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# Dams Safety Act 1978 No 96



An Act to constitute the Dams Safety Committee and to confer and impose on the Committee functions relating to the safety of certain dams.

# Part 1 Preliminary

#### 1 Name of Act

This Act may be cited as the *Dams Safety Act 1978*.

#### 2 Commencement

- (1) This section and section 1 shall commence on the date of assent to this Act.
- (2) Except as provided in subsection (1), this Act shall commence on such day as may be appointed by the Governor in respect thereof and as may be notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.

# 3 (Repealed)

#### 4 Definitions

(1) In this Act, except in so far as the context or subject-matter otherwise indicates or requires—

chairperson means the chairperson of the Committee appointed under section 9.

Committee means the Dams Safety Committee constituted under section 7.

**functions** includes powers, authorities and duties.

member means a member of the Committee.

**owner**, in relation to a dam, means any person or public authority who, whether solely or with some other person or public authority, owns, controls, operates, manages or maintains the dam and includes any person or public authority who, whether solely or with some other person or public authority, proposes to build a dam.

**prescribed dam** means a dam, or proposed dam, for the time being specified or described in Schedule 1.

**public authority** means any public or local authority constituted by or under an Act other than this Act.

regulation means a regulation made under this Act.

(2) A reference in this Act to the exercise of a function includes, where the function is a duty, the performance of that duty.

#### 5 Act binds Crown

This Act, section 30 excepted, binds the Crown not only in right of New South Wales but also, so far as the legislative power of Parliament permits, the Crown in all its other capacities.

# 6 Liability of certain persons not affected

Nothing in this Act derogates from or affects the liability of any person arising from any act or omission of that person or the person's servants or agents with respect to a prescribed dam.

# Part 2 Constitution of the Committee

#### 7 The Committee

- (1) There is hereby constituted a corporation under the corporate name of the "Dams Safety Committee".
- (2) The Committee is, for the purposes of any Act, a statutory body representing the Crown.
- (3) In the exercise of its functions (except in relation to the contents of a report or recommendation made by it to the Minister or any other person), the Committee shall be subject in all respects to the control and direction of the Minister.

#### 8 Members

- (1) The Committee shall consist of 9 part-time members appointed by the Minister.
- (2) The members shall be—
  - (a) a person nominated by Snowy Hydro Limited,
  - (a1) a person nominated by the portfolio Minister under the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989* for the electricity generators that are State owned corporations under that Act,
  - (b) 2 persons nominated by Water NSW,
  - (c) (Repealed)

- (d) a person nominated by the Hunter Water Corporation referred to in the *Hunter Water Board (Corporatisation) Act 1991*,
- (e) a person nominated by the Minister administering the Public Works Act 1912,
- (f) 2 persons nominated by the Federal Council of the Institution of Engineers, Australia, and
- (g) a person nominated by the Minister administering the *Mining Act 1992*.
- (3) A person shall not be nominated for appointment as a member unless the person is, in the opinion of the person making the nomination, experienced in dam engineering.
- (4) Where, for the purposes of subsection (2), a nomination of a person for appointment as a member is not made within the time or in the manner specified by the Minister in a notice in writing given to the body or person entitled to make the nomination, the Minister may appoint any person who, in the opinion of the Minister, is experienced in dam engineering to be a member instead of the person required to be appointed on that nomination.
- (5) Nothing in subsection (3) or (4) prevents the nomination or appointment of a person who is not, in the opinion of the person making the nomination or appointment, experienced in dam engineering as the member referred to in subsection (2)(g).
- (6) A person who held office as a member of the Committee based on a nomination under subsection (1)(b) or (c), as in force before the amendment of this section by the *Water NSW Act 2014*, continues to hold office as such despite that amendment until he or she vacates office under this Act.

# 9 Chairperson

The Minister shall appoint one of the members as chairperson of the Committee.

# 10 Provisions relating to the constitution and procedure of the Committee

Schedule 2 has effect.

# 11 Committee may make use of facilities and employees of Crown etc

For the purpose of exercising its functions, the Committee may, with the approval of the Minister and of the Department or public authority concerned and on such terms as may be arranged, make use of the facilities, or the services of any officers, employees or servants, of any Department of the Government or of any public authority.

#### 12 Sub-committees

(1) The Committee may establish standing or special sub-committees for the purpose of advising the Committee in the exercise of its functions under this Act and may appoint as a member of any such sub-committee any person who, in its opinion, appears to be

- qualified to be a member of that sub-committee, whether or not the person is a member of the Committee.
- (2) The Committee shall appoint one of the members of a sub-committee established under subsection (1) to be chairperson of the sub-committee and any such sub-committee may, subject to subsection (3) and to any directions of the Committee, regulate its procedure in such manner as it thinks fit.
- (3) The Committee may specify the number of persons who shall constitute a quorum of a sub-committee established under this section.

# 13 Dams Safety Committee Account

- (1) There shall be established in the Special Deposits Account in the Treasury a Dams Safety Committee Account into which shall be deposited all money received by the Committee and from which shall be paid all amounts required to meet expenditure incurred in accordance with the provisions of this Act.
- (2) The Treasurer may, out of money provided by Parliament, from time to time make such contributions to the funds of the Committee as may be determined by the Treasurer.

# Part 3 Functions of the Committee

## 14 Functions of Committee

The functions of the Committee are—

- (a) to maintain a surveillance of prescribed dams, the environs under, over and surrounding prescribed dams and the waters or other materials impounded by prescribed dams to ensure the safety of prescribed dams,
- (b) to examine and investigate the location, design, construction, reconstruction, extension, modification, operation and maintenance of prescribed dams, the environs under, over and surrounding prescribed dams and the waters or other materials impounded by prescribed dams,
- (c) to obtain information and keep records on matters relating to the safety of dams,
- (d) to formulate measures to ensure the safety of dams,
- (e) to make such reports or recommendations to the Minister or any other person in relation to the safety of prescribed dams as the Committee considers necessary or appropriate,
- (f) to make reports and recommendations with respect to the prescription of dams for the purposes of this Act,

- (g) to exercise such other functions as are conferred or imposed on the Committee by or under this or any other Act or the regulations, and
- (h) to do such supplemental, incidental and consequential acts as may be necessary or expedient for the exercise of its functions.

