

STOCKWATER – RACE POLLUTION

Council wishes to remind stockwater customers that races are to be kept clean and free of pollution at all times.

Pollution of water races can result from:-

- the activities of stock in and around water races in particular cattle and deer. In these cases, it is recommended that the races are fenced off and defined “drinking bays” are established to allow access for drinking only and prevent damage to the race and the associated pollution;
- discharges (accidental or otherwise) from other activities on farm; i.e. irrigation runoff; ploughing, spraying; welling drilling etc. These activities may require special management to ensure that contaminated water does not enter the race network.

Council regards race pollution as an urgent issue and will respond quickly to any reports received. By-law Enforcement Notices will be issued to property owners or occupiers where the cause of the pollution has been identified. In some cases a \$500 instant fine may be issued.

Please consider your property now and attend to any activities that have the potential to cause pollution. If you are asked by Ranger staff to address a pollution issue on your property, please attend to the request as soon as possible (within 2 hours). If not done so, this may result in an instant fine of \$500 being issued.

If you would like to report a polluted water race or require guidance on how to prevent the likelihood of polluting a water race on your property then contact Council Customer Services on 307 7700.

