

Dear All

The on farm burial ban of stock has temporarily been lifted. The fallen stock collection scheme is presently suspended and in recognition of the problems that this will cause on farm burial is being permitted. Anyone burying stock on farm must comply with the PEPFAA Code.

The following criteria should be taken into account when choosing a suitable burial site.

The burial site must:

- be at least 250 metres from any well, borehole or spring used as a source of drinking water (where byelaws specify a greater distance, this must be complied with). Byelaws may also impose restrictions relating to the distance of a burial site from a surface source;
- be at least 50 metres from any other spring or watercourse, and at least 10 metres from any field drain;
- have at least one metre of subsoil below the bottom of the burial pit, and the pit must be dug deep enough to give at least one metre of covering soil; and
- where possible, sites on soils which are moderately permeable should be used. Avoid waterlogged sites and sites on free draining subsoil. Ensure that the pit is dry after it is dug. Do not use a pit which fills with water.

Records of all burial sites, including a field plan, should be kept, together with number and type of stock buried and dates of burial.

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