# 15 Keeping and furnishing information

- (1) The Committee may, by notice in writing, require the owner of a prescribed dam specified in the notice to do either or both of the following things—
  - (a) make such observations, take such measurements and keep such records of or in respect of the prescribed dam, the environs over, under and surrounding the prescribed dam and the water or other material impounded by the prescribed dam as may be specified in the notice,
  - (b) furnish to the Committee in respect of the prescribed dam such information and such books, plans, documents or other papers and such films, tapes or other records as may be specified or described in the notice,
  - and the owner shall comply with the requirement.
- (2) Where an owner of a prescribed dam fails to comply with the requirement of a notice under subsection (1), the Committee may exercise the functions referred to in subsection (1)(a) in respect of the prescribed dam and recover the costs and expenses thereof or incidental thereto from the owner as a debt in any court of competent jurisdiction.

# 16 Entry, inspection, testing etc

- (1) In this section, a reference to land comprising a dam includes a reference to the water or other material impounded by the dam.
- (2) The Committee may authorise a person, in writing, to carry out inspections, for the purposes of this Act, of any dam.
- (3) A person authorised under subsection (2) may enter any land or any place on any land comprising any dam or the environs over, under or surrounding any dam and may thereon or therein carry out such inspections, tests, investigations, surveys, experiments, boring, drilling and exploration, and take such samples and such photographs, as the person considers necessary in connection with the administration of this Act.
- (4) A person authorised under subsection (2) shall not, in relation to any land or any place on any land, exercise any of the functions conferred by subsection (3) unless reasonable notice has been given to the owner or occupier of the land or place of the intention to exercise those functions.

- (5) In addition to the requirements of subsection (4), a person authorised under subsection (2) must not exercise any of the functions conferred by subsection (3) in relation to a mine within the meaning of the *Work Health and Safety (Mines) Act 2013* unless—
  - (a) reasonable notice has been given to the regulator within the meaning of that Act of the intention to exercise those functions, and
  - (b) the person, when exercising those functions, is accompanied by a person nominated by the regulator.
- (6) In the exercise of a function conferred by subsection (3), the Committee shall ensure that no more damage than may be necessary in the circumstances is inflicted and shall fully compensate any person who sustains damage in the course of the exercise of that function.
- (7) A person authorised under subsection (2), in exercising a function conferred by subsection (3) in relation to any land or any place on any land, shall, if so required by a person apparently in charge of that land or place produce the instrument of his or her authority to that person.

# 17 Obstruction of authorised person

A person shall not obstruct, hinder or interfere with a person authorised under section 16(2) in the exercise of the person's functions under section 16.

## 18 Giving of notices to ensure safety of prescribed dams

- (1) Where it appears to the Committee that a prescribed dam is unsafe or is in danger of becoming unsafe, the Committee may, by notice in writing, require the owner of the prescribed dam to do such things as are specified or described in the notice as may be reasonably necessary to ensure the safety of the prescribed dam.
- (2) Where it appears to the Committee that anything done or proposed to be done to or in relation to a prescribed dam or in the vicinity of a prescribed dam by the owner of the prescribed dam or any other person may endanger the safety of the prescribed dam, the Committee may, by notice in writing, require the owner or other person, as the case may be, to do such things as are specified or described in the notice as may be reasonably necessary to ensure the safety of the prescribed dam and the owner or other person shall comply with the requirement.
- (3) A notice under subsection (2) requiring the cessation of any work or activity being done or proposed to be done to or in relation to a prescribed dam or in the vicinity of a prescribed dam by a person other than the owner of the prescribed dam shall not be given without the approval of—
  - (a) the Minister, or

(b) the Premier—if the work or activity relates to a mine within the meaning of the *Work Health and Safety (Mines) Act 2013*.

#### 19 Inquiries

- (1) The Committee may, and if directed to do so by the Minister shall, conduct an inquiry into any matter relating to the safety of a prescribed dam.
- (2) The Committee may, by order in writing, authorise, on such terms and conditions as are specified in the order—
  - (a) a sub-committee established under section 12, or
  - (b) with the approval of the Minister, any other person,
  - to examine, and report to the Committee on, any matter in connection with an inquiry (including an inquiry that the Minister has directed to be conducted).
- (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting the power of the Committee to conduct an examination in connection with an inquiry under this section and the Committee may conduct such an examination notwithstanding that it has authorised another body or person to do so.

# 20 Evidence at inquiry

- (1) A body or person conducting an inquiry or examination under section 19 may require a person, by notice in writing—
  - (a) within such reasonable time as may be specified in the notice, to furnish to that body or person such information and to produce to that body or person such books, plans, documents or other papers and such films, tapes or other records in the person's possession or under the person's control as may be required for the purpose of the inquiry or examination, as the case may be, and may be specified in the notice, whether generally or otherwise, or
  - (b) to attend, at a time and place specified in the notice, before that body or person and thereafter from time to time as required by that body or person to give evidence concerning any matter the subject of the inquiry or examination, as the case may be, and to produce all such books, plans, documents or other papers and such films, tapes or other records in the person's possession or under the person's control as may be required for the purpose of that inquiry or examination, as the case may be, and as may be specified in the notice, whether generally or otherwise.
- (2) A body or person conducting an inquiry or examination under section 19 may, subject to section 13 of the *Oaths Act 1900*, require any evidence referred to in subsection (1)(b) to be given on oath, and either in writing or orally, and for that purpose—

- (a) where the inquiry or examination is being conducted by a body, the person presiding at the inquiry or examination, or
- (b) where the inquiry or examination is being conducted by a person, that person, may administer an oath.
- (3) A person shall not neglect or refuse to comply with the requirements of a notice served on the person under this section.
- (4) A person shall not—
  - (a) furnish any information referred to in subsection (1)(a) required of the person pursuant to a notice served on the person under subsection (1) that is false or misleading in a material particular, or
  - (b) give any evidence referred to in subsection (1)(b) that is false or misleading in a material particular.
- (5) It is a sufficient defence to a prosecution arising under subsection (4) if the defendant proves that he or she believed the truth of the information or evidence given by him or her and that it was given in good faith.

