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I, Vicki Susan O'Halloran, Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, make the following regulations under the *Water Act 1992*.

Responsible Minister:

L. J. MOSS
Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water Security

V. S. O'HALLORAN
Administrator

Date of making: 20 December 2022

1 Title

These Regulations may be cited as the *Water Amendment Regulations 2022*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on 1 January 2023.

3 Regulations amended

These Regulations amend the *Water Regulations 1992*.

4 Regulation 9AA inserted

After regulation 9

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9AA Fee for groundwater extraction licence for petroleum activity that includes hydraulic fracturing

- (1) The holder of the licence must pay a fee for the grant or issue, under section 60(1) of the Act, of a water extraction licence to take water from a bore if the beneficial use under the licence is petroleum activity that includes hydraulic fracturing.
- (2) The fee is \$3 000 (exclusive of GST) for each year, or part of a year, of the period of the licence.

Example for subregulation (2)

A water extraction licence granted for a period of 3 years has a fee of \$9 000.

- (3) The fee is payable by the holder of the licence in annual instalments (equal to the amount of the annual fee) on:
 - (a) the date the licence is granted or issued; and
 - (b) each subsequent anniversary of the grant or issue of the licence.

Example for subregulation (3)

If the period is 3 years and the fee is \$9 000, the annual instalment is \$3 000.

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- (4) If the licence is transferred under section 92 of the Act or amended or modified under section 93(1) of the Act and a new licence is issued to replace it, the holder of the new licence is to be credited any amount of the fee already paid under the previous licence in relation to any overlapping period of the new licence.

Example for subregulation (4)

A licence is granted for the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2025. It is amended and a new licence is issued to replace it on 1 December 2024. The licence holder will be credited the amount already paid for the overlapping period from 1 December 2024 to 30 June 2025.

5 Repeal of Regulations

These Regulations are repealed on the day after they commence.