

## PEARL MUSSEL PROGRAMME

## ADVISOR CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATION (PMPF9)

\_\_\_\_\_ will adhere to the following while carrying out duties as an Approved Pearl Mussel Programme Farm Advisor:

- 1. Advisors are to ensure that no confidential information regarding participants in the Pearl Mussel Project is divulged to anyone outside of the project.
- 2. Advisors will engage with the programme and any training provided.
- 3. Advisors undertake to attend a mandatory refresher training day each year.
- 4. Advisors who knowingly falsify payment claims or other information, or who fail to co-operate with the local Project Team and/or the Department, may have their approval to work on the Pearl Mussel Project revoked and may be subject to further penalties depending on severity of the offence.
- 5. It is the responsibility of the Advisor to contact the farmer and to ensure all scoring and subsequent submission of results and annual works plans occurs within the timeline given.
- 6. Advisors will let PMP team know as soon as possible if, for some reason, they cannot carry out their scoring duties within the timeline given.
- 7. Advisors will provide farmers with the best management advice for the improvement of habitats and water quality as guided by PMP best practice.
- 8. Act at all times with professional integrity, and avoiding or managing any potential conflicts of interest. It is recommended that all PMP approved advisors hold professional indemnity insurance.
- 9. Ensure those working on my behalf are appropriately qualified, trained, competent, and supervised and supported.
- 10. Advisors are prohibited from acting as an advisor for their own holding or a holding of an immediate relative.

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