# 21 State of emergency

- (1) Where—
  - (a) a prescribed dam has collapsed or failed, in whole or in part, or
  - (b) the Minister, whether or not any recommendation in that behalf has been made to the Minister by the Committee, is of the opinion that a prescribed dam is liable to collapse or failure, in whole or in part,
  - the Minister may, by order in writing, declare that a state of emergency exists in respect of the prescribed dam.
- (2) An order made under subsection (1) shall take effect from the making thereof or from a later date specified in the order and shall, unless sooner revoked, continue in force for such period as is specified in the order.
- (3) An order made under subsection (1) shall be published in the Gazette as soon as practicable.

# 22 Functions of Committee in state of emergency

Without limiting or restricting the functions conferred or imposed on the Committee under the other provisions of this Act, where an order made under section 21(1) is in force, the Committee shall, at the direction or with the approval of the Minister, do any one or more of the following things in relation to the prescribed dam to which the order applies—

- (a) take full charge and control of the prescribed dam, the environs under, over and surrounding the prescribed dam and the water or other material impounded by the prescribed dam,
- (b) release or discharge the whole or such part as the Committee thinks fit of the water or other material impounded by the prescribed dam,
- (c) carry out all such works and do all such things as, in the opinion of the Committee, are necessary to render the prescribed dam safe,
- (d) demolish or remove the whole or any part of the prescribed dam or any work or structure on the prescribed dam, the water or other material impounded by the prescribed dam or the environs under, over or surrounding the prescribed dam,
- (e) take such other action as the Minister directs or approves.

## 23 Recovery of costs and expenses

The Committee may recover the costs and expenses incurred by it in the exercise of its functions under section 22 in respect of a prescribed dam from the owner of the prescribed dam as a debt in any court of competent jurisdiction.

#### 24 Contracts

- (1) The Committee may make and enter into contracts with any person for the carrying out of works, the performance of services or the supply of goods or materials in connection with the exercise by the Committee of its functions.
- (2) A contract under this section shall be deemed for the purposes of the *Constitution Act* 1902 to be a contract for or on account of the Public Service of New South Wales.

# 25 Arrangements with public authorities

- (1) The Committee may enter into an arrangement or agreement with any public authority that—
  - (a) the public authority shall act as agent of the Committee for the purposes of this Act. or
  - (b) the Committee shall act as agent of the public authority for the purposes of this Act.
  - on such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the Committee and the public authority.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything in any other Act, any public authority is hereby authorised and empowered to enter into arrangements or agreements referred to in subsection (1) and may do or suffer anything necessary or expedient for carrying out any such arrangements or agreements.

# 26 Arrangements for investigation and research

The Committee may enter into arrangements with—

- (a) a Minister of the Crown of any State, a Minister of State of the Commonwealth or a Department or instrumentality of the Commonwealth or of any State,
- (b) a university or another tertiary institution, or
- (c) any other body or person,

with respect to the conduct of any investigation, study or research that may be necessary or desirable for the purposes of this Act.

# Part 4 General

#### 27 Amendment etc of Schedule 1

- (1) The Governor may, by proclamation published on the NSW legislation website, amend Schedule 1—
  - (a) by omitting therefrom the name of a prescribed dam and any matter relating to the description or location of the prescribed dam,
  - (b) by inserting therein the name of a dam and matter relating to the description or location of that dam, or
  - (c) by altering the name of a prescribed dam or any other matter appearing in Schedule 1.
- (2) The Governor may, by proclamation published on the NSW legislation website, amend this Act by omitting Schedule 1 and by inserting instead a Schedule containing the names and locations of dams.

# 28 Delegation

- (1) The Committee may, by resolution, delegate to—
  - (a) a member, or
  - (b) an officer, employee or servant of a Department of the Government or of a public authority,
  - the exercise of such of the Committee's functions (other than this power of delegation) as may be specified in the resolution, and may, by resolution, revoke wholly or in part any such delegation.
- (2) A function, the exercise of which has been delegated under this section, may, while the delegation remains unrevoked, be exercised from time to time in accordance with the terms of the delegation.

- (3) A delegation under this section may be made subject to conditions or limitations as to the exercise of any functions delegated, or as to time or circumstance.
- (4) Notwithstanding any delegation under this section, the Committee may continue to exercise all or any of the functions delegated.
- (5) Any act or thing done or suffered by a delegate while acting in the exercise of a delegation under this section shall have the same force and effect as if the act or thing had been done or suffered by the Committee and shall be deemed to have been done or suffered by the Committee.
- (6) An instrument purporting to be signed by a delegate of the Committee in the person's capacity as such a delegate shall in all courts and before all persons acting judicially be received in evidence as if it were an instrument executed by the Committee under seal and, until the contrary is proved, shall be deemed to be an instrument signed by a delegate of the Committee under this section.

#### 29 Authentication of documents

A notice or other document requiring authentication by the Committee may be sufficiently authenticated without the seal of the Committee if signed by the chairperson.

#### 30 Offences

A person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this Act or a notice given by the Committee under this Act shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty not exceeding 10 penalty units.

# 31 Proceedings for offences

Any penalty imposed by this Act or the regulations may be recovered in a summary manner before the Local Court.

# 32 Regulations

- (1) The Governor may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, for or with respect to any matter that by this Act is required or permitted to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act and, in particular, for or with respect to—
  - (a) the procedure for the calling of, and for the conduct of business at, meetings of the Committee,
  - (b) the travelling expenses and the compensation to be paid to persons attending or giving evidence at an inquiry or examination as referred to in section 20, and
  - (c) the remuneration, travelling and subsistence allowances to be paid to members, not being members of the Committee, of a sub-committee established under section 12.

- (2) A regulation may authorise any matter or thing to be from time to time determined, applied or regulated by any person specified therein, either generally or for any class of cases or in a particular case.
- (3) A regulation may be made so as to apply differently according to such factors as may be specified in the regulation.
- (4) A regulation may impose a penalty not exceeding 5 penalty units for any offence against the regulation.

