

CLEARANCES FROM WMI INFRASTRUCTURE

1. PURPOSE

This Policy serves to ensure clearances from all WMI supply and drainage infrastructure for any redevelopment of customers' properties, including re-location of outlets, etc. are consistent and adhered to in accordance with stipulations made by the Board of Directors.

2. SCOPE

This Policy applies to all WMI outlets and supply and drainage infrastructure (WMI infrastructure including, but not limited to, deep and surface drains; levees; pipelines; power/communication structures and buildings) and to all properties and customers within the WMI area of operations.

3 POLICY

3.1 Notification of any works near WMI infrastructure

3.1.1 Any works near WMI infrastructure are required to be notified to WMI. WMI may be required to identify location of infrastructure and authorise and inspect any proposed works.

3.2 Supply and Drainage Infrastructure Clearances

- 3.2.1 The minimum distance to be maintained from the outside edge of WMI's infrastructure, when redeveloping farms, is three (3) metres.
- 3.2.2 The minimum distance to be maintained from the outside edge of WMI's infrastructure, when crossing over pipes, is three hundred (300) mm vertically with a minimum of six hundred (600) mm cover.

3.3 Outlet Locations

- 3.3.1 The minimum distance to be maintained when determining the location of a farm outlet is five (5) metres from an existing road edge unless prior approval from the Assets and Operations Manager.
- 3.3.2 No outlets are to be located within a road reserve unless prior approval from the Assets and Operations Manager.
- 3.3.3 Outlets can be located on WMI reserves, subject to the approval of WMI's Assets and Operations Manager and adherence to other WMI Policies and Procedures.
- 3.3.4 The minimum distance to be maintained from the outside edge of WMI's infrastructure when relocating an outlet is three (3) metres.

3.4 Customer Responsibility

- 3.4.1 Customers will be held accountable for any damage they inflict to WMI infrastructure, irrespective of whether they have adhered to WMI's Clearance Policy or not.
- 3.4.2 The closer customers develop their properties to WMI's infrastructure, the more likely they are to incur inconvenience and cost if and when WMI staff need to perform maintenance or emergency works.
- 3.4.3 In an emergency, WMI staff will be instructed to take whatever measures are appropriate to secure the integrity of the infrastructure and continue supplying water to customers.
- 3.4.4 If any plantings are located within three metres of WMI infrastructure on a WMI reserve, WMI retains the right to remove the plantings to allow access for repairs and maintenance.
- 3.4.5 WMI will attempt to minimise damage to permanent plantings, but the cost of damage and replacing plantings will remain the customer's financial responsibility.

3.5 Buildings and heavy equipment

3.5.1 Buildings and heavy equipment must be built or stored at least six (6) metres from WMI's infrastructure unless prior approval from the Assets and Operations Manager.

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