

Application for a water supply works approval for construction dewatering

This is an application form for the Minister's approval under section 92 of the *Water Management Act 2000* NSW to construct and use a water supply works approval.

Water supply works approvals for construction dewatering allow you to construct and use a work which takes water from a construction site, including water entering the site from an aquifer (groundwater source) and surface water flowing into the site. Examples of water supply works for construction dewatering include water pumps, water bores, drainage channels and pipes. You may also need to obtain a [water access licence \(WAL\)](#) and a water use approval in order to carry out dewatering.

What you need to do

Before filling in this form, applicants are advised to read the [guide](#) for an application for a water supply work approval for construction dewatering, which has step-by-step instructions on each section.

Please complete the form with a black/blue ink pen and use BLOCK letters. You can also type directly in this form. Once completed, please print and sign the form.

Submit your application form

- by post to **WaterNSW, PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124**, or
- email a scanned copy to Customer.Helpdesk@waternsw.com.au

If there is not enough space in the form, please attach additional pages to the back of the form.

Application fee

You can pay the application fee by credit card, cheque or money order.

If paying by credit card, please do not provide your credit card details in writing to WaterNSW. Once the application is submitted, we will contact you to process payment over the phone for all credit card payments.

Cheques and money orders to be made payable to WaterNSW and posted to the above address.

Note: If an application has been accepted by WaterNSW, payment has been processed and a receipt has been issued, application fees will not be refunded.

Section A: Applicant details

First applicant

A1 Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms)	A2 Surname		
A3 Given name(s)			
A4 Company/corporation name (if applicable)			
A5 ACN (if applicable)		A6 ABN (If you do not hold an ACN and are an organisation incorporated in NSW you must provide an ABN.)	
A7 Position held (if applicable)			
A8 Name of company representative (if applicable)			
A9 Postal address			
A10 Suburb		A11 State	A12 Postcode
A13 Phone		A14 Mobile phone	
A15 Email			

Second applicant (if applicable)

A16 Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms)	A17 Surname		
A18 Given name(s)			
A19 Postal address			
A20 Suburb		A21 State	A22 Postcode
A23 Phone		A24 Mobile phone	
A25 Email			
A26 If more than two applicants, specify total number of applicants and please provide these details on an additional page and attach it to this form.			

Section B: Contact person

Please refer to the accompanying [guide](#) to the application for a water supply work approval for construction dewatering.

B1 Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms)	B2 Surname		
B3 Given name(s)			
B4 Address			
B5 Suburb		B6 State	B7 Postcode
B8 Phone		B9 Mobile phone	
B10 Email			
B11 ☐ I am authorised to be the single contact on behalf of all applicants.			

Section C: Payment of application fee

c1 Specify method of payment for application fee

☐ Credit card ☐ Cheque ☐ Money order

(If you select credit card, WaterNSW will contact you on the number below to arrange payment. Please do not provide your credit card details here.)

Contact for payment

c2 Contact name

c3 Contact number

Section D: Capacity of the applicant

Please refer to the accompanying [guide](#) to the application for a water supply work approval for construction dewatering.

Tick appropriate boxes - relates to applicants listed in Section A. Is your application made as the:

- | | |
|---|---|
| D1 ☐ Owner of the land | D2 ☐ Lawful occupier of the land (attach documentary evidence of lawful occupation such as a lease or court order) |
| D3 ☐ Other: Consultant, Contractor – please specify (landholders consent must be supplied) | |

Section E: Other approvals

Please tick appropriate boxes.

E1 Does your proposal (including water use and water supply works) require development consent from your local council?	☐ Yes ☐ No
E2 If yes, has development consent been granted?	☐ Yes ☐ No
E3 If yes, provide consent number and attach a copy of the consent. DA/IDAS Number:	
E4 If a development consent has not been granted you will need to apply for a water use approval for construction dewatering	
E5 Consent to discharge received?	☐ Yes ☐ No
E6 If yes, please provide a copy of the consent	
E7 If consent not received, detail the means of disposal:	
E8 Do you have a current water access licence?	
☐ Yes ☐ No	
E9 If yes, what is the number of the water access licence/s to be associated with this application:	
E10 If no to E8, have you submitted an application for a water access licence?	
☐ Yes ☐ No	