# **Schedule 1 Prescribed dams**

(Sections 4(1), 27)

Column 1	Column 2
Name of dam	Location of dam
Abbotsbury Park Pond 2	Unnamed creek, Cecil Hills
Adelong Tailings	Adelong
Aldridges Creek	Aldridges Creek near Ellerstone
Antienne Lease Tailings Dam	Off-stream, near Ravensworth
Ashton Coal Clean Water Dam 1	Tributary of Glennies Creek, near Singleton
Avon	Avon River near Bargo
Bagnalls Beach Road Detention Basin	Off-stream, Corlette, Port Stephens
Bakers Road Detention Basin	Tributary of Coffs Creek, Coffs Harbour
Bamarang	Off-stream storage near Nowra
Banks Road Retarding Basin	Banks Road, Liverpool
Barden Ridge Lower Dam	Mill Creek, Lucas Heights
Barina Park Detention Basin	Minnegang Creek, Wollongong
Bayswater Ash	Pikes Gully near Jerry's Plains
Bayswater Brine Decant	Unnamed watercourse near Muswellbrook
Bayswater Cooling Make Up	Unnamed watercourse near Bayswater
Bayswater 2 Main Dam	Unnamed watercourse, Muswellbrook
Beardy Waters	Beardy Waters near Glen Innes
Beargamil	Beargamil Creek near Parkes
Ben Boyd	Off-stream storage near Eden
Bendeela Pondage	Off-stream storage near Nowra

Bengalla CW1 Dry Creek, Bengalla, near Muswellbrook

Bengalla DW1 Bengalla, near Muswellbrook

Bengalla Stage Discharge Unnamed creek, Bengalla, near Muswellbrook

Bennetts Road Detention Basin Coffs Creek, Coffs Harbour

Bingara Gorge Pond 1 Bingara Gorge, Wilton

Blackbutt Reserve Unnamed watercourse at Shellharbour

Blackwood Pit Tailings Storage Facility Broken Hill

Bloomfield U Cut Tailings Near Four Mile Creek, Ashtonfield

Blowering Tumut River near Tumut

Boambee Newport Creeks Detention Basin Boambee

Boorowa Dam Boorowa River, Boorowa

Bootawa Off-stream storage near Taree

Borenore Creek Borenore Creek near Molong

Bosnjak Park US Edensor Creek, Edensor Park

Bowra Creek, Bowraville

Brennan's Creek near Appin

Brogo Brogo River near Bega

Brokers Road Retarding Basin Cabbage Tree Creek at Wollongong

Brooklyn Retarding Basin Unnamed watercourse near Brooklyn

Broughtons Pass Weir Cataract Weir near Wilton

Broula King Gold Mine Tailings Tyagong Creek, Bumbaldry

Broula King Gold Mine Tailings 2 Tyagong Creek, Bumbaldry

Bucklands Retarding Basin Kooloona Avenue, Figtree, Wollongong

Bulga CHPP Near Nine Mile Creek, Singleton

Bulga Mine Water Tributary of Loder Creek, Singleton

Bulga North In-pit Tailings Storage Bulga Coal Mine

Bulga Northern Tailings Dam A Bulga

Bulga Old Tailings Broke, Singleton

Bundanoon Creek near Moss Vale

Burrendong Macquarie River near Wellington

Burrinjuck Murrumbidgee River near Yass

Cadia North Waste Dump Detention Basin Hoare's Creek, Cadia, near Orange

Cadia Southern Tailings Dam Rodds Creek, Cadia

Cadia Tailings Dam Rodds Creek near Orange

Cadiangullong Dam Cadiangullong Creek near Orange

Calala Raw Water Storage Calala

Camberwell Tailings 2 Station Creek, Singleton

Cambewarra Unnamed watercourse, Cambewarra

Campbelltown Link Area Basin 1 Tributary of Bow Bowing Creek, Campbelltown

Campbelltown North Detention Basin Off-stream, Campbelltown, Sydney

Captains Flat Molonglo River at Captains Flat

Carcoar Belubula River near Carcoar

Carrington In-pit Tailings Storage Facility Hunter Valley

Cascade No 1 Cascade Creek near Katoomba
Cascade No 2 Cascade Creek near Katoomba
Cascade No 3 Cascade Creek near Katoomba

Cataract River near Bulli

Cecil Hills Retarding Basin Hinchinbrook Creek, Cecil Hills
Cecil Park Basin 3A Hinchinbrook Creek, Cecil Park
Cecil Park Basin 3B Hinchinbrook Creek, Cecil Park

Centennial Park Reservoir No 1 Centennial Park, Sydney
Centennial Park Reservoir No 2 Centennial Park, Sydney

