Water and Effluent
Step-by-step – Setting up water and effluent safety on your farm

1. Getting started

Read through this information pack carefully.

Complete the Water and Effluent Safety Self-Assessment (traffic lights) page.

Make a list of things to do and set a date to have each thing completed in the Action Plan.

Read through the information quickly again.

Pick a topic to discuss with staff or family at your next workplace meeting (you should have at least one safety topic each meeting).

2. Assessing the water and effluent risks on your farm

Task someone with making a list of all the locations on the farm where there is water or effluent stored or used.

Do a risk assessment of each water or effluent related risk – the activity and facilities used - and plan the control changes needed.

Make any required structural changes you have identified and buy any gear needed.

Arrange any training needed.

Find out if you have contractors who can do some of the work required.

3. Setting up your policy, processes and paperwork

Set up your farm Policy on working with livestock and the relevant Standard Operating Procedures for tasks involving water or effluent.

Put a copy of the Policy and SOPs with the documents you use to induct new workers or relevant contractors.

Go through the arrangements you now have in place with workers at your next workplace meeting.

Sleep well - job well done

Resources in this section

› Information about water and effluent hazards on dairy farms and legal obligations.
› Safety Self-Assessment for water and effluent.

Information and templates provided in this folder are also available at www.thepeopleindairy.org.au/farmsafety.
You can edit the templates to suit your farm.