

Share bores (including bore trusts, formal water authorities and private share agreements)

If any of your bores or bore drains are shared with neighbours, or held under a trust, document how you intend to resolve any water supply issues e.g. through a water agreement. Please note that under the Plan it is the owner of the land on which the bore is located that will be considered non-compliant if a delivery system is not watertight. If your bore is part of a Category 2 water authority then the authority is responsible for the bore and will be required to comply with the sunset clause. A list of water authorities is shown in Schedule 9 of the *Water Regulation 2016*.

If your bore/bore drains are part of a trust arrangement, which other properties are involved and how do you plan to control this flow?

Bore number	Relevant parties/landholders & action planned	Potential cost	Date planned

Part D Additional information

Outline any issues or concerns in undertaking your planned work.

Part E Applicant declaration

I declare that the information provided in this bore management statement is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate at the time of writing.

Name:

Signature:

Position/Title:
(if applicable)

Date: / /

If this bore management statement is for a corporation, please supply the organisation name and ACN

Name:

ACN:



**Guideline for bore management statement:
Stock or domestic bores**

Water Plan (Great Artesian Basin and Other Regional Aquifers) 2017

Purpose of the form

The *Water Plan (Great Artesian Basin and Other Regional Aquifers) 2017* (the Plan) includes new rules for uncontrolled bores and bore drains. Water licences have been amended to specify that all artesian water bores and bore drains must be converted into watertight delivery systems by September 2027.

Each licence holder must submit a **bore management statement** for each bore within one year of receiving notice of the amended licence condition. **This guideline explains what needs to be in the statement.** You do not have to follow this template but you do need to submit something in writing.

If a previously controlled bore or ceased to flow bore starts to flow, this bore must be made into a watertight delivery system, within ten (10) years of the department becoming aware that the bore has recommenced flowing (Section 32). Landholders who already have a bore management statement may simply amend their existing plans; others will need to develop a separate plan as the sunset date will be different.

If all artesian water from bores on your licence/s is already delivered via watertight systems, please contact your regional office to discuss what needs to happen to your licence.

This bore management statement template is provided to help you to supply the necessary information.

Checklist

As a minimum, the Chief Executive requires the following information:

- Licence number/s
- Property map
- List of all controlled and uncontrolled bore/s
- List of bore drains
- Possible budget and timing of works
- Details of environmentally or culturally significant bore fed wetlands (if applicable)
- Details of any bores or drains which are shared or linked to water authorities (if applicable)
- Details of any bores or bore drains linked to Stock Routes (if applicable)

Part B Property map

A property map could be hand drawn or created using online tools (see "Information sources"). Possible features to be mapped include; boundary/paddock fences, dams, wells/bores (controlled, uncontrolled, or ceased to flow), bore drains, access roads/tracks, buildings, creeks, and stockyards. Please include a legend.

Include information about current stocking rates, carrying capacity, and property size.

Part C Action Plan 2018-2027

Capping and piping activity to date

Show any capping and piping projects which have already been carried out on your property. Rather than replacing all uncontrolled bores and drains it may be possible to extend your existing watertight systems, especially if bore pressure has increased.

If any bore on your property/ies begin to reflow you must notify DRDMW and amend your bore management statement to include them. The completion date for these new works will be ten (10) years after the issue of an amended licence for that bore (under section 38 of the Plan).

Other Considerations

Cultural or environmentally significant values

The requirement for a watertight delivery system can be amended if the water will sustain or contribute to sustaining culturally or environmentally significant values that pre-dated the Plan. To apply to for a bore-fed wetland,, you must:

1. identify the culturally or environmentally significant values; and
2. estimate the volume of water required to sustain these values; and
3. state how you intend to deliver water to sustain these values and minimise the volume of water wasted; and
4. include any evidence you have that supports your application.

Note the relevant bores and drains in your bore management statement and then undertake the necessary additional

assessment using a form that can be provided by DRDMW officers or (see Information sources).

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If you supply artesian water to any other person, it is recommended that you consult with them about the scope and timing of the proposed work. For works that involve multiple properties (and/or multiple water users), it is recommended that the parties enter into a private bore water supply agreement (water agreement). This is a private contractual agreement between landholders on how water is to be distributed among properties and who pays for repairs on shared infrastructure etc.

The department is not a party to the water agreement and is not responsible for the administration or regulation of that water agreement. Exceptions include some stock route bores.

If the bore is part of a category 2 water authority, then the water authority is the bore owner (see section 569 of the *Water Act 2000*). The Water Regulation schedule has a list of bore trusts that are category 2 water authorities. These bores and drains will need to be made watertight.

Stock routes

If the bore or bore drain is linked to a stock route, please contact DRDMW and/or the relevant local government. Where a water point/s is wanted on the Stock Route, financial assistance may be available but will need to be negotiated with DNRME or the relevant local government.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003

When planning and installing works, landholders must fulfil their obligations regarding cultural heritage under Queensland legislation (see Information sources).

Vegetation Management Act 1999

When planning and installing works, landholders must fulfil their obligations regarding vegetation management under Queensland legislation (see Information sources).

Five Year Review

The GABORA Plan requires the Chief Executive to review the progress of capping and piping works. Five years after the Plan's commencement, the Chief Executive will assess conditions that may have restricted landholders' ability to carry out works. If a decision is made to extend the final date for conversion to watertight systems you will be notified.

Lodgement

To lodge your bore management statement or if you have any questions about this template, please contact:

By email: GreatArtesianBasin@rdmw.qld.gov.au

By mail: Innovation, Science and Water Policy Programs,
Water Policy
Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water
PO Box 15216
City East Qld 4002

By phone: **Contact your local business centre**

Information sources

Mapping: <https://qldglobe.information.qld.gov.au/>

Bore-fed wetland application form: <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/mining-energy-water/water/catchments-planning/water-plan-areas/gabora>

Cultural heritage legislation: <https://www.datsip.qld.gov.au/people-communities/aboriginal-torres-strait-islander-cultural-heritage>

Vegetation management: <https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/vegetation/management/>

Minimum standards for the construction and reconditioning of water bores that intersect sediments of artesian basins in Queensland:

<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/mining-energy-water/water/bores-and-groundwater/construction-standards>

WaterSmart Pastoralism Handbook: <https://www.nintione.com.au/resources/rao/water-smart-pastoralism-handbook/>