Chaffey Peel River near Tamworth

Chichester Chichester River near Dungog
Chifley Campbells River near Bathurst

Chinamans Sawpit Gully, Young

Clarrie Hall Doon Doon Creek near Uki

Clear Paddock Creek Basin C

Clear Paddock Creek, Bonnyrigg

Clear Paddock Creek Basin W2

Clear Paddock Creek, Bonnyrigg

Clear Paddock Creek, Bonnyrigg

Clear Paddock Creek, Bonnyrigg

Coalcliff Stanwell Creek near Stanwell Park

Cochrane Georges Creek near Bemboka

Colongra Creek Ash Colongra Creek near Doyalson

Comberton Grange Retarding Basin Off-stream storage near Nowra

Comin Place Detention Basin Comin Place, Abbotsbury, Fairfield

Company Grenfell

Connors Creek, Barraba

Copeton Gwydir River near Inverell

Cordeaux River near Wilton

Corindi Stage 3 Dam Kathleen Drive, Corindi

Cowal Gold Mine Reservoir D9 Near Lake Cowal, West Wyalong

Cowal Integrated Waste Landform Lake Cowal

Cowal Northern Tailings Near Lake Cowal, West Wyalong

Cowal Southern Tailings Near Lake Cowal, West Wyalong

Cowarra King's Creek Tributary, near Port Macquarie

Cowarra Creek Tailings Cowarra Creek near Bredbo

Crookwell Kentgrove Creek near Crookwell

CSA Tailings Dam Off-stream, near Cobar

CSIRO Retarding Basin Great Western Highway, Girraween

Cumnock Tailings Storage Facility Near Bayswater Creek, Ravensworth

Cumnock Tailings Storage Facility No 3 Near Bayswater Creek, Ravensworth

Danjerra Creek near Nowra

Dargues Reef Gold Project Tailings Unnamed watercourse, Braidwood

Dartbrook Mine Water Dam Unnamed Creek, Muswellbrook

Daruk Park Detention Basin Daruk Park, Casula, Liverpool

Deep Creek Off-stream storage near Batemans Bay

Deep Creek Snowy Dam Deep Creek, Khancoban

Delegate Retarding Basin Delegate

D.E.P. Retarding Basin Quarry Road, Prospect

Diamond Circuit Detention Basin Rutherford

Dobinson Retarding Basin Wollongong

Dover Heights Reservoir Portland Street, Dover Heights

Drayton Water Supply Tributary of Bayswater Creek near Muswellbrook

Dumaresq Creek near Armidale

Dungowan Creek near Nundle

Duralie Coal Auxiliary Dam 1 Tributary of Coal Shaft Creek, Stroud

Duralie Coal Auxiliary Dam No 2 Tributary of Coal Shaft Creek, Stroud

Duralie Coal Mine Water Cheer Up Gully, Stroud

East West Road Valla Beach near Nambucca Heads

Edgewood Detention Basin Hollymount Creek, Woonona

Edgeworth Detention Basin Cocked Hat Creek, Edgeworth, Wallsend

Edmondson Park Jardine Drive Basin 12 Cabramatta Creek, Edmondson Park

El Klaros Tributary of Cedar Creek near Maitland

Elanora Country Club Main Elanora Heights, Sydney

Elura Tailings Cobar

Emerson Street Detention Basin Emerson Street Reserve, Wetherill Park

Emigrant Creek near Ballina

Emma James Basin Tributary of Erina Creek, East Gosford

Eraring Ash Crooked Creek near Wangi Wangi

Eraring Attemperating Cooling Water Dora Creek, Eraring

Eucumbene Dam Eucumbene River, Eucumbene

Eurobodalla Southern Storage Bodalla

Fairfield Golf Course Basin Orphan School Creek, Prairiewood

Fitzroy Falls Yarrunga Creek near Moss Vale

Floraville Road Basin Floraville Road, Belmont North

Foothills Estate 1 Tributary of Towradgi Creek at Wollongong

Foothills Estate Retarding Basin 3 Foothills Estate, Tarrawanna

Foothills Road Retarding Basin Foothills Road, Mount Ousley

Fountaindale Creek near Jamberoo

Fox Hills Retarding Basin Fox Hill Golf Course, Prospect

Freislichs Homestead Creek, Fowlers Gap

Gannet Place Retarding Basin Gannet Avenue, Berkeley

Garden Suburb Detention Basin

Upper branch of Winding Creek, Garden Suburb, Lake

Macquarie

Geehi Dam Geehi River, Kosciusko National Park

George Bass Drive Detention Basin Off-stream, Batemans Bay
Georgia Terrace Detention Basin Cattai Creek, Glenhaven
Glenbawn Hunter River near Scone

Glenmore Park Retarding Basin Surveyor Creek, Penrith

Glennies Creek near Singleton

Glenquarry Cut Off-stream storage near Moss Vale

Gooden Reserve Retaining Basin Model Farm Creek, Baulkham Hills

Googong Queanbeyan River near Queanbeyan

Gosling Creek, Orange

Grahamstown Off-stream storage near Raymond Terrace

Greaves Creek near Blackheath

Green Meadows Retarding Basin Green Meadows Estate, Albion Park Rail

Greenway Drive Retarding Basin 10A-B Tributary of Cabramatta Creek, Leppington

Gunyah Park Retarding Basin Dempster Street, West Wollongong

Guthega Dam Snowy River, Guthega

Hamilton Valley Retention Basin 5A Hamilton Valley Creek near Albury (Lavington)

