus

Table 4Agricultural Uses (STOCK)

Group A (Inorganic chemicals)			
Aluminium	Calcium	Fluoride	Nitrate-N
Arsenic	Chloride	Iron	Nitrite-N
Barium	Chromium	Lead	Selenium
Beryllium	Cobalt	Mercury	Sulfate
Boron	Copper	Molybdenum	Vanadium
Cadmium	Cyanide	Nickel	Zinc

Group B (Organic compounds)
Atrazine
Glyphosate
Metolachlor
Simazine

Table 5Agricultural Uses (IRRIG)

Group A (Inorganic chemicals)			
Aluminium	Chromium	Manganese	Vanadium
Arsenic	Copper	Mercury	Uranium
Beryllium	Fluoride	Molybdenum	Zinc
Boron	Iron	Nickel	
Cadmium	Lead	Selenium	
Chloride	Lithium	Sodium	

Table 5—continued

Group B (Organic compounds)		
Atrazine		
Chlordane		
Dieldrin		
Heptachlor		
Metolachlor		
Simazine		

Table 6Ecosystem Maintenance(AQUA/1 to AQUA/7)

Group A (Inorganic chemicals)			
Aluminium	Cadmium	Iron	Phosphorus
Ammonia	Chlorine	Lead	Selenium
Antimony	Chromium	Mercury	Silver
Arsenic	Copper	Nickel	Zinc
Beryllium	Cyanide	Nitrite	

Group B (Organic chemicals: pesticides)			
Aldrin	DDE	Glyphosate	Metribuzin
Atrazine	DDT	Guthion	Mirex
Captan	Demeton	Heptachlor	Parathion
Chlordane	Dieldrin	Lindane	Picrolam
Chlorpyrifos	Dinoseb	Malathion	Simazine
Cyanazine	Endosulfan	Methoxychlor	Toxaphene
2,4-D	Endrin	Metolachlor	

Table 6—continued

Group C (Organic chemicals: non-pesticide anthropogenic organics)
Acrolein
Chlorinated benzenes monochlorobenzene 1,2-dichlorobenzene 1,3-dichlorobenzene 1,4-dichlorobenzene 1,2,3-trichlorobenzene 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene 1,3,5-trichlorobenzene 1,2,3,4-tetrachlorobenzene 1,2,3,5-tetrachlorobenzene 1,2,4,5-tetrachlorobenzene pentachlorobenzene hexachlorobenzene
Chlorinated ethylenes tetrachloroethylene trichlorethylene
Chlorinated phenols monochlorophenol dichlorophenol trichlorophenol tetrachlorophenol pentachlorophenol
Halogenated aliphatic compounds hexachlorobutadiene
Halogenated methanes carbon tetrachloride chloroform dichloromethane (methylene chloride) trihalomethanes
Monocyclic aromatic hydrocarbons benzene ethylbenzene phenol toluene

Group C—continued		
	Oil and grease	
	Phthallate esters	
	Polychlorinated biphenyls	
	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	

Group D (Organic chemicals: organometallics)

Tributyltin

Triphenyltin

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SCHEDULE 4 WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

Table 1Domestic Water Quality(TAP)

Group A (Microbiological quality)		
Indicator Standard value		
E. coli	0 cfu per 100 mL for 98% of samples	

Group B (Physical quality)		
Indicator Standard value		
Acidity (pH)	6.5-8.5	
Colour (HU) 15		
Dissolved oxygen > 85%		
Hardness 200 mg/L		
Taste and odour Acceptable to most people		
Total dissolved solids 500 mg/L		
Turbidity (NTU) 5		

Group C (Inorganic chemicals)				
IndicatorStandard valueStandard ud valueIndicator(mg/L)(mg/L)				
Aluminium (acid soluble)	0.2	Chloride	250	
Ammonia (as NH ₄)	0.5	Chromium (as Cr(VI))	0.05	
Antimony	0.003	Copper	1	
Arsenic	0.007	Cyanide	0.07	
Barium	0.7	Fluoride	1.5	
Boron	0.3	Hydrogen sulfide	0.05	

