

Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group

Water extraction from the Canning River

To maintain the flow and support ecological health scheme water is released into the Canning River over the dry seasons.

It is illegal to take water from the Canning River without an in-force licence or riparian rights, penalties apply for doing so.

Riparian Rights

Riparian Rights only exist for properties that abut the water course. If a reserve exists that separates the property from the river or if the water course does not have direct contact with the boundary, then the property doesn't have riparian rights. Riparian rights exist only for:

- Domestic and ordinary use; and/or
- Watering cattle/stock not raised under intensive conditions; and/or
- To irrigate a garden not exceeding 2 hectares (not for commercial purposes), as long as the garden is part of the riparian land and is connected with a dwelling.

New **Water Licences** are no longer granted. Under certain circumstances, where a property has an existing licence, it may be transferred to the new landowner. An application must be submitted, within 30 days of a property sale, to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation. Licences with an entitlement of 10,000kL/annum or more must have an approved meter and report usage monthly.

Contact the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation for more details about riparian rights or water licences on the Canning River. **Ph: 6250 8000**



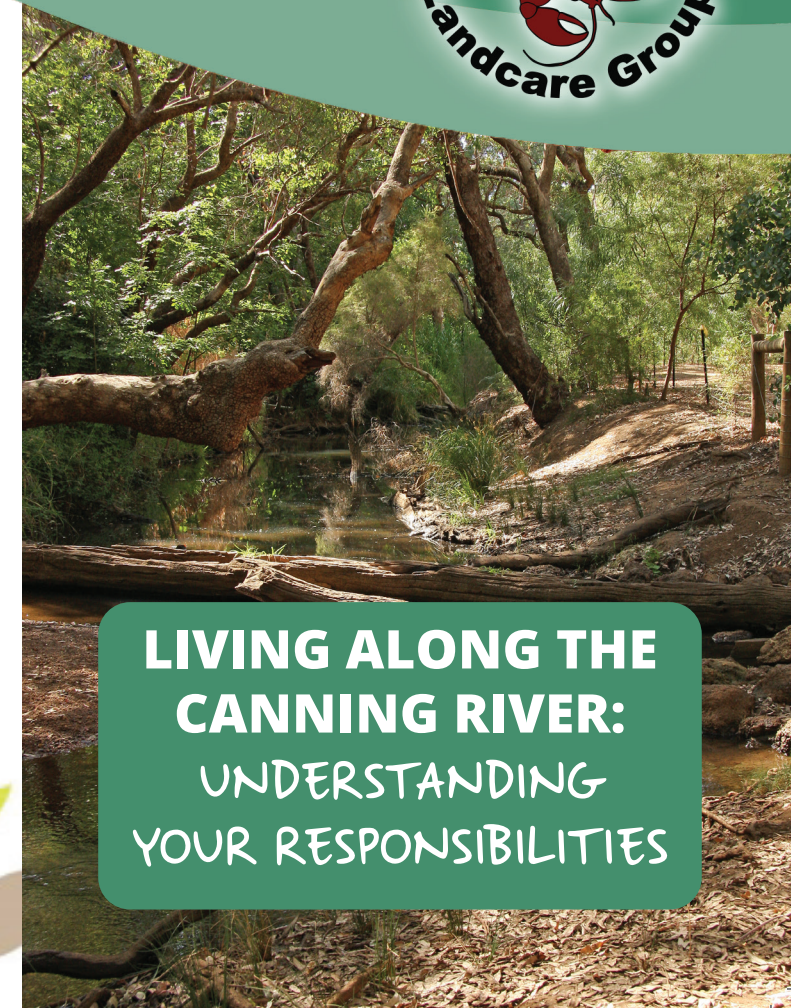
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About Us

We are your local community led group that coordinates Landcare planning, river restoration, bushland management, community action and community awareness programs.

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**LIVING ALONG THE
CANNING RIVER:
UNDERSTANDING
YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES**

Who manages the Canning River?

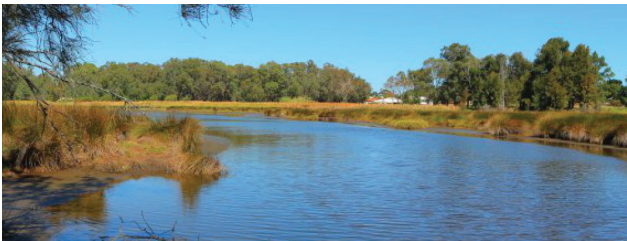
Working Together to preserve the Swan Canning Riverpark

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) is a state government agency that protects, manages and enhances the Swan Canning Riverpark and the associated Development Control Area (DCA). The Riverpark includes the Swan, Canning, Helena and Southern rivers. The DCA extends beyond the Riverpark and may overlay private property that is reserved for Parks and Recreation.

DBCA encourages community access to the Riverpark and its foreshores. DBCA appreciate the community stewardship many Perth residents display towards our rivers and seek your assistance by reporting environmental issues.

DBCA is responsible for managing the Canning River along with Foreshore Land Managers and investigating breaches in the Swan and Canning Rivers Management Act 2006 and Regulations.

Your co-operation is appreciated and will ensure the river foreshore is protected, health and safety issues are addressed, environmental values are maintained and access to public reserves is preserved.



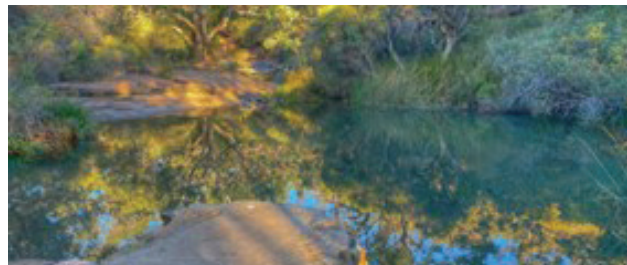
Land Use Along the Canning River

AGLG & DBCA have identified a number of land management issues along the Canning River.

These include:

- Concrete dams restricting river flows
- Deliberate use of rocks and logs restricting river flows
- Unauthorised water extraction
- Unlawful building development
- Littering
- Vegetation damage
- Fencing blocking access to the public reserve
- Livestock on the public reserves
- Unpermitted pedestrian bridges or jetties
- Sediment pollution filling deep pools

These issues can have environmental, equity, public safety or liability consequences for both Government and private landholders.



AGLG & DBCA are committed to ensuring the Riverpark remains healthy, resilient to climate change, population and development pressures and continues to be shared and enjoyed by the public.

Vegetation Protection - Trees provide multiple benefits in an urban environment.

Trees and other vegetation cool our environment, reduce erosion and stabilize the soil, improve air and water quality, sequester carbon and provide habitat for wildlife.



Vegetation damage is illegal

Help us stop it. Reporting vegetation damage is treated confidentially and will be acted on immediately.

Under regulation 21 of the Swan and Canning Rivers Management Regulations 2007, "a person must not, unless the person has a permit to do so, destroy, pull up, cut back or injure any tree, shrub, aquatic plant or other perennial plant that is in the Riverpark or Development Control Area".

Breaches of this regulation can result in a maximum penalty of \$5,000 per offence.

To report foreshore vegetation damage or other river issues contact Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Rivers and Estuaries Branch on **9278 0900**