

Environmental Assessments

To prepare for an environmental assessment at your business premises, use this checklist to identify areas and practices that may need attention.

Waste Water	Yes	No
Do you have a wash down bay for washing vehicles or equipment?		
Is your wash bay approved by your local government authority?		
Is waste water from your premises prevented from flowing to a stormwater drain or open ground?		
Do you use detergents or degreasers that are quick break?		
Do you have a sediment trap, grease trap or petrol/ oil separator, and are these devices maintained?		

Spray Painting/Abrasive Blasting	Yes	No
Is spray painting or abrasive blasting conducted in an enclosed booth?		

Sewer/Stormwater Connection	Yes	No
Is sewer available in your area?		
Is your premises connected to sewer?		
Do you have a trade waste permit to discharge waste water to sewer?		

Chemical and Waste Storage	Yes	No
Are chemicals and waste stored appropriately?		
Are chemicals and waste stored in covered, bunded areas?		
Is the bunded area adequate for the amount of material stored?		
Is controlled waste removed by a licensed controlled waste carrier?		
Are receipts for controlled waste removed kept and available for inspection?		
Do staff have access to personal protective equipment (PPE)?		
Are safety data sheets (SDSs) available? (SDSs provide workers and emergency personnel with procedures for safely handling specific substances— including information on toxicity, reactivity, first aid, disposal and spill-handling procedures).		
Are spill kits available and maintained?		
Are chemicals or waste stored on impervious ground and away from stormwater drains?		

Discharges to the Environment	Yes	No
Do your activities cause a discharge of dust?		
Do your activities cause a discharge of odour?		
Do your activities cause a discharge of smoke?		
Do your activities cause a discharge of vapour/ fumes?		
Do your activities cause unreasonable noise?		

Others	Yes	No
Are you polluting stormwater drains or the ground?		
Does your business require licensing under the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> ?		