Cadmium	0.002	Iodide	0.1

Group C—continued			
Indicator	Standard value (mg/L)	Indicator	Standard value (mg/L)
Iron	0.3	Nitrite (as nitrite)	3
Lead	0.01	Selenium	0.01
Manganese	0.1	Silver	0.02
Mercury	0.001	Sodium	180
Molybdenum	0.05	Sulfate	250
Nickel	0.02	Zinc	3
Nitrate (as nitrate)	50		

Group D (Organic compounds)		
Indicator	Standard value (mg/L)	
Acrylamide	0.0002	
Benzene	0.001	
Carbon tetrachloride	0.003	
Chlorobenzene	0.01	
Dichlorobenzenes 1,2-dichlorobenzene 1,3-dichlorobenzene 1,4-dichlorobenzene	0.001 0.02 0.0003	
Dichloroethanes 1,2-dichloroethane	0.003	
Dichloroethenes 1,1-dichloroethene 1,2-dichloroethene	0.03 0.06	
Dichloromethane (methylene chloride)	0.02	
Ethylbenzene	0.003	
Ethylenediamine tetracetic acid (EDTA)	0.25	
Hexachlorobutadiene	0.0007	

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Group D—continued		
Indicator	Standard value (mg/L)	
Nitrilotriacetic acid	0.2	
Organotins tributyltin oxide	0.001	
Plasticisers di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)	0.01 0.00001	
styrene (vinylbenzene) tetrachloroethene toluene	0.004 0.05 0.025	
trichlorobenzenes (total) vinyl chloride xylene	0.005 0.0003 0.02	

Group E (Disinfection by-products)		
Indicator	Standard value (mg/L)	
Chloramine (see Mono-chloramine)		
Chlorine (free)	0.6	
Chlorine dioxide	0.4	
Chlorite	0.3	
Chloroacetic acids chloroacetic acid dichloroacetic acid trichloroacetic acid	1 0.05 0.1	
Chlorophenols 2-chlorophenol 2,4-dichlorophenol 2,4,6-dichlorophenol	0.0001 0.0003 0.002	
Cyanogen chloride (as cyanide)	0.07	
Formaldehyde	0.5	
Mono-chloramine	0.5	

Group E—continued	
Trichloroacetaldehyde (chloral hydrate)	0.02
Trihalomethanes (THMs) (total)	0.25

Group F (Pesticides)			
Indicator	Standard value (mg/L)	Indicator	Standard value (mg/L)
Acephate	0.01	Chlorphenvinphos	0.005
Aldicarb	0.001	Chlorpyrifos	0.01
Aldrin	0.0003	Chlorsulfuron	0.1
Ametryn	0.05	Cichlorvos	0.001
Amitrole	0.01	Clopyralid	1
Asulam	0.05	2,4-D	0.03
Atrazine	0.02	DDT	0.02
Azinphos-methyl	0.003	Diazinon	0.003
Benomyl	0.1	Dicamba	0.1
Bentazone	0.03	Dichlobenil	0.01
Bioresmethrin	0.1	Diclofop-methyl	0.005
Bromacil	0.3	Dicofol	0.003
Bromophos-ethyl	0.01	Dieldrin	0.0003
Bromoxynil	0.03	Difenzoquat	0.1
Carbaryl	0.03	Dimethoate	0.05
Carbendazim	0.1	Diphenamid	0.3
Carbofuran	0.01	Diquat	0.005
Carbophenthion	0.0005	Disulfoton	0.003
Carboxin	0.3	Diuron	0.03
Chlordane	0.001	DPA (2,2-DPA)	0.5
Chlorothalonil	0.03	EDB	0.001
Chloroxuron	0.01	Endosulfan	0.03

