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AHCLPW506A Investigate suspected breaches of Natural Resource Management (NRM) legislation

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Modification History

Not Applicable

Unit Descriptor

Unit descriptor	This unit covers investigating suspected breaches of NRM legislation and defines the standard required to: carry out preliminary site investigations into a reported or suspected breach of land use legislation; seek approval to proceed with a full investigation; carry out a site investigation; document records of interviews, proceedings and site details; check accuracy of all data and information collected; complete final report with supporting documentation.
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Application of the Unit

Application of the unit	This unit applies to officers who investigate suspected breaches of NRM legislation.
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Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not Applicable

Pre-Requisites

Prerequisite units		

Employability Skills Information

Employability skills	This unit contains employability skills.
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Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Not Applicable

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ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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1. Respond to advice of change in land use	1.1. Recording of details relating to advice of change in land use is completed following organisational protocols. 1.2. Pre site inspection investigations completed in accordance with organisational guidelines and Federal, State legislation and local regulations. 1.3. Suspected breach reported and approval sought to proceed with investigation in accordance with organisational protocol.
2. Carry out site investigation	2.1. Site investigations proceed in accordance with organisation guidelines. 2.2. Notification to other stakeholders of the consequences of their actions according to organisational guidelines is given. 2.3. Interviews and record of proceedings are completed in accordance with legal and organisational protocols. 2.4. Specific issues relating to collection of evidence aligning to technical guidelines are communicated. 2.5. Record of specific site details relevant to the investigation is recorded following organisation guidelines.
3. Collect site evidence	3.1. Accuracy of site details in line with program guidelines is checked. 3.2. Collected site evidence is obtained in accordance with organisational guidelines and legal requirements. 3.3. Completed investigations are sufficient to support judgement in accordance to organisational and legal requirements.
4. Compile final report	4.1. Detail and accuracy of supporting and validating data is checked in accordance with legal and organisational guidelines. 4.2. Establishment of recommendations based on investigations conforms to legal protocol and organisational guidelines. 4.3. Final report and supporting workplace documentation presented in line with policy guidelines.

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit.

Required skills

- respond to advice of change in land use
- prepare for initial investigation
- carry out site investigation
- interview witnesses and land owners
- collect site evidence
- compile final report
- use literacy skills to fulfil job roles as required by the organisation. The level of skill may range from reading and understanding documentation to completion of written reports
- use oral communication skills/language competence to fulfil the job role as specified by the organisation including questioning, active listening, asking for clarification, negotiating solutions and responding to a range of views
- use numeracy skills to estimate, calculate and record complex workplace measures
- use interpersonal skills to work with others and relate to people from a range of cultural, social and religious backgrounds and with a range of physical and mental abilities.

Required knowledge

- relevant Federal and State legislation and regulations on natural resource management issues
- interpreting aerial photographs, maps and Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- communicating with stakeholders
- agency policies and procedures
- communicating with stakeholders, legal and agency policies and procedures
- formats for compiling reports and submitting evidence
- assessment approaches for area of notification.

Evidence Guide

EVIDENCE GUIDE	
The evidence guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge, range statement and the Assessment Guidelines for the Training Package.	
Overview of assessment	
Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit	The evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit must be relevant to workplace operations and satisfy holistically all of the requirements of the performance criteria and required skills and knowledge and include achievement of the following: • carry out preliminary (pre site) investigations into a reported or suspected breach of land use legislation • seek approval to proceed with a full investigation • carry out a site investigation • document records of interviews, proceedings and site details • check accuracy of all data and information collected • complete final report with supporting documentation.
Context of and specific resources for assessment	Competency requires the application of work practices under work conditions. Selection and use of resources for some worksites may differ due to the regional or enterprise circumstances.

Range Statement

RANGE STATEMENT	
The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole.	
Suspected breaches may include:	• legislation breaches relating to clearing of native vegetation and changes to drainage processes and water quality.

Unit Sector(s)

Unit sector	Lands, parks and wildlife
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Co-requisite units

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Competency field

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