# Where the *Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978* currently operates in Western Australia

The Governor of Western Australia has, through section 4, the power to proclaim that the *Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978* (the Act) does not operate in certain parts of the State.

When the Act was proclaimed in 1978, the Governor used this power to exclude all parts of the State from the operation of the Act (5 October 1979) except:

* the Perth Metropolitan area;
* the Cities of Bunbury, Greater Geraldton and Mandurah;
* Albany;
* the Shires of Narrogin, Northam and Gingin;
* the land on the seawards side of the Old Coast Road and the Bussell Highway from the southern boundary of the City of Mandurah to Augusta
in the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River;
* the townsites of Coolgardie and Kambalda in the Shire of Coolgardie; and
* national parks and nature reserves.

Since the initial proclamation of the area of operation, the additional areas
included are:

* a portion of the Shire of Dandaragan including the townsites of Cervantes
and Jurien;
* a portion of the Shire of Carnarvon involving an area between the North West Coastal Highway and Minilya/Exmouth Road and the coast;
* the townsites of Onslow, Tom Price and Paraburdoo in the Shire
of Ashburton;
* the townsite of Roebourne in the City of Karratha;
* the townsite of Newman in the Shire of East Pilbara;
* a portion of the Shire of Greenough;
* the townsite of Harvey and abutting land;
* the land seaward side of South Coast Highway in the City of Albany;
* the Boyanup and Southern Cross townsites and abutting land;
* the Boulder, Kalgoorlie and Port Hedland townsites;
* Wedge Island in the Shire of Gingin (Reserve No 43283);
* Mundaring Weir Catchment Area and the Shire of York; and
* South Dandalup Pipehead Dam Catchment Area.

Section 5(4) specifically states that the Act operates to the low water mark.