Group F—continued			
Indicator	Standard value (mg/L)	Indicator	Standard value (mg/L)
Endothal	0.1	Metolachlor	0.3
EPTC	0.03	Metribuzin	0.05
Ethion	0.003	Metsulfuron-methyl	0.03
Ethoprophos	0.001	Mevinphos	0.005
Etridiazole	0.1	Molinate	0.005
Fenamiphos	0.0003	Monocrotophos	0.001
Fenarimol	0.03	Napropamide	1
Fenchlorphos	0.03	Nitralin	0.5
Fenitrothion	0.01	Norflurazon	0.05
Fenoprop	0.01	Oryzalin	0.3
Fensulfothion	0.01	Oxamyl	0.1
Fenvalerate	0.05	Paraquat	0.03
Flamprop-methyl	0.003	Parathion	0.01
Fluometuron	0.05	Parathion methyl	0.1
Formothion	0.05	Pebulate	0.03
Fosamine ammonium	0.03	Pendimethalin	0.3
Glyphosphate	1	Pentachlorophenol	0.01
Heptachlor (including its epoxide)	0.0003	Permethrin	0.1
Hexaflurate	0.03	Picloram	0.3
Hexazinone	0.3	Piperonyl butoxide	0.1
Lindane	0.02	Pirimcarb	0.005
Maldison	0.05	Pirimiphos-ethyl	0.0005
Methidathion	0.03	Pirimiphos-methyl	0.05
Methiocarb	0.005	Profenofos	0.0003
Methomyl	0.03	Promecarb	0.03
Methoxychlor	0.3	Propachlor	0.05

Group F—continued			
Indicator	Standard value (mg/L)	Indicator	Standard value (mg/L)
Propanil	0.5	Terbufos	0.0005
Propargite	0.05	Terbutryn	0.3
Propiconazole	0.1	Tetrachlorvinphos	0.1
Propozine	0.05	Thiobencarb	0.03
Propyzamide	0.3	Thiometon	0.003
Pyrazophos	0.03	Thiophenate	0.005
Quintozene	0.03	Thiram	0.003
Silvex (see Feneprop)		Triadimefon	0.1
Simazine	0.02	Trichlorfon	0.005
Sulprofos	0.01	Trichlorpyr	0.01
2,4,5-T	0.1	Trifluralin	0.05
Temephos	0.3	Vernolate	0.03
Terbacil	0.03		

Table 2 Domestic Water Quality (DOM1/2/3)

Unless otherwise provided by this table, the ambient environmental standards in relation to water quality for a waterway to which this table applies are the same as the standards specified in Table 1.

Indicator	Standard value		
	DOM1	DOM2	DOM3
Dissolved oxygen	6 mg/L or 75% saturation, whichever is highest	6 mg/L or 75% saturation, whichever is highest	5 mg/L or 60% saturation, whichever is highest
E. coli	10 cfu per 100 mL for 98% of samples	100 cfu per 100 mL for 98% of samples	100 cfu per 100 mL for 98% of samples
Turbidity (NTU)	5	250	10,000

Table 3 Primary Contact Recreation (REC/1)

Group A (Microbiological quality)		
Indicator	Standard value	
Cyanobacteria	5,000 cells per mL (absence of scums)	
Faecal coliforms	150 cfu per 100 mL (see note 1)	
Pathogenic free-living protozoans	0 organisms per 100 mL	

Note 1: The median value must not exceed 150 colony forming units (cfu) per 100 mL for a minimum of 5 samples taken at regular intervals not exceeding 1 month, with 4 out of 5 samples containing less than 600 cfu per 100 mL.

Group B (Physical and chemical quality)		
Indicator	Standard value	
Acidity (pH)	6.5-8.5	
Floating debris (scum)	none visible	
Nitrogen to phosphorus ratio	> 12	
Phosphorus (total) (µg/L)	100	
Temperature (°C)	15-35	

Group C (Aesthetic quality)		
Indicator Standard value		
Chlorophyll a	10 µg/L	
Clarity	Secchi depth 1.2 m	
Colour	not objectionable	
Odour	not objectionable	
Oil and grease	not visible	

Table 3—continued

Group D (Nuisance)		
Indicator	Standard value	
Aquatic macrophytes (floating)	not objectionable	
Aquatic macrophytes (rooted)	not objectionable	
Flow rates	< 1.5 m/s	

Table 4 Secondary Contact Recreation (REC/2)

Unless otherwise provided by this table, the ambient environmental standards in relation to water quality for a waterway to which this table applies are the same as the standards specified in Table 3.

Group A (Microbiological quality)	
Indicator	Standard value
Faecal coliforms	1,000 cfu per 100 mL (see note 1)

Note 1: The median value must not exceed 1,000 colony forming units (cfu) per 100 mL for a minimum of 5 samples taken at regular intervals not exceeding 1 month, with 4 out of 5 samples containing less than 4,000 cfu per 100 mL.

