

Australian Capital Territory

# **WATER RESTRICTION SCHEME APPROVAL 2002**

**Disallowable instrument DI2002—203**

made under the

**Utilities Act 2000, s 234: Regulation making power - Utilities (Water Restrictions) Regulations 2002: Part 2, s 5: Approved water restriction scheme**

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I approve the attached water restriction scheme developed by ACTEW Corporation.

Ted Quinlan  
Treasurer  
22 November 2002

## SCHEME OF RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF WATER FROM ACTEW CORPORATION WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

**This approved water restrictions scheme is to be triggered by ACTEW pursuant to the *Utilities (Water Restrictions) Regulations 2002* when ACTEW water storages (combined Bendora, Corin, and Googong dams) reach or fall below the 55% capacity level and will remain in effect until storages approach the 25% capacity level.**

**At the 25% storage level, the ACT Government may declare a State of Emergency under the Emergency Management Act under which supply and/or use of water may be restricted to Emergency Use Only.**

Pre-restriction community water use education measures will be initiated by ACTEW when water the risk of water restrictions appear real. These measures, while not part of the formal water restrictions scheme, aim to reduce water consumption by 15% on a voluntary basis and hence defer or reduce the risk of mandatory restrictions.

### Notes:

1. This scheme applies to water drawn from ACTEW Corporation's potable water supply system only.
2. The "odds and evens" system means that, if your street number ends in an odd number (i.e. 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9), you can only water on days when the date also ends in an odd number. Similarly, if your street number ends in an even number (i.e. 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8) then you can only water on days when the date also ends in an even number – except for 31<sup>st</sup> day of any month (bonus day).
3. "Private" includes residential, business and Government and non-Government institutions.
4. "Public" includes government and privately operated for public use
5. Where customers can demonstrate serious detriment from application of restrictions, application can be made for an exemption or partial exemption. Applications for exemption must be made in writing and addressed to "Restriction Exemptions", ACTEW Corporation Limited, GPO Box 366, Canberra, ACT 2601. Exemptions or partial exemptions will only be granted in writing. Applications should include a statement of the reasons why an exemption or partial exemption is sought and set out, in particular, what serious detriment is claimed will be incurred if the application is not granted. Without limiting the grounds on which ACTEW might grant an exemption or partial exemption, applications may be granted where there is a compelling health or public hygiene reason or where compliance with restrictions would be likely to cause disproportionate or unintended financial damage to the applicant.

**RESTRICTION STAGES ON USE OF WATER**

	<b>Stage 1</b>	<b>Stage 2</b>	<b>Stage 3</b>	<b>Stage 4</b>	<b>Stage 5</b>
<b>Remaining ACTEW Storage</b>	55%	45%	40%	35%	30%
<b>Target Reduction</b>	15%	25%	40%	55%	60%
<b>1. Private Gardens and Lawns</b>	Sprinkler systems from mid-night to 7am and 7pm to mid-night on alternate days as per the "odds and evens" system  Hand held hoses and buckets anytime	Sprinkler systems from 5am to 8am and 7pm to 10pm on alternate days as per the "odds and evens" system  Hand held hoses and buckets anytime	No sprinklers  Hand held hoses and buckets from 5am to 8am and 7pm to 10pm on alternate days as per the "odds and evens" system	Watering of lawns not permitted  Hand held hoses and buckets from 5am to 8am and 7pm to 10pm on alternate days as per the "odds and evens" system	No external watering (recycled water permitted)
<b>2. Private Ponds and Garden Fountains</b>	Fountains to be switched Off unless they re-cycle water.  Ponds may be topped up by hand held hose or bucket	Fountains to be switched Off  Ponds may be topped up by hand held hose or bucket	Ponds that support fish or birds may be topped up by bucket directly filled from a tap but not a hose	Ponds that support fish or birds may be topped up by bucket directly filled from a tap but not a hose	Ponds that support fish or birds may be topped up by bucket directly filled from a tap but not a hose
<b>3. Parks, Sports Fields, Golf Courses &amp; Public Gardens</b>	The target of a 15 per cent reduction in water use should be met.  Hand held hoses can be used at any time	The target of a 25 per cent reduction in water use should be met.  Hand held hoses can be used at any time	The target of a 40 per cent reduction in water use should be met.  Hand held hoses can be used at any time	The target of a 55 per cent reduction in water use should be met.  Hand held hoses can be used at any time	No watering without prior written exemption
<b>4. Paved Areas</b>	Water must not be used to clean paved area unless cleaning required as a result of accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency	Water must not be used to clean paved area unless cleaning required as a result of accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency	Water must not be used to clean paved area unless cleaning required as a result of accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency	Water must not be used to clean paved area unless cleaning required as a result of accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency	Water must not be used to clean paved area unless cleaning required as a result of accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency
<b>5. Public Swimming Pools</b>	Existing pool must not be either emptied or refilled without written exemption but may be topped up  Any pool not previously filled must not be filled without written exemption	Existing pool must not be either emptied or refilled without written exemption but may be topped up  Any pool not previously filled must not be filled without written exemption	Existing pool must not be either emptied or refilled without written exemption but may be topped up  Any pool not previously filled must not be filled without written exemption	Pools may not be filled or topped up without written exemption	Pools may not be filled or topped up without written exemption

