

EPA allays concerns over sediment run-off

THE Environmental Protection Agency is satisfied that developers and Maroochy Shire Council, which allowed sediment run-off to pour into Cornmeal Creek in February, have so far complied with Environment Protection Orders.

If the organisations continue to comply with the orders they will not face any fines or penalties, an EPA spokeswoman said yesterday.

“The EPA is satisfied that the developers and contractors of the Wises Farm site, and the project managers of the Maroochy Boulevard Interchange site, are complying with EPO conditions required so far,” she said.

An inspection of the Wises Farm site on Tuesday found that developers had complied with the conditions and had stopped releasing water and sediment into the creek.

The spokeswoman said the developers would be allowed to resume only when water-quality testing showed they were meeting the water-release-



CLEARED: The EPA has given Cornmeal Creek work the all-clear.

quality criteria.

The Maroochy Shire Council had also provided information about run-off from the Maroochy Boulevard Interchange site indicating it had complied with the EPOs, the spokeswoman said.

“Sediment in Sunshine Coast waterways is a problem that the EPA is taking seriously (and) the EPA will monitor the situation to ensure that all parties comply with the requirements of the orders,” she said.