Hamilton Valley Retention Basin 5B Hamilton Valley Creek near Albury

Hera Tailings Near Nymagee, Cobar

Hillgrove Elanora Tributary of Bakers Creek, Hillgrove

Hillgrove Tailings Dam No 1 Bakers Creek near Armidale

Hillgrove Tailings Dam No 2 Off-stream, Hillgrove

Honeysuckle Creek at Killara

Horningsea Park Detention Basin Tributary of Cabramatta Creek, Horningsea Park

Houston Saltwater Creek, Houston Gully, Jerrys Plains

Howell Close Retarding Basin McMahons Creek, Newport

Hoxton Park Basin 6 Hinchinbrook Creek, Hoxton Park

Hume Murray River near Albury-Wodonga

Humphreys Creek Humphreys Creek near Drake

Humphreys Creek Tailings Humphreys Creek near Drake

Hungerford Hill Vineyards First Creek, Pokolbin

Hunter Valley Operations Lake James Tributary of Hunter River, near Singleton

Imperial Lake Willa-Willyong Creek near Broken Hill

Island Bend Dam Snowy River, Island Bend

Jindabyne Dam Snowy River, Jindabyne

Jordon Springs Village Lake Jordan Springs near Penrith

Jounama Dam Tumut River, Talbingo

Junction Reef Belubula River near Mandurama

Kalingo Dam Congewai Creek, Ellalong

Kanahooka Retention Basin Off Mullet Creek near Kanahooka, Wollongong

Kangaroo Pipeline Control Structure

Off-stream storage at Morton National Park near Fitzroy

Falls

Karangi Off-stream storage near Coffs Harbour

Keepit Namoi River near Gunnedah

Kensington Centennial Park Pond Centennial Park, Sydney

Kentucky Creek near Uralla

Khancoban Dam Swampy Plain River, Khancoban

Killara Reservoir Pacific Highway, Killara

King Park Basin Orphan School Creek, Wakeley

Knight Park Yennora

Korrumbyn Creek, Murwillumbah

Lake Canobolas Molong Creek near Orange

Lake Endeavour Billabong Creek near Parkes

Lake Ettamogah Winter Storage Dam Nine Mile Creek, Ettamogah, near Albury

Lake Inverell MacIntyre River, Inverell

Lake Medlow Wall's Creek near Medlow Bath

Lake Parramatta Hunt's Creek near Parramatta

Lake Rowlands Coombing Rivulet near Carcoar

Leewood Ponds Mollee Creek, Narrabri

Lemington Mine Tailings Off-stream Storage near Warkworth

Lidcombe Basin No 6 Tributary of Haslams Creek, Lidcombe

Liddell Ash Disposal Saltwater Creek near Muswellbrook

Liddell Ash Levee Bayswater Creek, Muswellbrook

Liddell Cooling Water Gardiners Creek near Muswellbrook

Liddell Water Supply Tinkers Creek near Muswellbrook

Lithgow No 1 Farmer's Creek near Lithgow

Lithgow No 2 Farmer's Creek near Lithgow

Lostock Paterson River near Gresford

Loyalty Road Retarding Basin Darling Mills Creek near Parramatta

Lyell (Lilyvale) Cox's River near Hartley

MacDonalds Dam Mt Arthur Coal, Edderton

Malpas Gara River near Armidale

Mangoola Coal Raw Water Tributary of Sandy Creek, Muswellbrook

Mangoola Pit Water Wybong, Muswellbrook

Mangoola Start-up Tailings Wybong, Muswellbrook

Mangrove Creek Mangrove Creek near Gosford

Manly Curl Curl Creek near Manly Vale

Mannering Creek Ash Mannering Creek near Wyee

Mardi Off-stream storage near Wyong

Maroubra Reservoir Vanny Place, Maroubra

Marrickville Oval Retarding Basin Marrickville Park, Marrickville

Maules Creek Mine—MWD2 Maules Creek, Boggabri
Maules Creek Mine—RWD2 Maules Creek, Boggabri

McCoy Park Retarding Basin Mimosa Avenue, Toongabbie

McKinnon's Gold Project Tailings Burdekin Resources, Cobar

Medway River near Berrima

Menindee Storages Darling River and adjacent lakes near Menindee

Mimosa Road Basin Orphan School Creek, Greenfield Park

Mineral Hill Southern Tailings Yarra Yarra Creek near Condobolin

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Minmi Road Retarding Basin Minmi Road, Fletcher, Newcastle

Molong Creek, Molong

Montrose Wambo Creek, Warkworth via Singleton

Mooney Upper Dam Mooney Mooney Creek near Gosford

Moores Creek near Tamworth

Mount Pleasant Environmental Dam 3 Muswellbrook

Mount Pleasant Mine Water Dam Muswellbrook

Mount Pleasant Tailings Muswellbrook

Mount View Detention Basin

Lavender Creek, Cessnock

Mt Annan Wetland No 1

Narellan Creek, Camden

Mt Arthur North Environmental Dam Unnamed watercourse, South Muswellbrook

Mt Arthur Tailings Storage Facility South Muswellbrook

Mt Boppy Gold Mine TSF Mulga Creek, Canbelego

Mt Owen North Void Tailings Hebden

Mt Owen Rail Loop Tailings Hebden

Mt Thorley Abbey Green South Tailings Mt Thorley, Singleton

Mt Thorley Central Ramp Tailings Dam Unnamed watercourse, Mt Thorley Mine, Hunter Valley

Mt Thorley South Out of Pit Water Warkworth, near Singleton

Muirfield Golf Club Dam Barclay Road, North Rocks

Muirfield Golf Course Retarding Basin Muirfield Golf Course at North Rocks

Murray 2 Dam Khancoban Back Creek, Khancoban

Murrurundi Off-stream storage at Murrurundi

Narrabri Coal Rail Loop Dams Baan Baa

Narranbulla Creek near Marulan

Nepean River near Bargo

Newstan Southern REA Main Tailings Fassifern, Lake Macquarie

Nixon Oakey Creek near Barraba

Norbrik Detention Pond Tributary of Lalor Creek, Bella Vista

North Turramurra Golf Course Dam Cowan Creek, North Turramurra

Northmead Reserve Retarding Basin Darling Mills Creek at Northmead

Northparkes E27—Estcourt Tailings Goonumbla, Parkes

Northparkes Infill Tailings Storage Facility Goonumbla

Northparkes Rosedale Tailings Goonumbla, Parkes

Northparkes Tailings Cookopie Creek near Parkes

Northparkes Tailings Dam No 2 Cookopie Creek near Parkes

Nyngan Evaporation Pond Nyngan

Nyngan Tailings Storage Facility Nyngan

Nyrang Park Retention Basin Fairy Creek at Keiraville near Wollongong

Oak Flats Reservoir Off-stream storage near Oak Flats

Oaky River Oaky River near Armidale

Oberon Fish River near Oberon

Old Quipolly Creek, Quirindi

Palmtree Grove Retention Basin Unnamed watercourse, Palmtree Grove, Umina

Parnells Creek Mine Water Dam Parnells Creek, Jerrys Plains

Pasminco Broken Hill Site D Tailings Pasminco Broken Hill Mine, Broken Hill

Peak Gold Mine Tailings Dam Off-stream, near Cobar

Pecan Close Retarding Basin Wingello Creek, Wyoming

Pejar Wollondilly River near Goulburn

Petrochilos Off-stream storage, Bonalbo

Pied Piper Playground Detention Basin Toongabbie Creek, Seven Hills

Pindari Severn River near Ashford

Pine Trees Detention Basin Lord Howe Island

Plashett Saltwater Creek, Jerry's Plains

Port Macquarie Off-stream storage near Port Macquarie

Possum Skin Dam Tributary of Glennies Creek, Oak Park

Porters Creek near Milton

Potts Hill Reservoir No 2 Off-stream storage near Lidcombe

Prospect Creek, Prospect

Puddledock Creek near Armidale

Pymble Golf Course Unnamed tributary of Cowan Creek, St Ives

Quipolly Creek, Quirindi

Ravensworth Mine Inpit Storage Off-stream storage at Ravensworth

Ravensworth South Tailings Ravensworth, Muswellbrook
Ravensworth Void 4 East Tailings Ravensworth, Muswellbrook

