

Notice

Water Act 2000

Notice of approval of UWIR or final report

This statutory notice is issued by the chief executive¹ pursuant to section 385(4) of the Water Act 2000 to advise you of the decision to approve your underground water impact report

The Office of Groundwater Impact Assessment
1 William Street
BRISBANE CITY QLD 4000

Your reference: EDOCS 23653040

Our reference: 101/0050395

Attention: Sanjeev Pandey

Dear Mr Pandey

Re: Notice of approval of underground water impact report

The chief executive received the underground water impact report described below.

1. Report details

Date underground water impact report received: 15 December 2025

In relation to: Surat cumulative management area (CMA)

For clarity, the UWIR includes:

- a) Underground Water Impact Report 2025 for the Surat Cumulative Management Area and appendices, December 2025, the Office of Groundwater Impact Assessment.
- b) Surat CMA UWIR 2025 schedule, Underground Water Impact Report for the Surat CMA – schedule, December 2025, the Office of Groundwater Impact Assessment.

2. Decision

The chief executive has approved the **underground water impact report** with conditions. Please find attached the conditions of approval (Attachment A). The approved report takes effect on 1 May 2026.

3. Public notice

As per section 386 of the *Water Act 2000*, within 10 business days after receiving this notice of approval, you must:

- publish a notice about the approval on your website that states that copies of the approved report may be obtained from you and how the copies may be obtained; and
- give a copy of this notice of approval to each bore owner of a water bore and tenure holders within the area to which the report relates.

¹ The Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation is the chief executive for Chapter 3 of the *Water Act 2000*.

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Within 15 business days after receiving this notice of approval, you must advise the chief executive that you have complied with the requirements outlined above.

4. Penalties

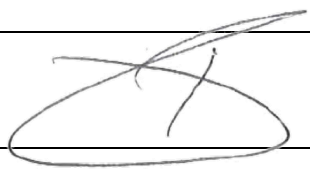
Under section 386(1) of the *Water Act 2000*, failure to comply with this direction notice is an offence.

- A maximum penalty for an individual is 50 penalty units, totalling \$8,345
- A maximum penalty for a corporation is 250 penalty units, totalling \$41,725

5. Human rights

A human rights assessment was carried out in relation to this decision/action and it was determined that the decision is compatible with human rights.

Should you have any questions about the notice, please contact Susan Richards using the details provided below.



Signature

Tristan Roberts

Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation

Delegate of the chief executive

Water Act 2000

11 March 2026

Date

Enquiries:

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Business Centre

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Attachments

Attachment A - Conditions of approval

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Annual Review

- (1) The Office of Groundwater Impact Assessment must submit to the chief executive a summary of the annual review required under section 376(e)(ii) of the *Water Act 2000*, within 20 business days after each anniversary day, or another date agreed to in writing by the chief executive. The annual review must provide an analysis and a statement of whether there has been a material change in the information or predictions used to determine the areas included in the UWIR in accordance with sections 376(1)(b)(iv) and (v) of the *Water Act 2000*.

Monitoring

- (2) All monitoring required of the responsible entity under the UWIR must be undertaken by a suitably qualified person.
- (3) All laboratory analyses and tests of monitoring undertaken under the UWIR must be carried out by a laboratory that has NATA accreditation for such analyses and tests.
- (4) Notwithstanding condition (3), where there are no laboratories that have NATA accreditation for a specific analyte or substance, then duplicate samples must be sent to at least two separate laboratories for independent testing or evaluation.
- (5) The methods of groundwater sampling required by the UWIR must comply with the latest edition of the *Queensland Monitoring and Sampling Manual*, AS/NZS 5667:11 1998 *Water Sampling Guidelines – Part 11 Guidance on sampling groundwater*, and the Australian Government's *Groundwater Sampling and Analysis – A Field Guide* (2009:27 GeoCat #6890.1) as relevant as may change from time to time.

Obligations

- (6) By 1 August 2026, the Office of Groundwater Impact Assessment must compile a register that includes all obligations of the Office of Groundwater Impact Assessment and the tenure holders stipulated in the UWIR, in a format agreed by the administering authority or a later updated format agreed by the administering authority.
- (7) The register in Condition 6 must include all previous and current off-tenure baseline assessment obligations stipulated by the Office of Groundwater Impact Assessment.
- (8) The Office of Groundwater Impact Assessment must maintain the register in Condition 6 to update, on a quarterly basis, the status of current progress on each of the obligations listed in the register.
- (9) A responsible tenure holder for an obligation in the UWIR must provide information about an obligation in the register in Condition 6 and the current progress of the obligation in condition 8 to the Office of Groundwater Impact Assessment upon request, in the format and within the timeframe specified in the request.
- (10) Upon request the register in Conditions 6 and 8 must be provided by the Office of Groundwater Impact Assessment to the administering authority within the specified timeframe to support compliance against the obligations of the UWIR.
- (11) The register in Conditions 6 and 8 must be provided by the Office of Groundwater Impact Assessment to a member of the public or a business within 20 business days in the event a request is made. The register supplied must be concurrently provided to the administering authority.

DEFINITIONS

Administering authority means the Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation, or its predecessors or successors.

Anniversary day means each anniversary of the day the first UWIR took effect – 16 December.

Chief executive means the Director-General of the department responsible for administering Chapter 3 of the *Water Act 2000* or the persons delegated the powers of the chief executive as stated in the *Water Act* (DETSII-Chief Executive) Delegation (No 1) 2021 or subsequent versions.

NATA accreditation means accreditation by the National Association of Testing Authorities Australia.

Responsible entity means the resource tenure holder identified in the underground water impact report in accordance with section 368 of the *Water Act 2000*.

Suitably qualified person means a person who has professional qualifications, training, skills or experience relevant to the nominated subject matter and can give authoritative assessment, advice and analysis to performance relative to the subject matter using the relevant protocols, standards, methods or literature.

UWIR means the underground water impact report prepared by Office of Groundwater Impact Assessment for Surat Cumulative Management Area dated December 2025.