

LinkWater, the Queensland Bulk Water Transport Authority, currently manages and operates approximately 535km of potable bulk water pipelines and related infrastructure throughout South East Queensland. Most of this infrastructure is protected by registered easements, also shared by residents who live on or near the easement. This information will provide a general overview of activities that may be permitted on LinkWater pipeline easements and what activities require written consent via an application process.

LinkWater will assess each application for consent against the following criteria:

- workplace and public safety
- our requirements for unrestricted access to the pipeline and/or associated infrastructure
- our operations and maintenance requirements
- the structural integrity of the pipeline and associated infrastructure



### Dial Before You Dig

Before starting any digging or excavation works, you (or your contractor) should call Dial Before You Dig. Dial Before You Dig is a free community service designed to prevent damage and disruption to pipe and cable networks that provide essential services – electricity, gas, communications and water. Dial Before You Dig is the single point of contact for information on underground networks where you propose to work. To lodge an enquiry online go to [www.dialbeforeyoudig.com.au](http://www.dialbeforeyoudig.com.au). You can also call the national call centre open 8am to 5pm on 1100 or fax your enquiry to 1300 652 077 anytime.



### Any queries?

For more information or to obtain a consent application:

- [www.linkwater.com.au/community](http://www.linkwater.com.au/community)
- [consents@linkwater.com.au](mailto:consents@linkwater.com.au)
- 1800 559 954

## A Guide to Living on or Near a LinkWater Pipeline Easement



# What activities require LinkWater's consent?

## Activities within an easement area that require consent (but are not limited to):

- Earthworks, tunnelling/trenching, digging, rock and soil extraction and related works.
- Agricultural/cropping, planting of orchards, plantation and forestry related practices, vegetation clearing.
- Operation of heavy vehicles/machinery, storage of materials and equipment and parking of vehicles.
- Landscaping and planting of trees and certain vegetation with extensive root systems, cultivation in close proximity to the pipeline.
- Works related to provision of services e.g. water, sewerage, stormwater drainage, irrigation.
- Building, repairing, modification, moving or demolishing any buildings or structures.
- Reconfiguring (subdividing) a lot.
- Development and associated engineering works.
- Bore holes, erection of fences, advertising boards or signage, gates, etc.
- Any activity that requires approval from your local Council or other easement owners such as Energex or Powerlink.

