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Great Artesian Basin Water Control District

In January 2010 a Water Control District was declared for the Northern Territory portion of the Great Artesian Basin. The Great Artesian Basin is the largest underground water reserve in Australia. It underlies approximately 22% of Australia or 1.7 million square kilometres and 6% of the Northern Territory. This area is about 86 500 square kilometres.

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 a draft water allocation plan for the NT portion of the <u>Great Artesian Basin</u>. This plan has been developed to assist the Northern Territory meet its obligations under the Great Artesian Basin Strategic Management Plan which was developed by a Federal and State/ Territories Consultative Committee in 2000.

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

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