Section F: Groundwater works

F1 Type of work			
☐ Bore	☐ Pump	☐ Excavation	☐ Pipes ☐ Spearpoint ☐ Well
F2 Proposed number of works			
Bore	Pump	Excavation	Pipes Spearpoint Well
F3 Proposed size of work inclusive of pump size (e.g. outside diameter/outer casing)			
F4 Lot	DP	Parish/portion	County
F5 Will the proposed works be within 40m of a creek, stream, river, lake, wetland, swamp, marsh or the coast line?			☐ Yes ☐ No
F6 If yes to F5, what is the name of the water source within 40m of the proposed work?			
F7 Distance of proposed work of this water body			(m)

Section G: Dewatering details

G1 What works are being undertaken for dewatering to occur? I.e. basement construction, tank installation, pipeline/sewer installation	
G2(a) If the works involve basement construction – is the basement designed as fully tanked (waterproof) or a drained structure?	
G2(b) If a drained structure, is this application for the construction phase? Or the occupation phase?	
G2(c) If occupation phase, what was the prior approval number for the construction phase?	
G3 What is the timeframe for construction dewatering?	Days/Months
G4 Total predicted water take in ML/Year?	ML/Year

65	Total predicted water take in ML over entire development?	ML
66	Are the proposed works within 250m of any septic, sewerage, stormwater or other waste water storage or conveyancing works, or any other waste repository (such as a landfill, dump, burial area), or known site of contamination (such as a sheep or cattle dip site, or petrol station) that has or may have the potential to contaminate the groundwater into which the bore will be constructed? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, indicate type and distance in each case).	
67	Do you intend to clear native vegetation to construct the works? If yes, area of ground to be cleared (m ²)	☐ Yes ☐ No
68	Will your proposed work impact on an area of known Aboriginal cultural significance?	☐ Yes ☐ No
69	Is the proposed work within acid sulphate soils (ASS)? If yes, an ASS management plan must be supplied with the application.	☐ Yes ☐ No
610	Please supply the name or licence number of proposed bore driller (if applicable).	

Section H: Declaration of approval holder(s)



- Each applicant must sign Section H.
- If there are more than two applicants, photocopy/print multiple copies of the entire form after Sections A to G have been completed (before anyone signs Section H).

I/We, the undersigned applicants, acknowledge and agree:

- that I/we apply for an application for a new/amended approval for work as described in this application
- that this application will be determined in accordance with the *Water Management Act 2000* (NSW) and any associated regulations or guidelines as in force from time to time, and that no right or entitlement shall arise pending determination of this application and that any such determination may be subject to conditions
- that I/we authorise the application contact (where applicable) to act for and on my/our behalf in relation to any aspect of this application, unless otherwise notified to you in writing. WaterNSW will rely on information provided by the application contact in its consideration of this application and assume it to be true and correct
- that WaterNSW and its officers, employees, agents and successors, accepts no liability in relation to any action, proceeding, claim, demand, cost, loss, damage or expense (including reasonable legal costs or expenses) arising directly or indirectly as a result of or in connection with this application or any act or omission of WaterNSW in connection with this application. I/we hereby agree to release and indemnify WaterNSW from and against any such action, proceeding, claim, demand, cost, loss, damage or expense to the fullest extent permitted by law

- e. that all information contained in this application is accurate, true and complete, and is not false or misleading, and that WaterNSW and its officers, employees, agents and successors will rely on such information
- f. that WaterNSW does not provide any legal, financial or technical advice in connection with this application and that any such advice, if required, is to be obtained independently
- g. that details about any approval arising out of this application will be recorded in the publicly available Register of Water Approvals pursuant to the *Water Management Act 2000* (NSW)
- h. that if this application is incomplete it will not be accepted (subject to (i) below)
- i. that more information may be requested if it is considered that it would complete the application or otherwise would be relevant to the consideration of this application and, if that information is provided in a timely way, the application may be accepted
- j. if an application has been accepted by WaterNSW, payment has been processed and a receipt has issued, application fees will not be refunded.

Please attach photocopy of extra page if more than two holders.

