

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
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I, Hugh Crosby Heggie, 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:

K. J. WORDEN

Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water Security

H. C. HEGGIE

Administrator

Date of making: 30 July 2024

1 Title

These Regulations may be cited as the *Water Amendment Regulations 2024*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on the day after the day on which they are made.

3 Regulations amended

These Regulations amend the *Water Regulations 1992*.

4 Regulation 2A amended (Definitions)

Regulation 2A

insert

former Darwin Rural Water Control District means the part of the Territory declared by the Minister under section 22 of the Act to be a water control district and allocated the name "Darwin Rural Water Control District" on 17 May 1999 and published in *Gazette* No. G21 of 2 June 1999.

5 Regulation 14A replaced

Regulation 14A

repeal, insert

14A Licence to take groundwater in former Darwin Rural Water Control District

For section 71M(1)(b) of the Act, the following circumstances are prescribed:

- (a) the application for the licence to take water relates to land within the former Darwin Rural Water Control District;
- (b) during the 12 month period ending on 5 July 2016, water was routinely taken from a bore on the land for a commercial undertaking that was reliant on groundwater on the land;
- (c) from 6 July 2016 until the making of the application, water continued to be routinely taken from a bore on the land for the commercial undertaking;
- (d) the commercial undertaking is not a mining activity or petroleum activity;

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- (e) the application is made before 1 August 2025.

14AB Licence to take groundwater in Adelaide River area

- (1) For section 71M(1)(b) of the Act, the following circumstances are prescribed:
- (a) the application for the licence to take water relates to land within the Adelaide River area;
 - (b) during the 12 month period ending on 30 June 2024, water was routinely taken from a bore on the land for a commercial undertaking that was reliant on groundwater on the land;
 - (c) from 1 July 2024 until the making of the application, water continued to be routinely taken from a bore on the land for the commercial undertaking;
 - (d) the commercial undertaking is not a mining activity or petroleum activity;
 - (e) the application is made with 2 years of the commencement of this regulation.
- (2) In this regulation:

Adelaide River area means the part of the Territory declared by the Minister under section 22 of the Act to be a water control district and allocated the name "Darwin Rural Adelaide River Water Control District" on 30 April 2024 and published in *Gazette* No. S61 of 28 June 2024 but not including the former Darwin Rural Water Control District.

6 Regulation 14B amended (Application requirements)

- (1) Regulation 14B(1)(a) and (b)

omit

14A(1)

insert

14A or 14AB(1)

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- (2) Regulation 14B(2)
omit (all references)
14A(1)(b) and (c)
insert
14A(b) and (c) or 14AB(1)(b) and (c)
- (3) Regulation 14B(2)(a), before "imagery"
insert
for the circumstances prescribed by regulation 14A(b) and (c) –
- (4) After regulation 14B(2)(a)
insert
(ab) for the circumstances prescribed by regulation 14AB(1)(b) and (c) – imagery of the land before and after 1 July 2024 that is spatially referenced or mapped with geographical coordinates showing activity on the land that is dependent on taking groundwater;

7 Repeal of Regulations

These Regulations are repealed on the day after they commence.