

Environmental Obligations

SCHEDULE A – General

- A1 The *Environmental Protection Act 1994* places a general environmental duty on everyone. Activity that causes or is likely to cause environmental harm must not be carried out unless all reasonable and practicable measures are taken to prevent or minimise the harm. Anyone becoming aware of serious or material environmental harm being caused or threatened by an activity they are involved in, has a duty to report that harm.
- A2 It is an offence under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* to cause environmental nuisance. Environmental nuisance includes unreasonable interference caused by noise, dust, fumes, odour, smoke, aerosols, particles or light.
- A3 All reasonable precautions must be taken to avoid or minimise nuisance to adjacent premises or other property during construction work on the site, to the satisfaction of Council. Such precautions are to be discussed and agreed to by Council prior to construction commencing and will form part of the Construction Site Management Plan.

SCHEDULE B - Noise

- B1 Activities must be managed such that noise emissions from the premises do not cause harm or nuisance to adjoining residents and comply with the requirements of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* and *Environmental Protection (Noise) Policy 2008*.
- B2 Noise must not be emitted outside the hours specified below-

Noise Source	Allowable Hours
Building work <i>(Builders and owner-builders, including excavation. For home renovations or other uses refer to regulated devices)</i>	6:30am and 6:30pm Monday to Saturday, excluding public holidays.
Regulated devices <i>(eg mowers, power tools, compressors, leaf blowers, nail guns etc)</i>	7:00am to 7:00pm Monday to Saturday 8:00am to 7:00pm Sundays and public holidays
Amplifier devices <i>(other than indoor venues and open air events)</i>	7am to 10pm Business days 8am to 6pm Other days

- B3 All noise producing machinery and equipment (including air conditioners, compressors and cooling systems) are to be fitted with noise attenuation features so that noise at the boundary of the site does not exceed the levels indicated in the table below-

NOISE LIMITS AT A NOISE SENSITIVE PLACE	
<i>Period</i>	<i>Noise Level at a Noise Sensitive Place (ie a residence) Measured as the Adjusted Maximum Sound Pressure Level (L_{Amax adj, T})</i>
7 am – 10 pm	Background noise level plus 5 dB(A)
10 pm – 7 am	Background noise level plus 3 dB(A)
Sundays and Public Holidays	Background noise level plus 5 dB(A)
NOISE LIMITS AT A COMMERCIAL PLACE	
<i>Period</i>	<i>Noise Level at a Commercial Place measured as the Adjusted Maximum Sound Pressure Level (L_{Amax adj, T})</i>
7 am - 10 pm	Background noise level plus 10 dB(A)
10 pm - 7 am	Background noise level plus 8 dB(A)
Sundays and Public Holidays	Background noise level plus 8 dB(A)

SCHEDULE C – Air and Light

- C1 Air and light emissions must be appropriately managed to prevent environmental nuisance beyond the boundaries of the property during all stages of the development including earthworks and construction.
- C3 Suitable dust suppression should be used and/or screens or barriers should be erected, where required during excavation and building works, to reduce the emission of dust or other such emissions from the site.
- C4 All artificial illumination is to be designed and installed so as not to cause a nuisance to occupants of nearby premises and any passing traffic. Security and flood lighting is to be directed away from adjacent premises to minimise the protrusion of light outside the site.

SCHEDULE D – Water and Stormwater

- D1 It is an offence under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* to discharge sand, silt, mud and other such contaminants to a stormwater drain, roadside gutter or a water course.
- D2 During construction, stockpiles and areas of bare soil or earth that are likely to become eroded must be adequately protected – by upslope surface water diversion, downslope sediment fencing and/or temporary surface coverings.
- D3 It is an offence under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* to discharge oils, chemicals, cement or concrete, paint, thinner, degreaser, rubbish and other such contaminants to a stormwater drain, roadside gutter or a water course.

- D4 Any spills of oils, paints, chemicals etc must be contained and cleaned up as soon as possible.
- D5 Concrete, paint or thinner waste must not be washed out near a drain, gutter or anywhere waste could end up in a water course – appropriate containment and disposal should be used rather than discharging to the ground.

SCHEDULE E – Waste Management

- E1 It is an offence under the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011* to leave litter behind or allow litter to blow from site. All waste must be appropriately contained on site prior to removal.
- E2 All waste should be collected by a licensed contractor and taken to an approved waste disposal facility by an approved transporter.
- E3 Trap Gully Landfill is the only approved waste facility within the Banana Shire for the disposal of commercial waste. No commercial waste is to be deposited at other Banana Shire landfills or transfer stations without prior written approval from Council.
- E4 It is an offence under the *Environmental Protection Regulation 2008* to fail to comply with signage or directions at a waste facility.
- E5 Any building repairs involving asbestos material must be undertaken in accordance with Workplace Health and Safety requirements.
- E6 Regulated waste (including asbestos) is only to be disposed of at Trap Gully Landfill and an application form must be completed and approved prior to disposal.
- E7 Council will not enter onto private property to service wheelie bins, any bins to be serviced by Council will be required to be placed at the kerbside for collection.

SCHEDULE F – Land

- F1 A landowner has an obligation to take reasonable steps to keep their land free of declared pests in accordance with the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002*. Consideration should be given to appropriate treating of declared pest plants, where necessary, in the construction and operational phases of the proposed development to meet the obligations under this Act.