

# Contractor Responsibilities

A new streamlined, risk-based approach for the approval of farm dam construction has been developed by the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment. This is the result of amendments to the *Water Management Act 1999* (the Act) that came into force on 1 January 2016 resulting in two kinds of dam works permits.

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 code.*

## 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 DPIPWE website at [www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/water/dams/dam-works-codes](http://www.dpipwe.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.*