Group B (Aesthetic quality)		
Indicator	Standard value	
Floating debris	none	

Table 5Waterscape (VIEW)

Indicator	Standard value
Algal growth	not objectionable
Aquatic macrophytes (floating)	not objectionable
Aquatic macrophytes (rooted)	not objectionable
Chlorophyll a	10 µg/L
Colour	not objectionable
Cyanobacteria	5,000 cells per mL (absence of scums)
Floating debris and scum	none
Nitrogen to phosphorus ratio	> 12
Oil and grease	not visible
Phosphorus (total) (µg/L)	100

Table 6Agricultural Uses (STOCK)

Group A (Microbiological quality)		
Indicator	Standard value	
Algae	Up to 10,000 cells per mL	
Faecal coliforms	1,000 per 100 mL (see note 1)	

Note 1: The geometric (log) mean must not exceed 1,000 colony forming units (cfu) per 100 mL for a minimum of 5 samples taken within 1 month, with no more than 20% of such samples containing more than 5,000 cfu per 100 mL.

Group B (Physical and chemical quality)			
Indicator	Standard value (mg/L)	Indicator	Standard value (mg/L)
Acidity (pH)	6.5-9.2	Fluoride	2
Aluminium	5	Iron	50
Arsenic	0.2	Lead	0.1
Barium	5	Mercury	0.002
Beryllium	0.1	Molybdenum	0.01
Boron	5	Nickel	1
Cadmium	0.01	Nitrate-N	30
Calcium	1,000	Nitrite-N	10
Chloride	2,400	Selenium	0.02
Chromium	1	Sulfate	1,000
Cobalt	1	Total dissolved solids	3,000
Copper	0.5	Vanadium	0.1
Dissolved oxygen	5 mg/L or 60 % saturation	Zinc	20

Group C (Organic quality)		
Indicator Standard value (mg/L)		
Atrazine	0.02	
Chlorophyll a	0.01	
Glyphosate	2	
Metolachlor	0.5	
Simazine	0.02	

Table 7Agricultural Uses (IRRIG)

Group A (Microbiological quality)	
Indicator	Standard value
Faecal coliforms	1,000 per 100 mL (see note 1)

Note 1: The geometric (log) mean must not exceed 1,000 colony forming units (cfu) per 100 mL for a minimum of 5 samples taken within 1 month, with no more than 20% of such samples containing more than 4,000 cfu per 100 mL.

Group B (Physical and chemical quality)			
Indicator	Standard value (mg/L)	Indicator	Standard value (mg/L)
Acidity (pH)	4.5-9.0	Lithium	2.5
Aluminium	5	Manganese	0.2
Arsenic	0.1	Mercury	0.002
Beryllium	0.1	Molybdenum	0.01
Boron	6.0	Nickel	0.2
Cadmium	0.01	Selenium	0.02
Chloride	700	Sodium	115-460
Chromium	0.1	Sodium absorption ratio	< 10 (see note 1)
Copper	1.0	Total dissolved solids	500
Fluoride	1.0	Vanadium	0.1
Iron	1.0	Uranium	0.01
Lead	0.2	Zinc (soil pH < 6.5) Zinc (soil pH > 6.5)	1 5

Note 1: The sodium absorption ratio (SAR) is SAR=Na⁺[(Ca²⁺+Mg²⁺)/2], where concentrations of Na⁺, Ca²⁺ and Mg²⁺ are expressed in milli equivalents per litre.

Table 7—continued

Group C (Organic quality)					
Indicator Standard value (µg/L)					
Atrazine	0.02				
Chlordane	2				
Dieldrin	0.5				
Heptachlor	2				
Metolachlor	0.5				
Simazine	0.02				

Table 8Ecosystem Maintenance (AQUA/1)

Group A (Physical quality)					
Indicator	Standard value				
Acidity (pH)	6.5-9 (see note 1)				
Colour	(see note 2)				
Suspended solids (mg/L)	12.5				
Turbidity (NTU)	< 10				

Note 1: Changes must not be greater than 2 standard deviations outside the long-term mean value for the month in question, and total alkalinity must not drop below 25% of the long-term mean.

