



# **Resource Recovery Order under Part 9, Clause 93 of the Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2014**

## **The bulk agricultural crop waste order 2014**

### **Introduction**

This order, issued by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) under clause 93 of the Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2014 (Waste Regulation), imposes the requirements that must be met by suppliers of bulk agricultural crop waste to which 'the bulk agricultural crop waste exemption 2014' applies. The requirements in this order apply in relation to the supply of bulk agricultural crop waste for application to land as a soil amendment.

### **1. Waste to which this order applies**

- 1.1. This order applies to bulk agricultural crop waste. In this order, bulk agricultural crop waste means the non-putrescible organic residues left behind following crop harvest. These residues may include fibres, roots, stalks, stubble, leaves, and seed pods.

### **2. Persons to whom this order applies**

- 2.1. The requirements in this order apply, as relevant, to any person who supplies bulk agricultural crop waste that has been generated, processed or recovered by the person.
- 2.2. This order does not apply to the supply of bulk agricultural crop waste to a consumer for land application at a premises for which the consumer holds a licence under the POEO Act that authorises the carrying out of the scheduled activities on the premises under clause 39 'waste disposal (application to land)' or clause 40 'waste disposal (thermal treatment)' of Schedule 1 of the POEO Act.

### **3. Duration**

- 3.1. This order commences on 24 November 2014 and is valid until revoked by the EPA by notice published in the Government Gazette.

### **4. Definitions**

In this order:

**application or apply to land** means applying to land by:

- spraying, spreading or depositing on the land; or
- ploughing, injecting or mixing into the land; or
- filling, raising, reclaiming or contouring the land.

**consumer** means a person who applies, or intends to apply, bulk agricultural crop waste to land.

**Manager Waste Strategy and Innovation  
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## Notes

The EPA may amend or revoke this order at any time. It is the responsibility of each of the generator and processor to ensure it complies with all relevant requirements of the most current order. The current version of this order will be available on [www.epa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au)

In gazetting or otherwise issuing this order, the EPA is not in any way endorsing the supply or use of this substance or guaranteeing that the substance will confer benefit.

The conditions set out in this order are designed to minimise the risk of potential harm to the environment, human health or agriculture, although neither this order nor the accompanying exemption guarantee that the environment, human health or agriculture will not be harmed.

Any person or entity which supplies bulk agricultural crop waste should assess whether the material is fit for the purpose the material is proposed to be used for, and whether this use may cause harm. The supplier may need to seek expert engineering or technical advice.

Regardless of any exemption or order provided by the EPA, the person who causes or permits the application of the substance to land must ensure that the action is lawful and consistent with any other legislative requirements including, if applicable, any development consent(s) for managing operations on the site(s).

The supply of bulk agricultural crop waste remains subject to other relevant environmental regulations in the POEO Act and Waste Regulation. For example, a person who pollutes land (s. 142A) or water (s. 120), or causes air pollution through the emission of odours (s. 126), or does not meet the special requirements for asbestos waste (Part 7 of the Waste Regulation), regardless of this order, is guilty of an offence and subject to prosecution.

This order does not alter the requirements of any other relevant legislation that must be met in supplying this material, including for example, the need to prepare a Safety Data Sheet.

Failure to comply with the conditions of this order constitutes an offence under clause 93 of the Waste Regulation.