Ravensworth Void 5 Ash Ravensworth, Muswellbrook

Redbank Creek near Mudgee

Redbank Dam 13 North Richmond

Redbank Dam 14 North Richmond

Research Station Rifle Range Creek at Orange

Riverview Void In-pit Water Storage Lemington, Singleton

Rocky Creek near Lismore

Rouse Hill Detention Basin 9B Smalls Creek, Kellyville

Rouse Hill Detention Basin 16 Smalls Creek, Rouse Hill, Sydney

Rouse Hill Infrastructure Retarding Basin No 5 Caddies Creek at Parklea

Rouse Hill Infrastructure Retarding Basin No 9 Smalls Creek at Kellyville

Rouse Hill Infrastructure Retarding Basin No 13 Caddies Creek at Parklea

Rushforth Road 100ML Reservoir South Grafton

Rydal Off-stream storage near Rydal

Rylstone Cudgegong River near Rylstone

Sarah Fahey Park Retarding Basin Copacabana

Sawyers Swamp Creek Ash Sawyers Swamp Creek near Wallerawang

Schofields North Rail Facility First Ponds Creek, Schofields
Schofields South Rail Facility First Ponds Creek, Schofields

School House Creek Basin School House Creek near Regentville, Penrith

SE Tailings Dam Unnamed watercourse, Lemington, Hunter Valley

Shannon Creek, Grafton

Shellcove Estate Dention Basin 1 Watercourse No 1, Shellharbour

Shellharbour City Centre Basin Tributary of Oakey Creek, Shellharbour

Sierra Place Retarding Basin Sierra Place, Toongabbie

Smiths Creek Retarding Basin 1 Smiths Creek near Campbelltown
Smiths Creek Retarding Basin 2 Smiths Creek near Campbelltown

Smiths Creek Retarding Basin 3 Smiths Creek near Campbelltown

Sooley Sooley Creek near Goulburn

South Bulli Basin 1 Bellambi Creek, Russell Vale

South Bulli Stormwater Dam Tributary of Bellambi Creek, Russell Vale

Spagnolos Road Detention Basin Tributary of Coffs Creek, Coffs Harbour

Split Rock Manilla River near Manilla

Spring Creek near Orange

Springvale Reject Emplacement Area Unnamed tributary of Wangcol Creek, Lidsdale

St Josephs School Retarding Basin St Josephs School, Albion Park

St Peters Basin—9SWB01 St Peters

Stephens Creek near Broken Hill

Steuart McIntyre Dam Fattorini Creek, Kempsey

Stockdale Basin Orphan School Creek, Abbotsbury

Stockton Borehole Tailings Near Boolaroo

Suma Park Summerhill Creek near Orange

Sunrise Mine TSF Cell 2 Fifield

Sunrise Mine Water Storage Dam Fifield

Talbingo Dam Tumut River, Talbingo

Tallong Railway Barbers Creek, Tallong

Tallowa Shoalhaven River near Nowra

Tantangra Dam Murrumbidgee River, Tantangra

Tarrawonga Clean Water Dam Boggabri

Tenterfield Creek near Tenterfield

The Cove Old Sydney Town near Gosford

The Gables Lake and Basin Box Hill

Thompsons Creek near Wallerawang

Thornleigh Reservoir Off-stream storage near Thornleigh

Tilba Creek near Tilba Tilba

Timor Castlereagh River near Coonabarabran

Tomingley Residue Storage Facility Near Gundong Creek, Narromine

Tooma Dam Tooma River, Kosciusko National Park

Toonumbar Iron Pot Creek near Kyogle

Tritton Tailings Near Nyngan

Tumbarumba Off-stream storage near Tumbarumba

Tumut 2 Dam Tumut River, Cabramurra

Tumut 3 Inlet Structure Tumut River, Talbingo

Tumut Paper Mill Fresh Water Dam Off Sandy Creek, Tumut
Tumut Paper Mill Waste Water Dam Off Sandy Creek, Tumut

Tumut Pond Dam Tumut River, Cabramurra

Umberumberka Creek near Silverton

United Colliery Tailings 2 Redbank Creek, Singleton

Upper Cordeaux No 2 Cordeaux River near Wollongong

Upper Rodds Creek Dam Rodds Creek, Cadia

Upper Shephards Lane Detention Basin Coffs Creek, Coffs Harbour

Vales Point Ash No 2 Mannering Creek near Wyee

Valley View Detention Basin Unnamed watercourse, Cowra

Wallerawang Cox's River near Wallerawang

Wambo Hunter Pit Tails Unnamed watercourse, Warkworth via Singleton

Wambo South Water Tributary of Stony Creek, Singleton

Wambo Tailings Dam Unnamed watercourse, Warkworth via Singleton

Warkworth Main Water Dam—1N Mt Thorley (near Singleton)

Warkworth North Pit Tailings Near Singleton

Warragamba Warragamba River near Warragamba

Warringah Reservoir Mills Place, Beacon Hill

Waverley Reservoir—WS133 Waverley, Sydney

Wentworth Falls Lake Jamieson Creek near Wentworth Falls

Werris Creek Void Water Dam 1 Unnamed watercourse near Werris Creek

Werris Creek Void Water Dam 3 Unnamed watercourse near Werris Creek

Werris Creek Void Water Dam 4 Unnamed watercourse near Werris Creek

West Epping Park Basin West Epping

Western Sydney Airport Basin 1 Tributary to Badgerys Creek

Whitford Road Retarding Basin Whitford Road, Liverpool

Widemere Detention Basin Prospect Creek, Greystanes

Wilpinjong TD2 Wilpinjong Creek, Mudgee

Wilpinjong TD6 Mudgee

Winburndale Winburndale Rivulet near Bathurst

Windamere Cudgegong River near Mudgee

Winding Creek Retarding Basin 3 Hillsborough

Winding Creek Retention Basin No 5 Winding Creek at Charlestown near Newcastle

Wingecarribee River near Moss Vale

Wollondilly Washery Dam Unnamed Creek near Nattai

Wonawinta Tailings Cobar

Woodford Woodford Creek near Woodford

Woodlawn Mine Evaporation Off-stream near Tarago

Woodlawn Mine No 2 Evaporation Off-stream near Tarago

Woodlawn North Tailings Off-stream near Tarago

Woodlawn South Tailings Off-stream near Tarago

Woodlawn Tailings Storage Facility 4 Off-stream near Tarago

Woodlawn West Tailings Off-stream near Tarago

Woolgoolga Off-stream storage near Woolgoolga

Woronora Woronora River near Waterfall

Wyangala Lachlan River near Cowra

Wyoming Central Dam Tomingley

Wyong Road Detention Basin Tumbi Creek, Wyong Road, Killarney Vale

Yarrawonga Weir Murray River near Yarrawonga

Yass River near Yass

Yellow Pinch Yellow Pinch Creek near Wolumla

# Schedule 2 Provisions relating to the constitution and procedure of the Committee

(Section 10)

# 1 (Repealed)

# 2 Term of office of member

- (1) A member shall, subject to this Act, be appointed for such term, not exceeding 4 years, as is specified in the instrument of the member's appointment.
- (2) A member shall, if otherwise qualified, be eligible for re-appointment from time to time for such term, not exceeding 4 years, as is specified in the instrument of the member's re-appointment.

