



Prospective emu farmers Plans and documentation required to accompany applications

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Application

As an interim measure to enable emu farming to commence in 1991, the Queensland National Parks and Wildlife Service of the Department of Environment and Heritage will issue permits to farm emus, under the provision of the Nature Conservation Act 1992, to those individuals who wish to establish emu farms in Queensland.

A standard application form for a proposed emu farm (attached) is to be completed by the owner of the land on which the farm is to be sited.

An application fee of \$300.00 will apply to satisfy requirements of the Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage. Once specific emu legislation is in place, emu farming will be administered by the Department of Primary Industries and an annual licensing fee will apply.

The attached 'Details of Emu Farm' form should be fully completed.

Locality plan

A plan clearly showing all the portions of the property owned by the applicant should be included. This should be a 1:25000 cadastral (preferred), parish map of 1:100000 cadastral plan (available from Sunmap).

Aerial photograph

An aerial photograph of the site showing the location of the proposed development and surrounding area. (Black & white contact print available from Sunmap).

Environmental buffer plan

An environmental buffer plan is to be submitted showing the separation distances from the edge of the farm complex to all establishments in the area. Each distance is to be marked on the plan and dimensioned. Surrounding establishments include residences, towns and public areas. Any land in the vicinity of the farm which is not zoned rural should be identified and marked.

The emu farm complex is defined as that area encompassed by the required fencing including buildings and facilities associated with the direct management of the farm.

A brief description of the topography including water courses within 1 km of the boundary fences and vegetation between the farm complex and surrounding establishments is required.

Site plan

The site plan for the existing and proposed farm shall show the location of all buildings, storage tanks, roadways, drainage points, dams and the fall of the land (contours).

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Pen plan

A pen plan for the existing and proposed premises shall show the location of each pen or containment area, including handling facilities and isolation pens, and shall show the location of existing and proposed laneways, fences, gates, feeding and watering points. Details of pen numbers, pen area and stocking density are to be included on the attached form. Dimensions of pens, lanes, roads and the distance between the proposed pens and the existing access road should be shown.

Drainage plan

The drainage plan shall show the existing and proposed drainage, drain ways and dams.

Effluent disposal plan

The effluent disposal plan shall show all existing and proposed disposal methods, and any areas proposed to be used in association with effluent disposal.

For solid wastes manure and litter, the plan should clearly show the areas on which they are to be applied taking into account that separation buffers are required.

The site and method of disposal of dead emus and hatchery waste is to be clearly shown on the plans.

Water supply

The application should include details of current and estimated water usage for emus and irrigation for pen reclamation. Details of existing Water Resources licenses should be included. Any other sources of water, e.g. on-farm dams, should be outlined.

Staged development

A brief statement outlining the proposed development stages and their timing should be included.

Statement of operations

A brief statement is to be prepared outlining the proposed management procedures including handling, hatchery and brooding techniques, equipment to be used, and any other information that may be relevant.

Certificate of incorporation

If the applicant is a company, a copy of the certificate of incorporation is to be supplied.

Note:

Notwithstanding the above requirement for plans and specifications, the applicant shall furnish any other information that may be relevant to the assessment of this proposal.

Attached

The attached 'Details of Emu Farm' form (pages 4 to 6 of this DPI Note) should be fully completed.

DETAILS OF EMU FARM

SECTION 1

Registered Property Number: Q

Farm Name:

New Proposal/Proposed Expansion:

Name of Applicant:

Name of Property Owner:

Telephone Number: (.....)

Fax Number: (.....)

Postal Address:

.....Postcode:

Location of Emu Farm:

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REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Portion:

Parish:

County:

Shire:

Total Farm Area:

Emu Farm Postal Address:

.....Postcode:

Name of Emu Farm Manager:

Telephone Number: (.....)

Fax Number: (.....)

SECTION 2

Local Authority Area:

LOCAL AUTHORITY SITE APPROVAL

Date:

Approval Number:

Number of Emus:

SEPARATION DISTANCES

This section is to include a description of the area between the emu farm and surrounding establishments. On the **Environmental Buffer Plan**, the separation between the edge of the emu farming area and each establishment is to be clearly marked and dimensioned. The emu farm area includes the pens, drainage system, buildings and facilities associated with the direct management of the farm.

Separation Description

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Surrounding Establishment	Distance Required [m]	Distance Available [m]

PENS

Number of Pens:

* Total Pen Areas:
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Pen Slope: [%]

Drain Slope: [%]

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PLEASE NOTE: Recommendation for stocking densities and emu management are contained in the Draft Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals - Husbandry of Captive Bred Emus or refer to the Department of Primary Industries' Advisory Leaflet on Queensland Emu Farming. ■