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<b>6. Public Ponds &amp; Fountains</b>	<p>A fountain that does not recycle water must not be operated or topped up.</p> <p>Ponds and fountains previously used that do recycle water may be operated but not topped up.</p>	<p>A fountain that does not recycle water must not be operated or topped up.</p> <p>Ponds and fountains previously used that do recycle water may be operated but not topped up.</p>	<p>A fountain that does not recycle water must not be operated or topped up.</p> <p>Ponds and fountains previously used that do recycle water may be operated but not topped up.</p>	<p>A fountain that does not recycle water must not be operated or topped up.</p> <p>Ponds and fountains previously used that do recycle water may be operated but not topped up.</p>	<p>A fountain that does not recycle water must not be operated or topped up.</p> <p>Ponds and fountains previously used that do recycle water may be operated but not topped up.</p>
<b>7. Private Swimming Pools and External Spas</b>	<p>Existing pool must not be either emptied or refilled without written exemption. Customers are encouraged to keep their pool covered when not in use.</p> <p>Pools may be topped up with a hand held hose</p> <p>Any pool not previously filled must not be filled without written exemption</p>	<p>Existing pool must not be either emptied or refilled without written exemption. Customers are encouraged to keep their pool covered when not in use.</p> <p>Pools may be topped up with a hand held hose</p> <p>Any pool not previously filled must not be filled without written exemption</p>	<p>Pools may not be filled or topped up without written exemption</p>	<p>Pools may not be filled or topped up without written exemption</p>	<p>Pools may not be filled or topped up without written exemption</p>
<b>8. Motor Vehicle Washing</b>	<p>Bucket filled directly from a tap or trigger hose used to rinse the vehicle after it has been washed.</p> <p>No restrictions on commercial car wash</p>	<p>Bucket filled directly from a tap or trigger hose used to rinse the vehicle after it has been washed.</p> <p>No restrictions on commercial car wash</p>	<p>No washing except by commercial car wash that recycles water.</p>	<p>No washing except by commercial car wash that recycles water.</p>	<p>No car washing.</p>
<b>9. Window and Building Washing</b>	<p>No washing except by bucket directly filled from a tap unless cleaning required as a result of accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency</p>	<p>No washing except by bucket directly filled from a tap unless cleaning required as a result of accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency</p>	<p>No washing except by bucket directly filled from a tap unless cleaning required as a result of accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency</p>	<p>No washing unless cleaning required as a result of accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency</p>	<p>No washing unless cleaning required as a result of accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency</p>

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<b>10. Construction Activities</b>	<p>Unless impractical water must not be used unless by means of a trigger hose.</p> <p>Wherever possible non-potable water should be used</p>	<p>Unless impractical water must not be used unless by means of a trigger hose.</p> <p>Wherever possible non-potable water should be used</p>	<p>Unless otherwise exempted in writing water must not be used unless by means of a trigger hose.</p> <p>Wherever possible non-potable water should be used</p>	<p>Unless otherwise exempted in writing water must not be used unless by means of a trigger hose</p> <p>Wherever possible non-potable water should be used</p>	<p>Unless otherwise exempted in writing water must not be used unless by means of a trigger hose</p> <p>Wherever possible non-potable water should be used</p>