



WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

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On 26 June 2007, the Alice Springs Water Control District was declared. The Water Control District covers an area of 8,200Km2 around Alice Springs. Alice Springs is the second largest population centre in the Northern Territory, outside of greater Darwin with about 29,000 people. The districts surface water and groundwater systems are interconnected and flows in the Todd River recharge the Town Basin, , Inner Farm and Outer Farm Basins. South of the gap the Todd River and Roe Creek contribute recharge to the Amadeus basin aquifers. The Mereenie aquifer, part of the Amadeus formation and the Inner and Outer Farm Basins are highly productive with yields (>20L/s). The Amadeus basin aguifers have provided the potable (drinking) water supply for Alice Springs since the Roe Creek borefiled was commissioned in 1964.

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 within the Water Control District which includes the requirement for:

- Bore construction permits; and
- Water extraction licences to take surface and groundwater



NOTE:

- Water for rural stock and domestic use is exempt from licensing.
- There is an exemption if the combined groundwater use from all bores located on a parcel of land extracting water from the Allvial aquifers (Town Basin, Inner Farm Basin and Outer Farm Basin) is less than five (5) megalitres per year.
- 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 a water allocation plan to be developed. There is a water allocation plan for <u>Alice Springs</u>. It was declared in 2016 and sets out the framework for water management in the Alice Springs Water Control District.

If you have any questions about permit or licensing requirements in the area, please email: water.licensing@nt.gov.au for water planning enquires, email: water.licensing@nt.gov.au