## The consent process

### Application lodged with LinkWater

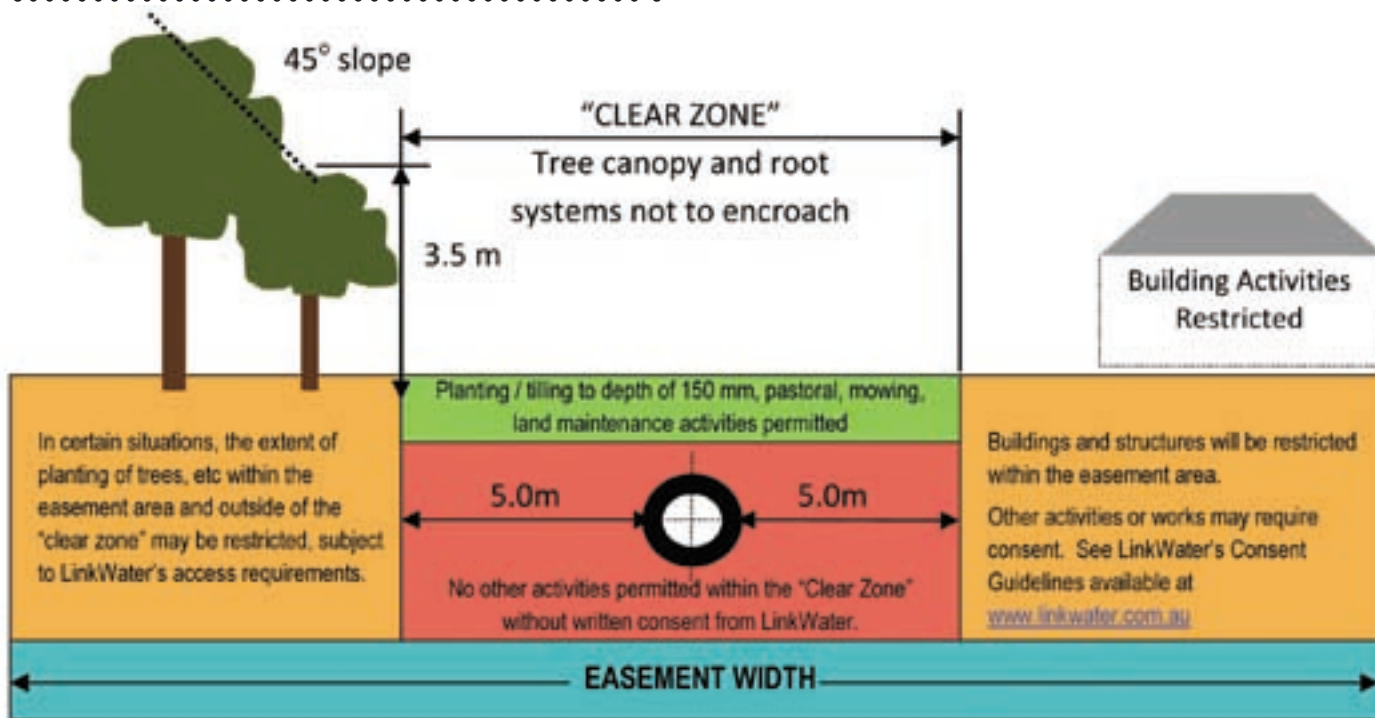
1. Application lodged with LinkWater
2. LinkWater sends acknowledgement and information request (if required).

### Assessment Stage:

3. LinkWater assesses application and information provided.

### Response Stage:

4. LinkWater issues a written response to landowner and/or a request for more information (if required).



## Activities that do not require LinkWater's consent

### General activities

Grazing, pasturing, mowing, establishing lawns, laying turf and similar land maintenance activities that do not require major digging or excavation (less than 150mm) will be permitted subject to maintaining LinkWater's access to the pipeline. Due care must be taken to ensure that no damage is caused to any infrastructure or signage present.

### Gardening

LinkWater seeks to maintain a 5 metre **clear zone** from the outermost projection of each side of the pipeline. You can generally plant on a LinkWater easement provided that you follow our requirements (root systems that do not go deeper than 150mm) to ensure that the integrity of pipelines and the access to infrastructure is maintained. The planting of vegetation (like all other works) is also subject to approvals from other service authorities who share the easement.

For more information on acceptable plant varieties contact:

### GrowSearch Australia

Phone: (07) 3821 3784 or (07)3824 9555

Email: [growsearch@dpi.qld.gov.au](mailto:growsearch@dpi.qld.gov.au)

Web: [www.dpi.qld.gov.au](http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au)

### The Queensland Gardening Pages

Web: [www.calyx.com.au/](http://www.calyx.com.au/)

### Queensland Herbarium

Phone: (07) 3896 9326

Email: [Queensland.Herbarium@epa.qld.gov.au](mailto:Queensland.Herbarium@epa.qld.gov.au)

Web: [www.epa.qld.gov.au/nature\\_conservation/plants](http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/nature_conservation/plants)



Please check to see if there are any specific terms and conditions relating to easements in your title or property sales documents. Also check guidelines for other companies that may share the easement by visiting [www.energex.com.au](http://www.energex.com.au) and [www.powerlink.com.au](http://www.powerlink.com.au)

### Recreational activities

Activities on the easement such as walking, cycling and horse riding do not require the consent of LinkWater. Erecting structures or altering the landscape for the use of motorbikes or four wheel driving does require consent. Recreational activities must be undertaken with due care and not damage the easement or any infrastructure on it.

