



# Dam Contractor Responsibilities

## FARM DAM CONSTRUCTION - FACT SHEET 2

Approval of dams within Tasmania is assessed through a risk-based approach.

If a proposed dam is deemed to be lower risk, then it will go through a simple permitting process under Division 4 of the Act. Dams with a higher risk profile will require a full application, assessment and permitting process under Division 3 of the Act.

Each type of dam has an associated Dam Works Code, which describe the minimum construction standards that must be complied with. These codes apply to both new constructions along with modifications to and removal of existing dams.

**The dam contractor is responsible for the construction of the dam and therefore must have read and follow all requirements of the permit and relevant codes.**

## Dam Works Codes

Dam Works Codes include the following specific requirements:

- environmental standards including sediment and erosion controls and eagle nests
- design standards such as height, batter, spillway and outlet pipe size
- minimum construction standards including clearing, foundations, keyway and compaction

The Dam Works Codes are on the NRE Tas website at [www.nre.tas.gov.au/water/dams/dam-works-codes](http://www.nre.tas.gov.au/water/dams/dam-works-codes)

**Compliance with the Dam Works Codes is a condition of all Dam Works Permits. Any non-compliance with the codes will be considered a breach by the contractor.**

More information on the Dam Construction approval and permitting processes, including relevant codes and forms is available at [www.nre.tas.gov.au/water/dams](http://www.nre.tas.gov.au/water/dams) or contact [Water.Operations@nre.tas.gov.au](mailto:Water.Operations@nre.tas.gov.au)