



Australian Government

**Department of Agriculture,
Water and the Environment**

Sea Burial Application
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (SEA DUMPING) ACT 1981

Important Information

Introduction

In Australia burials at sea are regulated under the [Environment Protection \(Sea Dumping\) Act 1981](#) (the Sea Dumping Act), which is administered by the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment. Therefore, people seeking to arrange a burial at sea will require a sea dumping permit. A permit is required only for sea burial of bodies. No permit is required to scatter ashes.

About this form

Please read this information carefully before you complete your application. Once you have completed your application it is strongly advised that you keep a copy for your records.

There is no automatic right to burial at sea. Permits are generally only granted to those with a demonstrated connection to the sea such as long serving Navy personnel, mariners and fishermen.

Complete applications

The Department encourages the lodgement of complete applications. If further information is required to assess your Sea Burial application then your application may be delayed.

Your application must include:

- a Medical Certificate of Death; or
- a Coroner's Order for Burial; or
- an Order Authorising the Disposal of a Body.

Application Fee

Subclause 5(3)(e) of the (the Sea Dumping Regulations) prescribes the application fee payable for the burial of a person at sea as \$1,675. The application fee must be received by the Department before a decision is made with respect to the permit.

Lodgement of Application

You may lodge your application at the following address:

Director
Sea Dumping Section
Environment Approvals Division
Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
GPO Box 858
Canberra ACT 2601

or via email to:

seadumping@awe.gov.au

Please note there are mailbox size limits in place (<10MB). If the application and supporting documents are greater in file size than the limit, you may wish to utilise an internet 'drop-box' or send the information via mail in a USB flash drive. You may also send hard copies if you wish.

Method of payment

To make a payment, the Department's preferred methods of payment are by credit card, bank cheque, money order or by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).

Cheques:

Are payable to "Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment" and addressed to "GPO Box 858, CANBERRA ACT 2601 – Attention: Director, Sea Dumping Section". Please include a Reference No (Sea Burial Permit Application – Full Name of Deceased Person) and a remittance advice.

EFT Payments:

BSB: 092-009
Bank Account No: 115859
Account Name: Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
Bank: Reserve Bank of Australia
Bank Address: 20-22 London Circuit Canberra ACT 2601
Description: Sea Burial Permit Application – Full Name of Deceased Person

Invoice:

Requests for invoices must be in writing on company letterhead (or equivalent) and state the fee payable and name of deceased person. Requests for invoices should be addressed to the Director, Sea Dumping Section, seadumping@awe.gov.au.

What Happens Next?

Your application will be considered and you may be asked to provide additional information to enable a decision to be made. Please note that section 19 of the [Environment Protection \(Sea Dumping\) Act 1981 \(the Sea Dumping Act\)](#), enables the Minister to both approve and refuse a sea burial permit application.

If your sea burial permit application is approved, a 'sea dumping permit' will be issued. This permit will outline conditions that must be met by the permit holder including a requirement to submit a report to the Department following the burial.

Further Information

If you require further information please contact the Sea Dumping Section at seadumping@environment.gov.au or refer to the Department's website at <http://www.environment.gov.au/marine/marine-pollution/sea-dumping/burial-sea>.

PART I - APPLICANT

1. Funeral Home Details

If you are not applying on behalf of a Funeral Home please refer to the Department's website prior to completing this form
<http://www.environment.gov.au/marine/marine-pollution/sea-dumping/burial-sea>.

- a) What is the legal name of the business, organisation or company?

- b) What is the registered business name or trading name under which you operate? (if different from legal name)

- c) Australian Business Number (ABN)

- d) Australian Company Number (ACN) (if applicable)

- e) Street address of the business (where the business is physically located)

- f) Postal address of the business (If same as street address, write 'AS ABOVE')

1.1 Contact Person for enquiries

- a) Name:

- b) Position (example: Funeral Director):

- c) Phone:

- d) Mobile:

- e) Email:

PART II - DETAILS OF THE DECEASED

2. Identity and details of the deceased

a) Full name of the deceased:

b) Street address where the deceased last resided (if applicable include nursing home details):

c) Date of death (DD/MM/YYYY):

d) Cause of death:

2.1. Reasons for burial at sea

Summary of reasons for burial at sea (i.e. demonstrated connection to the sea, such as long serving navy personnel, fishermen and mariners):

Was a burial at sea requested in the deceased's Will?

Yes

No

Unknown

PART III - BURIAL PROCEDURES

3. Transportation of the deceased

- a) What is the legal name of the business, organisation or company to be used for the burial operation?

- b) What is the registered business name or trading name under which you operate? (if different from legal name)

- c) Australian Business Number (ABN):

- d) Australian Company Number (ACN) (if applicable):

- e) Street address of the business (where the business is physically located):

- f) Postal address of the business (If same as street address, write 'AS ABOVE')

3.1. Contact Person

Details of the person in charge of the vessel, aircraft or platform to be used for the burial operation.

- a) Name:

- b) Phone/Mobile:

- c) Email:

3.2 Vessel/Aircraft/Platform Details

Details of the vessel, aircraft or platform proposed to be used for the burial operation.

a) Name and port of registration of vessel:

b) Vessel type:

c) Registration number:

d) Nationality (if aircraft):

e) Other relevant identification information:

3.3 Transfer procedures

a) Intended place of loading (embarkation):

b) Date of proposed loading for burial at sea:

3.4 Method of preparation of the body

Outline the manner in which the body has been prepared for burial at sea.

PART IV - BURIAL SITE

4. Characteristics of proposed burial site (a map may be included):

a) Geographical position in WGS 84 degrees, minutes datum:

Latitude	Longitude

b) Method of determination of position during burial operation:

c) Depth of water at burial site (must be greater than 3000 metres):

d) Distance from nearest land:

e) Closest town/city:

f) Reasons for selection of proposed site:

g) Other relevant characteristics of the site:

4.1. Proposed route to burial site

a) Provide details of the proposed route to the burial site.

PART V - DECLARATION

I declare that to the best of my knowledge the information I have given on, or attached to, this form is complete, current and correct. I understand that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

Signed:

Name:

Date: