



### 1. Why was the stormwater drainage assessment procedure implemented?

The stormwater drainage assessment procedure was implemented to ensure that drainage products installed on the New South Wales classified road network support road design and operational objectives, have high quality performance, durability and sustainability, and provide designers with guidance on their appropriate use.

The assessment procedure also facilitates the process of product improvement and expansion of the stormwater drainage product market, and ensures duty-of-care expectations are met in assessment of the suitability of products used on road networks.

### 2. What does the assessment procedure cover?

Product categories that are included in the assessment procedure are pipes, culverts, headwalls, pits and risers, grates and covers, lintels, modular drainage and repair products.

### 3. How does the procedure benefit me?

The procedure offers the potential for your product to be deemed 'fit for purpose' by Roads and Maritime Services and published on our Stormwater Drainage Products webpage. This will provide industry with a reference point to access further information and guidance on your product, and to make objective decisions on the acceptability of new and existing products considered for use by Roads and Maritime.

### 4. Is there a fee involved in the assessment?

The process is funded by Roads and Maritime and applicants will **not** be required pay a fee for the assessment.

### 5. Will my information remain confidential?

Product information submitted will be treated as Commercial-in-Confidence and will not be distributed to any other party unless authorised under Freedom of information or legal subpoena.

### 6. How do I submit a product for assessment?

The Stormwater Drainage Assessment Form provides a platform for you to submit your product(s) and gives fair access to the road construction market. The Submission Information Pack is also provided explaining how the assessment is conducted and provides clarity on the information required for product assessment. It is recommended to read the Submission Information Pack in conjunction with completing the Assessment Form.

### 7. Can I complete a submission for multiple products?

No, each individual product requires its own separate submission for assessment. Having multiple products in the one product submission, as well as not including all the required documentation, will result in the submission not proceeding to the assessment stage.

## **8. What is involved in the assessment?**

The assessment procedure is founded on objective selection criteria based on Australian Standards and Roads and Maritime Specifications. The issues considered in the assessment include, but are not limited to:

- Design
- Compliance
- Work Health and Safety
- Materials
- Performance
- Maintenance

## **9. How long do assessments take?**

The overall assessment process will take approximately 2 months to complete. Assessment timeframes may vary depending on the complexity of the product submitted.

## **10. What if my product is not on the stormwater drainage product list?**

Products not present on the stormwater drainage product list or not deemed fit for purpose may still be acceptable to Roads and Maritime, but should be assessed by the individual Roads and Maritime project team for suitability. It is not the intention of the list to imply that other products are not acceptable.

## **11. How can I seek further information? What if I have an enquiry?**

For further information, please visit the Stormwater Drainage Products webpage on the Roads and Maritime website under 'Business & Industry'. For enquiries, please e-mail [Product.Assessment@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Product.Assessment@rms.nsw.gov.au).