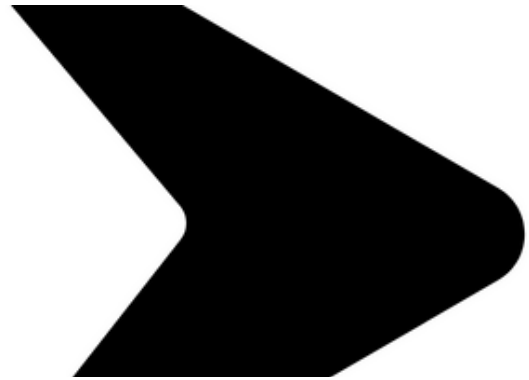




A message from the
**Construction Occupations
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Construction notes have been developed to raise awareness and educate the building and construction industry about common issues identified on building sites by Access Canberra building inspectors, and best practice approaches to address them. The issues outlined in these notes have been identified through compliance assessment by Access Canberra or following a complaint from owners. Importantly, we welcome your input – if you have come across an issue that needs clarification or, to provide feedback, email

us: cat@act.gov.au

Keep sediment controls in check this Christmas break

As we head into the festive season and many building sites take a well-earned pause, it's important to make sure sediment controls are in place and working effectively. Summer storms can quickly wash loose soil into stormwater systems, leading to pollution, harming waterways, and creating compliance headaches for builders.

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has already kicked off its summer sediment control inspection program and issued 11 infringement notices to builders who didn't meet requirements. This is a timely reminder that enforcement is serious, and the risks are real.

Taking a few proactive steps now can make all the difference. By checking and maintaining sediment controls before the break, you'll help protect the environment, avoid costly fines, and safeguard your reputation.

Please see the link to [Residential Builder's Booklet](#). If you need more information or advice, contact the EPA Industry Liaison at environment.protection@act.gov.au or call 132281.

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