



*Pre works inspection of proposed bridge on 3 Mile Creek
– Wangaratta.*



During works inspection, with driven piles mid stream.



*Completed pedestrian bridge constructed in accordance with a
permit for works on waterways.*

FURTHER INFORMATION

The North East CMA shall, free of charge, make available for inspection at its office during business hours a copy of:

- a) The designated waterways, land or works map;
- b) Any guidelines adopted by the authority; and
- c) The Waterways Protection By-law.

If you require further information please contact the River Health Engineer at the North East CMA office; phone (02) 6043 7600



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*Protection and care of
designated waterways*



*Conservation of flora, fauna and habitat
in designated waterways*

INFORMATION BROCHURE

WORKS ON WATERWAYS

WATERWAYS PROTECTION

Over the years our waterways have declined in 'waterway health' as a result of inappropriate or inadequate works on waterways. This leads to problems including erosion of bed and banks, increased siltation, loss of habitat and barriers to fish passage.



THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY

The responsibility for waterways protection by the regulation of works on waterways has been entrusted to the North East Catchment Management Authority (CMA) for the Ovens, Kiewa and Upper Murray Basins.

Specific works associated with the take and use of water from a waterway (as defined under the Water Act 1989) remain the responsibility of Goulburn Murray Water.



DESIGNATED WATERWAYS

The North East CMA's Waterways Protection By-law No 2000/01 seeks to protect and enhance the 'health' of our rivers and protect CMA and public assets.

The By-law applies to those waterways that the North East CMA gazetted to be a designated waterway under the Water Act. A copy of the CMA's declaration of designated waterways in the North East district is available for inspection at our Wodonga office.

WORKS ON WATERWAYS

To undertake works or activities in, on or over a designated waterway a permit* or written authorisation from the Authority is required by law.

The permit process is designed to provide common and best practice guidance for ensuring works or activities have appropriately addressed hydraulic, physical and environmental impacts on the 'health' of our important waterways. The types of works that require our approval include:

- **Crossings:** Bridges, culverts, fords
- **Deviations:** Creek realignments
- **Extractions:** Sand, silt, or gravel
- **Stabilisation:** Bank protection, battering, and retaining structures
- **Vegetation:** Debris and vegetation removal.
- **Works:** Stormwater outlets, drop structures, service crossings etc

**Some exemptions do apply please contact the North East CMA for further information*

Any works in, on or over a designated waterway require written authorisation from the North East CMA.

PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS

- Step 1. Permit applications can be obtained by contacting the North East CMA. Contact details can be found on the back of this brochure.
- Step 2. Fill in the permit application form providing as much detail as possible and submit this to the North East CMA with the application processing fee.
- Step 3. A North East CMA officer will carry out an inspection of the site as part of the application assessment. Depending on the complexity of works sometimes further information may be required by the North East CMA to assess the application and additional charges may apply.
- Step 4. Subject to the application and proposed works being satisfactory the proponent may be issued with a permit.