Note 2: The combined effects of turbidity and colour must not reduce the depth of the compensation point for photosynthesis by more than 10% of the long-term mean levels for the month in question.

Group B (Biological quality)				
Indicator	Standard value			
Chlorophyll a	10 µg/L			
Cyanobacteria (floating)	5,000 cells per mL (absence of scums)			

Group C (Inorganic chemicals)					
Indicator	Standard value (µg/L)				
Aluminium (pH < 6.5) Aluminium (pH > 6.5)	5 100	Iron	300		
Ammonia	See table 10	Lead	1		
Antimony	30	Mercury	0.1		
Arsenic	50	Nitrogen to phosphorus ratio	> 12		
Beryllium	4	Nickel	25		
Cadmium	0.2	Nitrite	60		
Chlorine	2	Phosphorus (total)	40		
Chromium	2	Selenium	1		
Copper	2	Silver	0.1		
Cyanide	5	Total dissolved solids	(see note 1)		
Dissolved oxygen	> 6,000	Zinc	5		

Table 8—continued

Note 1: Total dissolved solids must not vary more than 2 standard deviations from the long-term mean.

Group D (Organic chemicals: pesticides)					
IndicatorStandard value (ng/L)IndicatorStandard value (ng/L)					
Aldrin	10	DDE	14		
Atrazine	2,000	DDT	1		
Captan	2,800	Demeton	100		
Chlordane 4		Dieldrin	2		
Chlorpyrifos	1	Dinoseb	50		
Cyanazine	2,000	10			
2,4-D	4,000	Endrin	2.3		

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Group D—continued						
Indicator	Standard value (ng/L)	Indicator	Standard value (ng/L)			
Glyphosate	65,000	Metribuzin	1,000			
Guthion	10	Mirex	1			
Heptachlor	3	Parathion	4			
Lindane	3	Picrolam	29,000			
Malathion	70	Simazine	10,000			
Methoxychlor	40	Toxaphene	8			
Metolachlor	8,000					

Group E (Organic chemicals: non-pesticide anthropogenic organics)				
Indicator	Standard value (ng/L)			
Acrolein	200			
Chlorinated benzenes				
monochlorobenzene	15,000			
1,2-dichlorobenzene	2,500			
1,3-dichlorobenzene	2,500			
1,4-dichlorobenzene	4,000			
1,2,3,4-tetrachlorobenzene	100			
1,2,3,5-tetrachlorobenzene	100			
1,2,4,5-tetrachlorobenzene	150			
1,2,3-trichlorobenzene	900			
1,2,4-trichlorobenzene	500			
1,3,5-trichlorobenzene	700			
pentachlorobenzene	30			
hexachlorobenzene	7			
Chlorinated ethylenes				
tetrachloroethylene	260,000			
trichlorethylene	20			

Group E—continued				
Indicator	Standard value (ng/L)			
Chlorinated phenols				
monochlorophenol	7,000			
dichlorophenol	200			
tetrachlorophenol	1,000			
trichlorophenol	18,000			
pentachlorophenol	50			
Halogenated aliphatic compounds				
hexachlorobutadiene	100			
Halogenated methanes				
carbon tetrachloride	13,000			
chloroform	2,000			
dichloromethane (methylene chloride)	98,000			
trihalomethanes	50,000			
Monocyclic aromatic hydrocarbons				
benzene	300,000			
ethylbenzene	140,000			
phenol	1,000			
toluene	300,000			
Oil and grease	not visible			
Phthallate esters				
di- <i>n</i> -butylphthallate (DBP)	4,000			
di-(2-ethylhexyl)phthallate (DEHP)	600			
Other phthallate esters (not including DBP and DEHP)	200			
Polychlorinated biphenyls	1			
Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	3,000			

Group F (Organic chemicals: organometallics)				
Indicator	Standard value (ng/L)			
Tributyltin	8			
Triphenyltin	20			

Table 9Ecosystem Maintenance (AQUA/2 to AQUA/7)

Unless otherwise provided by this table, the ambient environmental standards in relation to water quality for a waterway to which this table applies are the same as the standards specified in Table 8.

