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1. Purpose

This policy establishes the principles, controls and processes governing Murrumbidgee Irrigation Limited's (MI) exercise of powers to enter land for the purposes of performing its functions.

2. Objectives

The objectives of this policy are to:

- Ensure that land entry powers are exercised in accordance with legislative and contractual requirements,
- Minimise disruption, inconvenience and risk to landholders and their operations.
- Support transparent, consistent and accountable practices in relation to land access.

3. Scope

This policy applies to:

- All MI employees, officers and contractors.
- All instances where MI enters land not owned or occupied by MI, or where MI does not have an easement over the land,

for the purpose of:

- Inspecting, maintaining or operating infrastructure.
- Undertaking monitoring or compliance activities, or
- Responding to operational or emergency situations.

4. Legislative and Contractual Context

This policy is developed having regard to:

- Section 120 of the *Water Management Act 2000* (NSW),
- MI's Operating Licence, and
- MI's Contracts and Rules.

Nothing in this policy:

- Expands or limits statutory powers, or
- Overrides contractual rights and obligations.

5. Policy Statement

MI will only enter land where:

- Authorised by law or contract, and
- Reasonably necessary to perform its functions.

MI is committed to ensuring that land entry is:

- Undertaken with respect for landholders,
- Proportionate to the purpose of entry, and
- Supported by appropriate communication.



6. Circumstances for Entry

MI may enter land for purposes including:

- Inspection of infrastructure or assets,
- Maintenance, repair or replacement works,
- Meter reading or metering inspections,
- Compliance and monitoring activities, and
- Emergency response actions.

Entry will be limited to what is reasonably necessary to achieve the intended purpose.

7. Notice Requirements

7.1 Standard Notice

Where required by law or contract, MI will provide reasonable notice prior to entering land.

Notice will typically include:

- The purpose of entry,
- The expected timing and duration, and
- Any relevant contact details.

7.2 Exceptions to Notice

Notice may not be required where:

- Entry is necessary in an emergency, or
- The law otherwise permits entry without notice.

In such cases, MI will take reasonable steps to:

- Inform the landholder as soon as practicable, and
- Minimise any disruption.

8. Conduct on Land

While on land, MI employees and contractors will:

- Act in a professional and respectful manner,
- Comply with work health and safety obligations,
- Comply with biosecurity requirements, and
- Minimise disturbance to land, property and operations.

9. Damage Rectification

MI will take reasonable steps to:

- Avoid damage to land, infrastructure or property, and
- Restore land to a reasonable condition where practicable.

Where damage occurs, MI will address the matter in accordance with:



- Legal obligations, and
- Contractual arrangements.

10. Continuous Improvement

MI will:

- Monitor land entry activities and associated risks,
- Review complaints or disputes relating to land access, and
- Consider outcomes of EWON investigations.

11. Policy Review

This policy will be:

- Approved by the Board, and
- Reviewed at least every five (5) years, or earlier if required.