

Track drainage spacing guidance

This guidance contains recommended maximum spacings for track drainage.

Purpose

This guidance document contains recommended maximum spacings for **track** drainage, as referred to in *Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval* (Coastal IFOA) Protocol 14, 'Design methods for crossings and drainage structures'. It is intended to:

- assist the Forestry Corporation NSW (**FCNSW**) in implementing Coastal IFOA Condition 104, 'Drainage of tracks'
- guide the NSW Environment Protection Authority (**EPA**) when regulating tracks.

Note that this guidance does not affect the legal requirements of the Coastal IFOA and its protocols. This guidance is not a substitute for the Coastal IFOA conditions and protocols and does not modify their terms or effect.

Terms used in this guidance document have the same meaning as defined in Coastal IFOA Protocol 39, 'Definitions'. Defined terms are indicated by **bold and italicised** type.

Recommended track drainage spacings

Water flow or potential water flow should not occur on **tracks** for distances exceeding those given in Table 1.

Table 1 Maximum distance of water flow or potential water flow along **track** surfaces (metres – measured along the ground surface).
Table 1 may be interpolated to derive site-specific maximum spacings.

Track slope (degrees)	Maximum distance (metres)
5	100
10	60
15	40
20	25
25	20
30	15

Where the implementation of this guidance will not result in a good environmental outcome then **FCNSW** should implement alternate site-specific best-management techniques while ensuring compliance with the Coastal IFOA.

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