

It starts with YOU! Are you meter ready?

At-risk groundwater sources

November 2022



Under the NSW Government's non-urban metering rules, **all licensed water users in 'at-risk' groundwater sources in NSW must meter** regardless of the size of your bore. This fact sheet will help you understand how the rules apply to you and where to go for more information.

Do the rules apply to me?

Under the NSW Government's non-urban metering rules, all bores that take water from 'at-risk' groundwater sources in NSW must have a meter regardless of their size, unless they only take water under a basic landholder right.

When do the new metering rules apply?

The metering rules are being rolled out in stages by regions.

Date	Region
1 December 2020	Surface water pumps 500 mm and above in NSW
1 December 2021	Northern inland NSW*
1 June 2023	Southern inland NSW
1 December 2024	Coastal NSW

*Please note, 'at-risk' water sources covered by the following water sharing plans are part of the northern inland rollout:

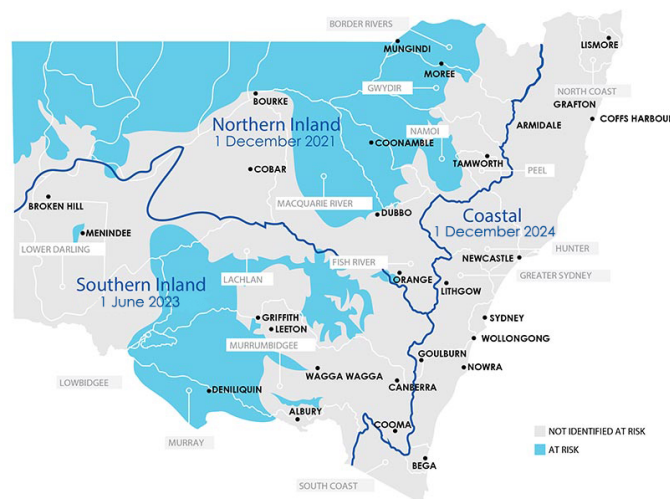
- NSW Great Artesian Basin Groundwater Sources 2020 WSP
- NSW Murray Darling Basin Fractured Rock Groundwater Sources 2020 WSP
- NSW Murray Darling Basin Porous Rock Groundwater Sources 2020 WSP

How do I know if my water take is from an at-risk groundwater source?

There are 32 identified at-risk groundwater sources in NSW listed overleaf. These have been categorised as at-risk because they are overallocated or at risk of overallocation.

To find out if your work takes water from one of them, check the water source listed on your work approval on the NSW Water Register at waterregister.watersw.com.au

Map: At-risk groundwater sources



Indicative only

What do I need to do?

Use the NSW Government's online metering guidance tool to answer a few questions about your situation to see how the metering rules apply to you and the pathways to become compliant. The tool is available on our website at watersw.com.au/metering

You will then need to contact a duly qualified person (DQP), also known as a certified meter installer (CMI). They can advise you about what equipment you need, and order, install and validate it.

A list of DQPs can be found on Irrigation Australia's website at irrigationaustralia.com.au. Just click on 'Certified Meter Installers and Validators' to search for one near you.

Need help?

More information about metering can be found on our website at watersw.com.au/metering

If you have any questions, contact our Customer Service team on 1300 662 077 or Customer.Helpdesk@watersw.com.au

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Region and rollout date	Groundwater source
Border Rivers 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Macintyre Alluvial Groundwater Source NSW Border Rivers Downstream Keetah Bridge Alluvial Groundwater Source NSW Border Rivers Upstream Keetah Bridge Alluvial Groundwater Source
Great Artesian Basin 2021*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central Groundwater Source* Eastern Recharge Groundwater Source* Southern Recharge Groundwater Source* Surat Groundwater Source* Warrego Groundwater Source*
Gwydir 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower Gwydir Groundwater Source
Lachlan 2021* 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Belubula Valley Alluvial Groundwater Source Lower Lachlan Groundwater Source Orange Basalt Groundwater Source* Upper Lachlan Alluvial Groundwater Source Young Granite Groundwater Source* (also in Murrumbidgee)
Namoi and Peel 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currabubula Alluvial Groundwater Source Gunnedah–Oxley Basin MDB (Spring Ridge) Management Zone of the Gunnedah–Oxley Basin MDB Groundwater Source* Lower Namoi Groundwater Source Manilla Alluvial Groundwater Source Peel Alluvium Water Source Quipolly Alluvial Groundwater Source Quirindi Alluvial Groundwater Source Upper Namoi Zone 1, Borambil Creek Groundwater Source Upper Namoi Zone 2, Cox's Creek (Mullaley to Boggabri) Groundwater Source Upper Namoi Zone 3, Mooki Valley (Breeza to Gunnedah) Groundwater Source Upper Namoi Zone 4, Namoi Valley (Keepit Dam to Gin's Leap) Groundwater Source Upper Namoi Zone 5, Namoi Valley (Gin's Leap to Narrabri) Groundwater Source Upper Namoi Zone 6, Tributaries of the Liverpool Range (South to Pine Ridge Road) Groundwater Source Upper Namoi Zone 7, Yarraman Creek, (East of Lake Goran to Mooki River) Groundwater Source Upper Namoi Zone 8, Mooki Valley (Quirindi—Pine Ridge Road to Breeza) Groundwater Source Upper Namoi Zone 9, Cox's Creek (up-stream Mullaley) Groundwater Source Upper Namoi Zone 10, Warrah Creek Groundwater Source Upper Namoi Zone 11, Maules Creek Groundwater Source Upper Namoi Zone 12, Kelvin Valley Groundwater Source
Macquarie 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bell Alluvial Groundwater Source Cudgegong Alluvial Groundwater Source Lower Macquarie Zone 1 Groundwater Source Lower Macquarie Zone 2 Groundwater Source Lower Macquarie Zone 3 Groundwater Source Lower Macquarie Zone 4 Groundwater Source Lower Macquarie Zone 5 Groundwater Source Lower Macquarie Zone 6 Groundwater Source Talbragar Alluvial Groundwater Source Upper Macquarie Alluvial Groundwater Source
Murray and Lower Darling 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Billabong Creek Alluvial Groundwater Source Lower Darling Alluvial Groundwater Source Lower Murray Groundwater Source Upper Murray Groundwater Source
Murrumbidgee 2021* 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bungendore Alluvial Groundwater Source Gundagai Alluvial Groundwater Source Kyeamba Alluvial Groundwater Source Lower Murrumbidgee Deep Groundwater Source Lower Murrumbidgee Shallow Groundwater Source Mid Murrumbidgee Zone 3 Alluvial Groundwater Source Wagga Wagga Alluvial Groundwater Source Young Granite Groundwater Source* (also in Lachlan)

List is current as of September 2021