Indicator	Standard value							
	AQUA/2 Rural streams and rivers	AQUA/3 Urban lakes and ponds	AQUA/4 Urban drains and streams	AQUA/5 Urban wetlands	AQUA/6 Forested mountain reservoirs	AQUA/7 Rural reservoirs		
Acidity (pH)	6.5-9	6-9	6-9	6-9	6.5-9	6-9		
Chlorophyll (µg/L)	No standard	< 10	No standard	< 10	< 2	< 5		
Dissolved oxygen (mg/L)	>4	>4	> 6	>4	> 6	>4		
Phosphorus (total) (µg/L)	100	100	100	100	40	100		
Suspended solids (mg/L)	25	25	25	25	12.5	25		
Turbidity (NTU)	< 10	< 30	< 10	< 30	< 10	< 30		

Table 10 Standard values for total ammonia related to ambient temperature and water acidity (table 8 refers)

Temperature (°C)	0	5	10	15	20	25	30
Acidity (pH units)		A	Ammonia c	concentrat	tions (mg/I	.)	
6.50	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.2	1.49	1.04	0.73
6.75	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.2	1.49	1.04	0.73
7.00	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.2	1.49	1.04	0.74
7.25	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.2	1.5	1.04	0.74
7.50	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.2	1.5	1.05	0.74
7.75	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.4	0.99	0.71

Temperature (°C)	0	5	10	15	20	25	30
Acidity (pH units)		A	ammonia c	concentrat	ions (mg/I	L)	
8.00	1.53	1.44	1.37	1.33	0.93	0.66	0.47
8.25	0.87	0.82	0.78	0.76	0.54	0.39	0.28
8.50	0.49	0.47	0.45	0.44	0.32	0.23	0.17
8.75	0.28	0.27	0.26	0.27	0.19	0.16	0.11
9.00	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.13	0.10	0.08

Table 10—continued

Note: Available un-ionised or uncomplexed ammonia present is toxic to a wide range of aquatic organisms and varies with acidity (pH) and water temperature. Standard values for maximum total ammonia are detailed in the table. Levels for discharge of wastewaters containing ammonia must be based on the highest pH and highest ambient temperatures likely to be encountered throughout the year. Seasonal or other factors may be taken into account.

Table 11Secondary Water Quality Standards ForEcosystem Maintenace (AQUA/1 to AQUA/7)

Group A (Physical quality)	
Indicator Standard value	
Temperature (°C)	Temperature changes must not be more than 2 standard deviations from the long-term mean temperature for the relevant month

Group B (Loading criteria)			
Indicator	Indicator Standard value		
Sediment load (kg/y/river reach)	Murrumbidgee R., from Angle Crossing to Gudgenby R. junction	88,000	
	Murrumbidgee R., from Gudgenby junction to Point Hut Ck junction	166,000	

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	Group B—continued	
	Murrumbidgee R., from Point Hut junction to Kambah Pool	133,000
	Murrumbidgee R., from Kambah Pool to Casuarina Sands	57,000
	Murrumbidgee R., from Casuarina Sands to Uriarra Crossing	101,000
	Murrumbidgee R., from Uriarra Crossing to Cusacks Crossing	66,000
	Murrumbidgee R., from Cusacks Crossing to Halls Crossing	124,000
	Murrumbidgee R., from Halls Crossing to Taemas Bridge	228,000
	Molonglo R., from Burbong to Oaks Estate Bridge	39,000
	Molonglo R., from Oaks Estate Bridge to Dairy Flat Bridge	19,000
	Molonglo R., from Scrivener Dam to Coppins Crossing	20,000
	Molonglo R., from Coppins Crossing to Sturt Island	25,000
	Paddy's R., from Flints Crossing to confluence with Cotter R.	4,800
	Ginninderra Ck., from Ginninderra Dam to Murrumbidgee R.	9,800
Phosphorus (total) (kg/y)	Lake Burley Griffin	8,600
	Lake Ginninderra	300
	Lake Tuggeranong	600
	Murrumbidgee R. at ACT border (proxy for Murrumbidgee Arm of Lake Burrinjuck)	83,200

Group B—continuedBiochemical
oxygen demand
(kg/y)Lake Burley Griffin51,200Lake Ginninderra8,400Lake Tuggeranong5,600Murrumbidgee R. at ACT border (proxy for
Murrumbidgee Arm of Lake Burrinjuck)110,600

Group C (Biological standards) Water quality at a site will be considered to be impaired if species richness is more than 20% lower than at an appropriate reference site. Water quality at a site will be considered to be impaired if there is a significant difference in ecosystem community structure from that at an appropriate reference site, as judged by Hocutt's procedure or another appropriate statistical technique.

