

Policy – Circumstances when a groundwater licence fee is not charged for dewatering

Policy	<p>A groundwater licence fee shall not be imposed if the proponent is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a government agency• a statutory authority. <p>and the purpose is to abate a public nuisance and does not contribute to the proponent's core business activities or commercial return.</p>
Definitions	<p>Government agency includes Federal, State and Local Government entities and contractors acting on their behalf.</p> <p>Public nuisance includes salinity mitigation, and dewatering to protect foundations, structures and public assets.</p>
Effective date and review date	<p>This policy takes effect on 6 November 2014.</p> <p>It was reviewed in November 2017 and is due for review by November 2020.</p>
Who is affected	<p>This policy applies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a government agency• a statutory authority. <p>It does not apply to private enterprises or individuals who dewater in order to minimise the impact of high water tables or salinity on their business.</p>
Rationale	<p>Dewatering under this policy is for infrastructure and safety and not for the commercial benefit of the government agency or statutory authority.</p> <p>To remove any doubt, if water extracted under this policy is used for commercial applications, normal licence fees shall apply.</p>
Contact	<p>For more information on this policy, contact Manager Applications.</p>
Related documents	<p>Nil</p>
Communications	<p>This policy will be made available on SRW's website.</p>