

FLOOD AND WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2010

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY

Part 1: Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management

General

Schedule 1: Risk Management: Designation of features

Designation

106. [Paragraph 4](#) defines a feature as “a structure, or a natural or man-made feature of the environment”. It is a broad definition which may include things that affect flood or coastal erosion risk in an area but are unlikely to have protection under existing law. Examples may include (but are not limited to) features and structures such as walls, channels, culverts, sluices, raised ground and embankments.
107. A feature may be designated if:
- the designating authority is of the opinion that the existence or location of the feature affects flood risk or coastal erosion risk;
 - the designating authority has responsibility for the risk that is affected;
 - the feature has not been designated already, including by another authority; and
 - it is not owned by a designating authority.