Group D (Sediment contaminants)			
Indicator	Indicator Standard value		
Pesticides	Sediment total pesticide concentrations must not be more than 2 standard deviations higher than the long term mean.		
Heavy metals (Cd, Cu, Pb, As, Ni, Hg, Se and Zn)	Sediment heavy metal concentrations must not be more than 2 standard deviations higher than the long term mean.		
Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)	Sediment PAH concentrations must not be more than 2 standard deviations higher than the long term mean.		

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SCHEDULE 5

Regulation 38

MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL OFFENCES

FURTHER OFFENCES MAXIMUM PENALTIES AND ON-THE-SPOT FINES

Interpretation

In this Schedule-

"stormwater" means water run-off from an urban area that is normally collected by the stormwater system;

"stormwater system" means a system of pipes, gutters, drains, floodways and channels, being public works constructed to collect or transport stormwater in or through an urban area.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Item	Offence	Maximum	On-The-
		Penalty	Spot Fine
		Penalty	
		units	\$
	Stormwater protection		
1	A person shall not cause the discharge of stormwater from a sediment retention dam, footings or other stormwater retention area to receiving waters if the suspended solids concentration in that stormwater exceeds 60 mg/litre.	10	250
2	The lessee of leased land or the owner of unleased land shall cause the surface of any vehicle entrance or exit to or from the land to be kept in a stable condition by the application of concrete, gravel or other solid material to the surface of that entrance or exit.	10	175
3	A person who has substantial control over building work shall cause the footpaths, gutters and roadways adjacent to the building site to be kept clear of soil, sand, building materials and waste.	10	100
4	A person shall not place soil, sand, building materials or waste from a building site in the stormwater system or waterway.	10	100

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Column 1 Item	Column 2 Offence	Column 3 Maximum Penalty Penalty	Spot Fine
5	A person shall not cause run-off from the washing	units 10	\$ 100
5	of a vehicle, equipment or other thing to enter the stormwater system, if the washing of the vehicle, equipment or other thing is in the course of, or incidental to, the carrying on of a commercial activity.	10	100
6	A person shall not cause run-off from the washing of a vehicle, equipment or other thing on premises at which the vehicle, equipment or other thing is ordinarily kept to enter the stormwater system, if the washing is not in the course of, or incidental to, the carrying on of a commercial activity and there is, on those premises—	10	100
	(a) access to a grassed or gravelled area on which to wash the vehicle, equipment or other thing from which the run-off does not flow directly into the stormwater system; or		
	(b) an area identified as one in which a vehicle, equipment or other thing may be washed.		
7	A person shall not cause any of the following substances to enter the stormwater system:	10	175
	(a) paint;		
	(b) automotive fuels, oils or greases;		
	(c) cooking fats or oils;		
	(d) degreasers;		
	(e) detergents;		
	(f) animal wastes;		
	(g) food wastes;		
	(h) other waste.		

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Column 1 Item	Column 2 Offence	Column 3 Maximum Penalty Papalty	Column 4 On-The- Spot Fine
		Penalty units	\$
8	A person shall not leave unattended any of the following substances within 10 metres of a drain or other point of entry of the stormwater system, if the substance is exposed to rain or run-off, unless the substance is contained in a watertight container:	10	100
	(a) paint;		
	(b) automotive fuels, oils or greases;		
	(c) cooking fats or oils;		
	(d) degreasers;		
	(e) detergents;		
	(f) animal wastes;		
	(g) food wastes;		
	(h) other waste.		
	Hazardous materials		
9	A person shall not store or use a registered or permitted agvet chemical product other than in a manner authorised by the NRA. Noise	10	100
10	A person shall not cause to be emitted from a parcel of land in a noise zone noise at a level that exceeds that permitted under the Act.	10	100
	NOTES		

Notification

1. Notified in the ACT Gazette on 2 December 1997.

Penalty units

See section 33AA of the Interpretation Act 1967 and section 9 of the Subordinate Laws Act 1989.

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