

Advertised applications

Certain types of water applications are required to be advertised under the *Water Management Act 2000* (WMA) to provide members of the community an opportunity to lodge an objection to the granting of the application before a decision is made.

Where are applications advertised?

WaterNSW advertises applications for approvals in the following locations:

- local newspapers
- the [Koori Mail](#)
- the [NSW Water Register](#)
- the [Advertised applications page](#) on our website

If no local newspaper is available in either print or digital form, WaterNSW will advertise notices for applications in the statewide publication, [The Land](#).

What detail must be included in an advertisement?

Under the WMA, the following details are required to be included in **all advertisements**:

1. Name of the applicant(s)
2. Type of approval the applicant has applied for
3. Details indicating the location (land description) the application relates to
4. Format an objection to the application must be in
5. Address and deadline details (within 28 days from the notice being published on the NSW Water Register) for an objection to be accepted
6. Name and contact details for the relevant WaterNSW officer.

In addition to the details above, the information below is also required for the following approvals:

Water supply works approvals:

- capacity of the work
- water source and stream the proposed application is to take from.

Water use approvals:

- the purpose for which the water is to be used.

Amended approvals:

- additional uses, works, activities or lands.

What types of applications are advertised?

- **Water supply works approvals** - other than basic landholder rights approvals
- **Water use approvals** - irrigation for commercial purposes on an existing landholding
- **Flood works approvals** – any 'non-complying' flood works or those situated on a flood plain where no management plan is in force
- **Amendments to approvals** - additional uses, works, activities and landholdings
- **Water access licence (WAL) approvals** - in limited circumstances

How to object to an application?

An objection can be lodged by anyone in the community within 28 days from the date the application is listed.

WaterNSW provides an [Objection form](#) to ensure the right details are included for the objection to be valid.

Read the [Prepare to lodge an objection](#) fact sheet as a guide to the objection process and for more information.

Send completed objections to:

Email: Customer.Helpdesk@waternsw.com.au

Post: the WaterNSW office specified in the advertisement, re: Assessments & Approvals

Where to find more information?

The [NSW Water Register](#) provides public access to information about water access licences and approvals.

For more information or questions about a specific advertised application, contact our Customer Service team on [1300 662 07](tel:130066207) or email Customer.Helpdesk@waternsw.com.au