

Intensive piggeries

Flood and heavy rain

Temporary approval to pollute and move pigs to emergency housing

Where floods have damaged infrastructure related to the housing of pigs and the management of their effluent, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry may grant approval for piggery operators to discharge effluent and relocate pigs from their property to emergency housing.

Temporary approval to pollute

A registered operator whose piggery was affected by the flood and has a need to discharge effluent to relieve pressure on an effluent holding area can do so in accordance with development approval conditions.

If the operator believes a planned discharge may not comply with the approval, the operator may seek approval for a temporary emissions licence.

Applications are to be submitted to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) Animal Industries on 07 4688 1374 or 0439 876 203. Once received, application approvals will be processed as quickly as possible and applicants notified of the department's decision within 24 hours.

Approval to move pigs to emergency housing

If an operator has suffered damage to infrastructure and will need to move pigs to temporary emergency housing they should contact DAFF Animal Industries on 4688 1374 or 0439 876 203.

If an operator believes that a delay in obtaining approval will compromise the welfare of pigs, impacted animals can be moved to another location to ensure appropriate shelter, feed and water is provided while approval is sought.

More information

For further advice on the temporary disposal of effluent or the temporary emergency housing of pigs, please contact Mitch Furness, Intensive Livestock Regulation Team Leader on 07 4688 1374 or 0439 876 203.

