

Australian Capital Territory

Utilities – Water Restriction Scheme Approval 2003 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2003—29

made under the

**Utilities Act 2000, s 234 (Regulation making power); Utilities
(Water Restrictions) Regulations 2002, reg 5 (Approved water
restriction scheme)**

1. Revocation

I revoke the following instruments

- Water Restriction Scheme Approval 2002, DI2002-203;
- Water Restriction Scheme Approval 2002 (No 2), DI2002-220.

2. Approval of scheme

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

Ted Quinlan
Treasurer
5 March 2003

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

This approved water restrictions scheme may be implemented by ACTEW Corporation Limited making declarations pursuant to Regulation 8 of the *Utilities (Water Restrictions) Regulations 2002* so that water restrictions specified for a stage in the table below are imposed either:

- (1) when remaining ACTEW water storages (combined Bendora, Corin, and Googong dams) reach or fall below the percentage level specified in the table for that stage, or;
- (2) when the quantity of water of potable quality available to ACTEW, on a sustainable basis, falls to or below the daily rate specified in the table for that stage.

ACTEW may impose Stage 1 restrictions at its discretion when water storage levels are between 57.5% and 52.5% of capacity, but must impose such restrictions if storage levels fall below 52.5%. In exercising this discretion, ACTEW may have regard to all relevant considerations including current and predicted storage levels, usage rates and weather conditions.

Where ACTEW imposes water restrictions pursuant to (2) above, ACTEW shall impose only that Stage of restrictions that it considers necessary to reduce daily consumption to or below the level of availability of potable water specified in the table below. In deciding what reduction in daily consumption is necessary, ACTEW shall have regard to daily consumption levels in the immediately preceding period, daily consumption levels in corresponding periods in previous years, weather forecasts, and any other relevant consideration.

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.

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 31st 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					
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
Remaining ACTEW Storage	57.5% - 52.5%	45%	40%	35%	30%
Target Reduction	15%	25%	40%	55%	60%
Daily rate of potable water available	<u>180 ML</u>	180 ML	180 ML	180 ML	180 ML
1. Private Gardens and Lawns	<u>Sprinkler systems from mid-night to 7am and 7pm to mid-night on alternate days as per the "odds and evens" system</u> 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)
2. Private Ponds and Garden Fountains	Fountains to be switched Off unless they re-cycle water. Small ornamental ponds may be topped up by hand held hose or bucket	Fountains to be switched Off Small ornamental 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
3. Lawns and plants at Parks, Sports Fields, Golf Courses & Public Gardens	<u>The target of a 15 per cent reduction in water use should be met.</u> Hand held hoses can be used at any time	<u>The target of a 25 per cent reduction in water use should be met.</u> Hand held hoses can be used at any time	<u>The target of a 40 per cent reduction in water use should be met.</u> Hand held hoses can be used at any time	<u>The target of a 55 per cent reduction in water use should be met.</u> Hand held hoses can be used at any time	No watering without prior written exemption
4. Paved Areas	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
5. Public Swimming Pools	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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6. Private Swimming Pools and External Spas	Existing pool must not be either emptied or refilled without written exemption. Customers are encouraged to keep their pool covered when not in use. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Pools may be topped up with a hand held hose</div> Any pool not previously filled must not be filled without written exemption	Existing pool must not be either emptied or refilled without written exemption. Customers are encouraged to keep their pool covered when not in use. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Pools may be topped up with a hand held hose</div> 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	Pools may not be filled or topped up without written exemption
7. Public Ponds & Fountains	A fountain that does not recycle water must not be operated or topped up. Ponds and fountains previously used that do recycle water may be operated but not topped up.	A fountain that does not recycle water must not be operated or topped up. Ponds and fountains previously used that do recycle water may be operated but not topped up.	A fountain that does not recycle water must not be operated or topped up. Ponds and fountains previously used that do recycle water may be operated but not topped up.	A fountain that does not recycle water must not be operated or topped up. Ponds and fountains previously used that do recycle water may be operated but not topped up.	A fountain that does not recycle water must not be operated or topped up. Ponds and fountains previously used that do recycle water may be operated but not topped up.
8. Water storage tanks, dams, lakes and large ornamental ponds.	Must not be filled or topped up other than by recycled or non-potable water.	Must not be filled or topped up other than by recycled or non-potable water.	Must not be filled or topped up other than by recycled or non-potable water.	Must not be filled or topped up other than by recycled or non-potable water.	Must not be filled or topped up other than by recycled or non-potable water.
9. Motor Vehicle Washing	Bucket filled directly from a tap or trigger hose used to rinse the vehicle after it has been washed. No restrictions on commercial car wash	Bucket filled directly from a tap or trigger hose used to rinse the vehicle after it has been washed. No restrictions on commercial car wash	No washing except by commercial car wash that recycles water.	No washing except by commercial car wash that recycles water.	No car washing.
10. Window and Building Washing	No washing except by bucket directly filled from a tap unless cleaning required as a result of accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency	No washing except by bucket directly filled from a tap unless cleaning required as a result of accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency	No washing except by bucket directly filled from a tap unless cleaning required as a result of accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency	No washing unless cleaning required as a result of accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency	No washing unless cleaning required as a result of accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency
11. Construction Activities	Unless impractical water must not be used unless by means of a trigger hose. Wherever possible non-potable water should be used	Unless impractical water must not be used unless by means of a trigger hose. Wherever possible non-potable water should be used	Unless otherwise exempted in writing water must not be used unless by means of a trigger hose. Wherever possible non-potable water should be used	Unless otherwise exempted in writing water must not be used unless by means of a trigger hose Wherever possible non-potable water should be used	Unless otherwise exempted in writing water must not be used unless by means of a trigger hose Wherever possible non-potable water should be used