# 3 Member holding office under other Acts

- (1) Where, by or under any Act, provision is made requiring the holder of an office specified therein to devote the whole of the person's time to the duties of the person's office, that provision shall not operate to disqualify the person from holding that office and also the office of a member or from accepting and retaining any remuneration, travelling or subsistence allowance payable to a member under clause 4.
- (2) The office of a member shall not, for the purposes of any Act, be deemed to be an office or place of profit under the Crown.

#### 4 Remuneration of and allowances for members

Each member is entitled to be paid such remuneration (including travelling and subsistence allowances) as the Minister may from time to time determine in respect of the member.

# 5 Appointment of substitutes to act during period of absence of member

- (1) The Minister may appoint any person to act in the office of a member while the member is absent from the member's office through illness or any other cause, and that person while so acting—
  - (a) shall have and may exercise the functions of the member in whose office the person is appointed to act, and
  - (b) shall be deemed to be the member.
- (2) A member is, for the purposes of subclause (1) of this clause, deemed to be absent from the member's office if there is a vacancy in that office which has not been filled in accordance with clause 8.
- (3) No person shall be concerned to inquire whether or not any occasion has arisen requiring or authorising a person to act in the office of a member, and all things done or omitted to be done by that person while so acting shall be as valid and effectual and shall have the same consequences as if they had been done or omitted to be done by that member.

# 6 Deputy chairperson

- (1) A deputy chairperson of the Committee shall be elected by the members at the first meeting held after 1 January in each year, or whenever there is a vacancy in the office of the deputy chairperson, and the deputy chairperson shall hold office until the first meeting in the year following that in which the deputy chairperson was elected.
- (2) A deputy chairperson is eligible for re-election from time to time.
- (3) Where the chairperson is absent from office through illness or any other cause the

- deputy chairperson shall act as the chairperson.
- (4) Where a member who is deputy chairperson is absent from office through illness or any other cause the Minister may appoint some other member to act as deputy chairperson during that absence.

## 7 Vacation of office

- (1) A member shall be deemed to have vacated the office of member—
  - (a) if the member dies,
  - (b) if the member becomes bankrupt, applies to take the benefit of any law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors, compounds with the member's creditors or makes an assignment of the member's remuneration, allowances or estate for their benefit.
  - (c) if the member is absent from 4 consecutive ordinary meetings of the Committee of which reasonable notice has been given to the member, either personally or in the ordinary course of post, unless on leave granted by the Minister or, unless before the expiration of 4 weeks after the last of those meetings, the member is excused by the Minister for the member's absence from those meetings,
  - (d) if the member becomes a temporary patient, a continued treatment patient, a protected person or an incapable person within the meaning of the *Mental Health Act 1958* or a person under detention under Part 7 of that Act,
  - (e) if he or she is convicted in New South Wales of an indictable offence that is punishable by imprisonment for 12 months or more or is convicted elsewhere than in New South Wales of an offence that, if committed in New South Wales, would be an offence so punishable,
  - (f) if the member resigns the member's office by writing under the member's hand addressed to the Minister,
  - (g) if the member declines office, or
  - (h) if the member is removed from office by the Minister.
  - (i) (Repealed)
- (2) The Minister may, for any cause which to the Minister seems sufficient, remove any member from office.

## 8 Filling of casual vacancies

(1) On the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of a member, the Minister may appoint a person to the vacant office for the balance of the member's predecessor's term of office.

(2) A person appointed under subclause (1) of this clause shall be a person who holds the same qualifications, and is nominated in the same manner, if any, as the member whose office has become vacant was qualified and nominated.

## 9 Quorum

The number of members which shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Committee is 5, of whom one shall be the chairperson or the deputy chairperson.

# 10 Meetings

- (1) Any duly convened meeting of the Committee at which a quorum is present shall be competent to transact any business of the Committee.
- (2) Questions arising at a meeting of the Committee shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and voting.
- (3) The chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Committee at which the chairperson is present.
- (4) If the chairperson is not present at a meeting of the Committee, the deputy chairperson shall preside.
- (5) The person presiding at a meeting of the Committee has a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, also has a casting vote.

#### 11 Minutes

The Committee shall cause full and accurate minutes to be kept of its proceedings at meetings, and submit to the Minister a copy of the minutes of each meeting within 14 days after the date on which the meeting is held.

## 12 General procedure

The procedure for the calling of, and for the conduct of business at, meetings of the Committee shall, subject to any procedure that is specified in this Act or is prescribed, be as determined by the Committee.

# 13 Protection from liability

- (1) No matter or thing done, and no contract entered into, by the Committee, and no matter or thing done by a member or by any other person acting under the direction or as delegate of the Committee shall, if the matter or thing was done, or the contract was entered into, in good faith for the purposes of executing this Act, subject the member or person personally to any action, liability, claim or demand.
- (2) Nothing in subclause (1) of this clause exempts any member or other person from liability to be surcharged with the amount of any payment which is disallowed by the Auditor-General in the accounts of or relating to the Committee and which the

member or other person authorised or joined in authorising.

# 14 Presumptions

In proceedings by or against the Committee no proof shall be required (until evidence is given to the contrary) of—

- (a) the constitution of the Committee,
- (b) any resolution of the Committee,
- (c) the appointment of any member, or
- (d) the presence of a quorum at any meeting of the Committee.