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**RESOURCES** 

## **Gove Water Control District**

The first Water Control District to be declared in the Northern Territory, the Gove Water Control District was declared in the 1960's. It has be re-declared a number of times since then with the most recent declaration being gazetted in September 2002.

The district was born during the establishment of the bauxite mine and township to manage water use from the surface and groundwater resources in the region.

Water Control Districts are declared in areas where there is a high level of competition for water and/or require closer management of the water resources.

Water management rules apply to people wanting to access and use water in the District which includes a requirement for:

- Bore construction permits; and
- Water extraction licences to take surface and ground water (with the exceptions listed below).

## NOTE

Water for rural stock and domestic use is exempt from licensing.

There may be other specific exemptions which apply generally in the Northern Territory depending on the water user.

A water control district also allows for water allocation plans to be developed. There is currently no water allocation plan for surface and groundwater resources within the District.

If you have any questions about permit and licensing requirements within the Gove Water Control District, please email: water.licensing@nt.gov.au

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