

Emergency Management – Travelling Stock Reserve Use During Flooding

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Policy Statement

This policy details the use of Travelling Stock Reserves (TSR) for emergency management during declared floods.

Scope

The policy applies to all customers that own or are in charge of stock in areas impacted by flooding and declared as a State of Emergency under the *State Emergency and Rescue Act, 1989*.

This policy does not apply to TSRs in the Western Division.

Requirements

1. Seven (7) day discretionary use of appropriate Travelling Stock Reserves and Routes, free of charge.
2. Impacted customers seeking the discretionary use must be from an area declared as a State of Emergency under the *State Emergency and Rescue Act, 1989* and have been assessed by Local Land Services as having a genuine need. In extraordinary circumstances, LLS regions may consider discretionary use of TSRs free of charge in areas that have not been declared as a State of Emergency but where significant flood impacts are being experienced.
3. Landholders will be required to make provisions for stock at the expiry of the 7 day discretionary period.

Procedures

1. Customer contacts Local Land Services seeking application to access the Travelling Stock Reserve.
2. Property is assessed by a District Veterinarian, Biosecurity Officer, or TSR Ranger to determine if a landholding is unsuitable to carry stock or is at threat of being unsuitable to carry stock. Consideration will be given to animal health requirements, access to suitable and sufficient feed, potential length of property inundation and the needs of other affected stock owners in the area.
3. TSR identified and assessed by a District Veterinarian, Biosecurity Officer, or TSR Ranger to be suitable to accommodate the number of livestock requiring relocation and is not likely to be at threat of being unsuitable to carry stock due to rising flood waters.
4. All stock seeking emergency refuge on Travelling Stock Reserve's will require assessment by a TSR Ranger, Biosecurity Officer and District Veterinarian to determine they are of suitable health and condition.
5. Short term grazing permit issued to the owner or person in charge of the livestock by or TSR Ranger or Biosecurity Officer.

6. Normal health declarations and NLIS requirements will be required to be met for stock to use TSR's.

Roles and responsibilities

- NSW Premier – Declaration of State of Emergency for Flood Affected Area
- General Manager – approval to waive fees for a period of up to 7 days and/or determine if significant flood impacts warrant the waiving of fees where a State of Emergency has not been declared.
- District Veterinarian, Biosecurity Officer, TSR Ranger – assessment of flood affected landholding to determine if landholding is unsuitable to carry stock. Assessing stock to determine they are of suitable health and condition to be on the TSR.
- Ranger – Issuing of permit and monitoring compliance with permit conditions.

Delegations

<i>Activity or Function</i>	<i>Delegated Officer</i>
Waiving of TSR Fees	Local General Managers
Landholding assessment for stock suitability	District Veterinarian, Biosecurity Officer, TSR Ranger
Issuing of Permit	TSR Ranger

Legislation

- *Local Land Services Act, 2013*
- *Local Land Services Regulation, 2014*
- *State Emergency and Rescue Act, 1989*

Related policies

Not Applicable

Other related documents

Not Applicable

Superseded documents

Not Applicable

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