

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

# Disposing of manures and effluent to land

You must establish a 'lawful place' in order to dispose of manures and effluent. Your obligations regarding how to do this will depend on the volumes involved and the use to which the material will be put.

## What is Lawful Place?

A 'lawful place' is a place that is authorised to receive that particular type of waste.

The questions below will help you work out what you need to do to establish lawful place.

### 1 Do I have 'manure' or 'effluent' to dispose of?

- **Manure** means livestock faecal matter, including a mixture of manure and biodegradable animal bedding such as straw or sawdust.
- **Effluent** means livestock faecal matter in liquid form, and wastewater from collection or treatment systems that are ancillary to livestock management.

### 2 Do I have less than 20m<sup>3</sup> per month of manure (not effluent) to dispose of to land?

### 3 Will I be using the manure and/or effluent as a soil amendment or for irrigation?

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