For applications made by individuals

Name	Signature	Date
Name	Signature	Date

For applications made by a corporation

Executed for and on behalf of the applicant in accordance with section 127 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (if a company) or by its duly authorised officer (for other types of corporations):

Name of corporation		
ACN (if applicable)	ABN (If you do not hold an ACN and are an organisation incorporated in NSW you must provide an ABN.)	
Position of signatory (Tick the appropriate box)	☐ company director ☐ sole director ☐ duly authorised officer ☐ company secretary	
Name of signatory	Signature	Date
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Name of signatory	Signature	Date

Privacy statement

The personal information you provide on this form will be used and protected in accordance with WaterNSW Privacy policy. It is being collected by WaterNSW and will be used for purposes related to assessing and processing your application, or in connection with the operation of any approval granted, or for research-related purposes such as customer surveys. It may be used from time to time to contact you about services WaterNSW provides.

WaterNSW will not disclose your personal information to anybody else unless authorised by law. The provision of this information is voluntary. However, if you choose not to provide the requested information, we will not be able to process your application. You have the right to request access to, and correct details of, your personal information held by WaterNSW. Further information regarding privacy can be obtained from our website at waternsw.com.au

If an approval is granted, the *Water Management Act 2000* requires that various details relating to the approval are to be recorded in the Register of Water Approvals kept by the Minister. Information recorded in the register is publicly available.

Offences and penalties

It is an offence, under section 344 of the *Water Management Act 2000*, to make a statement that you know to be false or misleading in, or in connection with, this application.

A corporation found guilty of an offence against section 344 is liable to a penalty not exceeding \$2.002 million. An individual found guilty of an offence against section 344 is liable to a penalty not exceeding \$500,500. An access licence or approval may be suspended or cancelled under the *Water Management Act 2000* in certain circumstances. These include if the holder of the licence or approval is convicted of an offence under that Act.

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Dewatering checklist for a water management works approval

The following information is essential to allow WaterNSW to assess applications for a water supply works approval for construction related dewatering. The information identified in the list below must be submitted to WaterNSW with the approval application prior to commencement of dewatering:

☐	Written authorisation for the disposal of the extracted groundwater (obtained from council or Sydney Water)
☐	Copy of a valid planning consent for the project and architectural or survey drawings that show the plan and section of the subsurface excavation including relative levels (AHD) and the groundwater table

The application should include a Dewatering Management Plan which clearly and concisely sets out the following:

☐	Current groundwater levels, preferably based on at least three repeat measurements from at least three monitoring bores and should be used to develop a water table map for the site and its near environs, be accompanied by an interpretation of the groundwater flow direction from these data, and an assessment of the likely level to which groundwater might naturally rise during the life of the building.
	Relevant report and page number
☐	Predictions of total volume of groundwater to be extracted during the life of the approval (or during the construction period) – the method of calculation and the basis for parameter estimates and any assumptions used to derive the volume are to be clearly documented.
	Relevant report and page number
☐	Predicted duration of dewatering at the property, noting that temporary water supply works approvals are generally issued for no more than 24 months.
	Relevant report and page number
☐	Details of how dewatering volumes are to be measured, e.g. by calibrated flow meter or other suitable method, and of the maximum depth of the proposed dewatering system.
	Relevant report and page number
☐	Details of any predicted impacts or particular issues, e.g. proximity of groundwater dependent ecosystems springs; or water supply losses by neighbouring groundwater users; or potential subsidence impacts on nearby structures or infrastructure.
	Relevant report and page number
☐	Details of monitoring proposed during the dewatering program. These should be designed to inform and facilitate the protection of any identified potential impacts.
	Relevant report and page number

☐	Details of ambient groundwater quality conditions beneath the property and of any proposed treatment to be applied to pumped water prior to disposal – at a minimum, treatment must be undertaken to remove contaminants, manage pH levels, reduce suspended solids and turbidity to acceptable levels and ensure that dissolved oxygen levels are compatible with ambient quality requirements in receiving waters. Groundwater cannot be re- injected into an aquifer without the specific approval of, and licensing by, WaterNSW.
	Relevant report and page number
☐	Details of how reporting will occur during and following the dewatering program, to confirm that predicted quantities and quality objectives were met.
	Relevant report and page number
☐	Description of the method of dewatering and related construction including any proposal to use temporary piling or support walls and the relative depths thereof.
	Relevant report and page number



Please note that your application cannot be accepted until all the above information has been satisfactorily addressed and received by WaterNSW.

Need help?

If you need further assistance, please contact our Customer Service Centre on **1300 662 077**, Monday to Friday between 8am to 5pm or email Customer.Helpdesk@waternsw.com.au

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