

# Accessing water when your domestic and stock supply dries up

Many people rely on their own supplies of water for domestic and stock use. During extended periods of low rainfall, private water sources can dry up. If this happens, contact your local water corporation to help find an alternate water source, and to check what rules apply.

Access to water for domestic and stock purposes is a right under section 8 of the *Victorian Water Act 1989*.

When there is no water left in a property's domestic and stock dam, or when a domestic and stock bore has dried up, you may need to access an alternate source.

Your water corporation can help establish:

- if water is available locally
- where water is and how much is available
- what approvals you need
- whether buying water on the water market is an option, and how to purchase it.

## Emergency standpipes

One of the most practical ways of accessing water for domestic and stock purposes are the emergency standpipe facilities located across Victoria.

These sites are managed by local councils or water corporations and are maintained to meet bulk water carting requirements. To find an emergency standpipe near you or for more information visit [www.delwp.vic.gov.au/water/emergency-water-supply-points](http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au/water/emergency-water-supply-points)



Emergency Water Supply Point, Homebush Road, Wareek © DELWP

## Accessing other water sources

Other water sources can include rivers, streams, an existing bore or an irrigation channel. However, under the Act you cannot cart or transport water from these sources without approval from your local water corporation.

So before you do anything, contact your local water corporation to discuss your options.



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